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Chair's Welcome

Welcome to the seventh issue of the NSSC Network Newsletter!

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

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, the NSSC Network has continued to identify, develop, and use effective methods of remote collaboration. Building on a successful webinar on the new IAEA publication "[Establishing and Operating an National Nuclear Security Support Centre](#)" (IAEA-TDL-010) and productive virtual meetings of the Asia Regional Network and the Hungary-Lithuania-Ukraine Consortium in September, the Network members also collaborated with the IAEA Secretariat in further virtual meetings at the end of 2020.

In October, we held the first Consultancy Meeting on Development of Materials for Workshops on IAEA-TDL-010. At this meeting, a group of Network experts worked with the IAEA to finalize a training course description and lay out of a timeline for the development of materials and preparations for the pilot regional workshop on IAEA-TDL-010, to be held at Egypt's NSSC in Cairo in October 2021.

In December, the Network Bureau held a virtual Consultancy Meeting to review progress reports on the implementation of the Action Plans for the three Working Groups, and to discuss key activities in support of the long-term Network strategy and preparations for the 2021 Annual Meeting. One important and timely topic that the Bureau addressed was a survey conducted by Working Group C on Network members' experiences in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on NSSC operations. The Bureau reviewed findings from the survey, which will be presented and further discussed among all members at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

In other areas, NSSC Network members continued to identify new best practices and lessons learned from their operations, in particular with regard to the application of IAEA-TDL-010. The *In Focus* article in this Newsletter edition focuses on one such good practice identified by the Lithuania NSSC in developing more advanced coordination with national stakeholders through analysis of operational data to sustain nuclear security. Following this example, I recommend that all Network members document their own experiences and good practices and consider sharing them in future *In Focus* articles and in the NSSC Network [Library of Lessons Learned and Case Studies \(LiLLaCS\)](#).

Finally, as we approach the 2021 Annual Meeting – our first to be held in a virtual format – I strongly encourage the Network members to make regular updates to and refer to the Network’s information management tools, the NSSC [Network Database](#) and [Network Calendar](#).

As always, I would like to sincerely thank all contributors to this issue, especially the leadership of Working Group C (Information Sharing, Promotion, and Outreach) and the IAEA for their ongoing cooperation and support for development of our Newsletter. The next issue is expected in Autumn 2021, which will be posted [here](#).

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