



International Conference on Fast Reactors and Related Fuel Cycles: Safe Technologies and Sustainable Scenarios (FR13)

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Closing Speech given by Mr Stefano Monti, Scientific Secretary of the FR13

Dear distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to express my gratitude for your participation at the International Conference on Fast Reactors and Related Fuel Cycles: Safe Technologies and Sustainable Scenarios, organized by the IAEA and hosted by the French Government through the CEA and SFEN in cooperation with the OECD-NEA.

Having the honour to be the final speaker of the conference, I would like to provide you with some impressive final statistics that I think are worth mentioning.

In the end we had an outstanding level of participation, totaling almost 700 delegates, drawn from 34 different countries and 3 international organizations. This is a strong confirmation that there is a robust and growing interest in the fast reactor and related fuel cycle technology.

This is also reflected in the number of scientific contributions that we received during the past year in preparation for this event. We were delighted to have received 381 papers from 26 countries, of which 223 were presented orally and 158 presented as Posters.

Please let me also mention that in my opinion all the scientific contributions exhibited significant (outstanding) technical expertise and proved the vitality and innovation of the fast reactors field and related fuel cycle activities.

The past week has offered us very exciting opportunities to explore the development of fast reactor and related fuel cycles. As I said before, we have had the chance to listen to numerous informative presentations and have had numerous in depth discussions at the panel and poster sessions.

Having provided you with some impressive numbers of the conference itself, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to you all and especially to Mr. Christophe Behar from the CEA for his support as General Chair of the Conference and his effort at the opening session, Mr Alexander Bychkov from the IAEA as Co-Chair and Mr Yutaka Sagayama from the JAEA as Honorary Chair of the Conference.

It is also my pleasure to thank our International Advisory Committee, especially Mr M-H Chang, who served as Chair Person during the preparations of the Conference.

Of course I also want to highlight the enormous effort of the International Scientific Programme Committee, which under the Chair Franck Carré evaluated and revised over 400 abstracts and are now continuing with the review process for the full papers.

I also want to thank the Chairpersons of the Plenary Session Mr Pershukov and Mr Vasudeva Rao, the two Chairs of the Panel Sessions Mr Peter Lyons and Mr Ron Cameron, and the Chair of the Young Generation's event Mr Edouard Hourcade.

In that sense please let me also thank all Track Leaders of our 10 Technical Tracks and of course the numerous Chairpersons of the Technical Sessions.

It is also worth mentioning the continuation of the Young Generation's Event, which this time I think is a very strong signal from our future experts that the fast reactors and related fuels cycle field is a technology for the future.

As for the FR13 proceedings we are very committed to finalize the proceedings hopefully by the end of this year.

However, please be reminded, that on your USB key, which was included in your conference bag you also find all submitted full papers, unrevised and unedited.

Additionally by next week all oral presentations will be available online on our conference web site.

In conclusion, it is my great pleasure to address special thanks to all our very committed staff members from the CEA, SFEN and the IAEA who worked diligently during the past year to make this event a great success.

See you in the Russian Federation for the FR17.

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