

# IAEA NSSC NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the fourth issue of the NSSC Network Newsletter!

As the Chair of the NSSC Network for 2019-2020, I am pleased to highlight progress that [the International Network for Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres \(NSSC Network\)](#) has made toward achieving major objectives since the previous publication of this Newsletter in March 2019.

We began the Network year on a high note with [the NSSC Network Annual Meeting](#), held 18 – 22 March in Beijing, China. As always, this event gathered Network members to plan technical activities and identifying priorities for the upcoming year. Also, the 2019 Annual Meeting featured a number of unique elements. Participants had the opportunity to benefit from the training facilities, equipment, and expertise at China's State Nuclear Security Technology Center, in particular during interactive sessions focused on systems and measures to mitigate insider threats. Also of special note at the Annual Meeting were detailed sessions to gain feedback from the Network members on a plan for development of a technical exchange visit programme among NSSCs and on the draft revision of [IAEA TECDOC 1734: Establishing a National Nuclear Security Support Centre](#) as it nears publication.

The NSSC Network Task Force on development of [information management tools](#) continues to make progress refining the [NSSC Network database](#) and training events calendar to more clearly identify detailed areas of needs and expertise among NSSCs. As a result of this ongoing effort, the Network and the IAEA have already made progress in planning customized activities and targeting support to meet members. For example, based on needs discovered through analysis of data in the information management tools, the IAEA hosted the first-ever [International Workshop](#) on NSSC Programmes on the Security of Radioactive Material and Associated Facilities on 22 – 25 July in Vienna, Austria. At this workshop, the IAEA and NSSC Network members gained a better understanding of the role that an NSSC can play in supporting security of radioactive sources and they worked together to define next steps for further enhancing Network members' capabilities in this key area.

Our improved information management tools are also helping to inform the technical exchange visit programme that the NSSC Network has under development. Representatives from the Egyptian NSSC conducted such a technical exchange visit to Ukraine's NSSC near Cherkasy, on 30 July – 1 August, drawing on analysis of needs and capabilities reflected in the Network Database. This visit and provided Egypt with the opportunity to draw from Ukraine's expertise and experience in developing an NSSC technical support programme for radiation detection equipment maintenance.

Finally, in support of cooperation and collaboration among NSSCs within particular regions, the IAEA continues to support and facilitate to development of regional subgroups within the NSSC Network. On 13 – 14 May, the members of the Asia Regional Network (ARN) – NSSCs of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea – held their third annual "ARN+1 Meeting" facilitated by the IAEA in Tokai, Japan. ARN members reaffirmed the importance of coordination, cooperation, and information exchange, and developed a plan to host a joint regional technical exchange visit for NSSCs focused on human resource development in 2020. On 19 – 21 August, the second annual meeting of the Hungary, Lithuania, and Ukraine Consortium

of NSSCs (HLU Consortium) was hosted by Ukraine to finalize a Terms of Reference and develop annual Action Plans for conducting joint activities among the members.

As always, I would like to thank all contributors to this issue, especially the leadership of Working Group C (Information Sharing, Promotion, and Outreach) and the IAEA Secretariat for their ongoing cooperation and support for development of our Newsletter. The next issue is expected in spring 2020 ([here](#)).

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