

Fellowships

Placing scientists with institutions in the U.S. for training in a variety of fields.

Training

Hosting IAEA-ANL training courses for participants from around the world.

Recruitment

Encouraging U.S. citizens to consider IAEA employment opportunities.

IP Newsletter

Transferring knowledge in peaceful uses of nuclear technology to developing countries.

Safety Overseas Smart Traveler

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) invites or nominates U.S. experts to participate in meetings all over the world. The International Programs Office at Argonne National Laboratory works with U.S. experts who have been invited or nominated to facilitate necessary clearances and process required cables.

In the office's communication with the U.S. experts, the office encourages each traveler to register their trip with the Department of State. Through the Smart Traveler Program, the U.S. expert enters his/her information about the upcoming trip so that the Department of State can better assist if there is an emergency. The emergency could be with the traveler in the foreign country he is visiting or with his/her family back in the states. The program is

provided for free to all U.S. citizens travelling to or living in a foreign country. Enrollment in the program is very simple as the site directs you how to "create an account." The International Programs office offers a link to this site from its IAEA Meetings webpage (international.anl.gov/meetings.html) or travelers can visit it directly at travelregistration.state.gov.

Along with this link to participate in the Smart Traveler Program, the International Programs Office also lists other useful websites for the U.S. experts to visit before their trip. Some of the information to review includes local conditions, laws, travel warnings, U.S. consulates, U.S. embassies, and the Vienna International Centre. Travelers engaged in social media, can also follow @TravelGov on Twitter for live feeds and perhaps some interaction with others who have recently traveled to the destination.

It is important that we encourage U.S. citizens travelling abroad to participate in these suggestions to ensure their safety overseas.





Americans in International Organizations in Vienna (AIOV)

AIOV Club

In October 2011, Brookhaven National Laboratory hosted the Americans in International Organizations in Vienna (AIOV) Workshop with support from Argonne National Laboratory, the Department of State, Department of Energy, and the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna. It was intended to benefit U.S. citizens working in international organizations at the Vienna International Center (VIC), by improving dissemination of information to U.S. citizens preparing to arrive, live and work in Vienna, as well as U.S. citizens currently stationed in Vienna.

In the spirit of the workshop, following the event attendees developed a club that aims to provide moral and social support to new and existing US expatriates and to their families.

The purposes of the Club are:

- To provide new and existing US expatriates working in the International Organizations at the Vienna International Center and their families moral and social support
- To provide a connection as a whole through events and activities of the AIOV
- To increase awareness by disseminating information to club members
- To recruit members and maintain an active membership file
- To provide a structure and orderly means of assembling
- To retain pertinent records for use in establishing and assisting future members.

The Club is a connection that shares information through events and regular activities. Activities include

dinners, movie nights, holiday celebrations, etc.

Join the club:

www.aiovclub.org

Watch the video:

<http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=10100845541819262>

Socialize:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/211223965667300>

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2144464>



IAEA-Argonne Training Courses

DECOMMISSIONING & ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION



Brazil, Czech Republic, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine

During the two week period, this training course provided lectures on key topics related to D&D and ER projects, as well as interactive exercises to demonstrate key concepts, methods and tools. Key topics included:

- Project planning and decision-making
- Stakeholder involvement
- Regulation and policy
- Characterization, sampling, and analysis
- Risk assessment and communication
- Data management
- Remediation technology selection
- Site closure

The IAEA-Argonne Training Course Program Staff hosted two back to back training courses in the months of April and May. The first training course of 2012 was titled “Regional Practical Training Course on Nuclear Facility Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation Skills” 16-27 April 2012. The International Programs welcomed 20 participants from 13 countries, including Armenia,

Various topics were specifically geared to each sub-group. This training course was led by Karen Smith from Argonne’s Environmental Science Division, and Larry Boing from the Nuclear Engineering Division. The returning international experts were Peter Booth from WSP Environmental and Horst Monken Fernandes from the IAEA.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF NUCLEAR SECURITY



Directly following Environmental Remediation, the International Programs welcomed 28 participants for the “International Seminar on Essential Elements of Nuclear Security” 30 April – 11 May 2012. This seminar was represented by 13 countries, including Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Latvia, Lesotho, Philippines, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, and Vietnam.

The purpose of this seminar was to provide participants with an intense contemporary survey of issues and

activities regarding multiple aspects of nuclear security. Topics included the international legal framework supporting nuclear security, identification of and remedies to threats against nuclear security, radiological dispersal devices, responses to incidents involving nuclear and other radioactive material, illicit trafficking in nuclear and radioactive sources, detection and identification instruments and practical exercises designed to incorporate this knowledge into Member State planning and procedures to protect against threats to nuclear security.

This seminar featured lectures, presentations and exercises given or led by recognized experts in the various disciplines comprising nuclear security. Participants were expected to provide an overview of current nuclear security efforts within their respective countries while making recommendations for ways to improve the content of the International Seminar.

The course was led by Diana Naples from Argonne’s Counterintelligence and Charles Roche from the Nuclear Engineering Division. The IAEA was represented by Ann-Margreth Eriksson Eklund.

