

The Second Coordination Meeting of Asian Network for Education in Nuclear Technology (ANENT)

26-28 October 2005, Hanoi, Vietnam

Meeting Report

Objectives of the meeting

The coordination meeting had the following objectives:

- To review the progress on ANENT activities since the first coordination meeting in 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and the technical meeting in Korea on the ANENT portal;
- To review and amend the Terms of Reference of ANENT in the light of the recent developments in the area;
- To develop ANENT work plan for 2006;
- To discuss the proposal for a regional technical cooperation project;
- To select officers for ANENT for the next review period.

Work done as results achieved

The meeting was attended by representatives of 13 countries from the region, members of ANENT: Republic of Korea, Malaysia, China, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Thailand, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Australia as regular member of ANENT and Japan as observer could not participate in the meeting.

Country representatives delivered updated national reports on education and training in nuclear technology. In addition the countries in lead on the five selected ANENT topic activities presented progress reports on achievements in 2005.

The national reports reflect on the recent development in nuclear education and training and the role of ANENT in support of these activities. Common findings in all reports are the rising needs qualified human resource in the nuclear area, which inevitably requires strong university programmes in nuclear disciplines. The presented topical reports confirmed the potential benefits and positive impact of ANENT activities in the region. In the course of one year of effective existence ANENT had made a substantial progress in developing an interactive cyber platform for exchange of information and sharing of educational material. All national reports and the five topical reports will be edited and published as a working document of the Agency.

The participants discussed and approved an Action Plan for ANENT for 2006. Several institutions, actively participating in ANENT have already started to implement work packages in the five distinct ANENT activities. With the revised Terms of Reference for ANENT and an Action Plan for 2006 in place under which activities are already in the process of implementation, ANENT is well prepared to continue to function efficiently.

The initial agreement between INIS and ANENT member institutions to provide access to INIS was also discussed. The real access to INIS resources is done through the INIS mirror site at KAERI.

The TM discussed in details the proposal to establish a regional TC project on Capacity Building and Knowledge Management for Nuclear Education. It was decided that countries will support individually the proposal to establish a regional TC project.

Conclusions and recommendations

The second coordination meeting of the Asian Network for Education in Nuclear Technology reviewed ANENT activities in 2004/5 and adopted a plan for 2006/7.

The amended Terms of Reference provide new and wider role of ANENT as a regional platform for knowledge sharing and support in nuclear education and training as well as research and development. This role is fully justified having in mind the needs for developing relevant scientific and human infrastructure for power and non-power applications of nuclear technology in Asia.