

KEY DEADLINES

- 1 Feb 2013 Submission of extended synopses, including Forms A and B, to the IAEA through official channels (see conference web site for further details)
- 1 Feb 2013 Submission of grant applications, Forms A and C, to the IAEA through official channels (see conference web site for further details)
- 1 April 2013 Notification of acceptance of papers/posters
- 1 June 2013 Submission of full paper
- 1 July 2013 Submission of national report

Persons interested in participating but not submitting a synopsis must nevertheless submit Participation Form A through official channels as soon as possible (see conference web site for further details).

LANGUAGE

The conference will be held in English.

REGISTRATION

No registration fee is charged.

CONFERENCE WEB PAGE

Detailed information on administrative procedures including participation, submission of papers, registration and grants is provided on the conference web page:
www.iaea.org/meetings

Please include reference number IAEA-CN-204 in all communications.

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EXHIBITION

A limited amount of space will be offered by the hosts for company displays/exhibits of equipment and services during the conference. Interested exhibitors should contact the local organizer:

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International Conference on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources: Maintaining Continuous Global Control of Sources throughout Their Life Cycle

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BACKGROUND

Radioactive sources (as defined in the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources (the Code)) are extensively used for beneficial purposes around the world in medical, industrial, agricultural, research and educational applications. Their safety and security have been a matter of global attention over the past decade and have significantly improved. However, accidents with significant consequences still occur, and security concerns remain. It is time to review the current situation and to identify means of maintaining the highest possible level of safety and security of radioactive sources throughout their life cycle everywhere in the world.

OBJECTIVES

The conference will deal with all aspects of safety and security of radioactive sources, including:

- Reviewing progress made in implementing, at the global level, the Code and the requirements and guidelines set out in relevant publications in the IAEA Safety Standards Series and the IAEA Nuclear Security Series since the conference held in Bordeaux in 2005, and sharing experience, lessons learned and good practices;
- Addressing remaining challenges and constraints with regard to ensuring the safety and security of radioactive sources throughout their life cycle, in particular with regard to the long term management of disused sources;
- Considering the future impact of new technologies on safety and security;
- Maintaining a high level of awareness and support for the safety and security of radioactive sources on the part of policy makers and other stakeholders;
- Improving coordination of efforts to assist States in developing sustainable programmes for the safety and security of radioactive sources.

TOPICS

- (1) Ten years of implementation of the Code: achievements, challenges and lessons learned;
- (2) Institutional, legal and regulatory framework for the safety and security of radioactive sources;
- (3) Development of sustainable approaches to strengthen the safety and security of radioactive sources (national, bilateral and multinational endeavours) in the light of successful initiatives;
- (4) Ways of better controlling the movement of radioactive sources throughout the world, including import and export controls, and the return and repatriation of disused sources;
- (5) Global industry practices and trends with regard to the design, use, recycling and disposal of radioactive sources, the development of new and alternative technologies, and associated safety and security challenges;
- (6) Long term safe and secure management of, and funding for, disused sources, including legacy sources;
- (7) Management of emergencies, and safety and security relevant events involving radioactive sources;
- (8) Integration of safety and security for the effective control and protection of radioactive sources in different facilities and activities;
- (9) Strategies and use of new information technologies for communicating with the general public on issues related to the safety and security of radioactive sources.

NATIONAL REPORTS

In addition to submitting papers on the topics listed, participants from all States are encouraged to prepare a national report to share their experience and lessons learned in implementing the Code and the supplementary Guidance.

This conference will, in effect, serve as the third open ended meeting of technical and legal experts to share information on States' implementation of the Code and its supplementary Guidance. The previous open ended meetings took place in 2007 and 2010 in accordance with the formalized process established in 2006.¹

The national report should describe the current status in the country with regard to the implementation of the Code. It may also comment on achievements and success stories, on challenges and difficulties encountered, or lessons learned over the past three years and on areas where improvements are still needed, and set out the future strategies for addressing these matters. National reports are not subject to a selection process: they will be reproduced in unedited form and will be distributed to all participants at registration. National reports will not be selected for oral presentation, but an overview will be presented at the conference.

¹ For more details on the process, visit: <http://www-ns.iaea.org/downloads/rw/code-conduct/info-exchange/formalized-process-english.pdf>

