

General Conference

GC(49)/INF/4

Date: 24 August 2005

General Distribution

Original: English

Forty-ninth regular session

Advance Information for Delegations

A. Opening of the Forty-Ninth Regular Session

1. The forty-ninth regular session of the General Conference¹ will open on *Monday, 26 September 2005, at 10:00 a.m.* It will be held at the Austria Center Vienna (ACV), Bruno Kreisky Platz, 1220 Vienna, next to the Vienna International Centre (VIC).
2. Unless otherwise decided by the Conference, morning meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and afternoon meetings at 3:00 p.m. Delegates are requested to be in their places by those times in order to allow meetings to start punctually. If evening meetings prove to be necessary, the starting times will be announced during the session.

B. Pre-Session Consultations

3. During the weekend preceding the opening of the Conference's session (*Saturday, 24 September and Sunday, 25 September 2005*), facilities for group meetings are being made available on request. Member States are strongly urged to avail themselves of those facilities with a view to achieving agreement on organizational matters (e.g. regarding the composition of the General Committee) before the session opens on *Monday, 26 September*. This will contribute to the smooth running of the Conference. Consequently, Member States should ensure - where necessary - that their representatives arrive in Vienna in time to participate in pre-session group meetings and the associated group decision-making. Meeting rooms should be reserved in good time through the Secretariat's Conference Services Section.

¹ The provisional agenda for the forty-ninth regular session is contained in document GC(49)/1.

C. Notification of the Composition of Delegations

4. Governments are requested to communicate to the Secretariat the composition of their delegations well in advance. This should be done through the IAEA's General Conference Registration pages online. The direct Internet address is <http://gc-registration.iaea.org>. These pages can also be accessed through the Agency's website, <http://www.iaea.org>, within the IAEA General Conference sub link. Internet registration has been available as of *Monday, 18 July 2005* and will close on *Friday, 23 September 2005*. The specific usernames and passwords needed to access the website have been transmitted to Ministries of Foreign Affairs with copies to the Permanent Missions. If it is not possible to register online due to lack of access to the Internet, a communication to that effect should be sent to the IAEA Protocol office with a request for printed forms. Rule 23 of the Conference's Rules of Procedure² provides for each Member State of the Agency to be represented by one Delegate, who may be accompanied by as many alternates, advisers, technical advisers, experts and persons of similar status as may be required by the delegation.

5. A preliminary list of members of delegations will be issued on *Wednesday, 21 September 2005*; only those names, which are received by the Secretariat by *Friday, 16 September*, can be included in it. An updated list of members of delegations will be issued on *Sunday, 25 September*; it will contain information that has been communicated to the Secretariat by 4:00 p.m. on *Thursday, 22 September*.

6. If, during the session, changes are required in the particulars provided at the time of registration, delegations are requested to inform the Protocol Office at the ACV in writing, so that the list of delegation members may be brought up to date.

D. Credentials of Delegates

7. Delegates (but not other members of a delegation) will require credentials specifically for the session, even if they are already accredited to the Agency in some other capacity - for example, as Resident Representative. Credentials have to be delivered in due time; this helps to avoid difficulties, particularly for the General Committee. It is accordingly emphasized that, in accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure, credentials should be submitted to the Director General, if possible not later than seven days in advance of the Conference, i.e. *Monday, 19 September 2005*, issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member State concerned. If credentials have not been submitted by *Friday, 23 September*, delegations should deliver them directly to the Credentials Officer at the ACV either on *Sunday, 25 September, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.* or on the following Monday morning.

E. Registration for Badges

8. Each participant will require a badge with a photograph for entry into the ACV during the session. The staff at the Registration Desk will issue badges to those designated participants who are not already in

² GC(XXXI)/INF/245/Rev.1.

possession of a valid VIC grounds pass. Badges issued for the General Conference will also be valid for entering the VIC.

9. Participants may register on *Friday, 23 September 2005* at the Agency's Registration Desk at Gate I of the VIC between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and at the ACV on *Sunday, 25 September*, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Registration will continue throughout the week of the Conference's session at the Registration Desk in the ACV.

10. Participants also attending the meetings of the Board of Governors which start on *Monday, 19 September 2005*, may register simultaneously for both the Board's meetings and the Conference's regular session at Gate 1 of the VIC between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on *Monday, 19 September*, and *Tuesday, 20 September*, provided they inform the Secretariat of their intention to do so before *Friday, 16 September*.

F. Documents

11. Delegates are reminded that General Conference documentation is available electronically and are urged to make full use of this service so as to reduce the costs to the Agency of printing and distributing hard copies of documents. (The relevant website address is <http://www.iaea.org/About/Policy/GC/GC49/Documents/docindex.html>). Each delegation is urged to visit the Documents Distribution Centre in room FM152 in the VIC not later than *Friday, 23 September 2005*, and specify its requirements for documents produced during the Conference on a form, which will be provided for this purpose. If this is not possible, delegations should apply to the Documents Station at the ACV either on *Sunday, 25 September*, between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. or on the following Monday morning.

12. Before the opening of the session, one complete set of the Conference documents already issued will be made available on request to each delegation. All documents produced during the session, including the Conference Journal containing the daily programme, and other notices will also be available at the Documents Station in the ACV.

13. Delegates wishing to submit draft resolutions or other documents to the Conference during the session are requested to provide the Conference Secretary or the appropriate Committee Secretary with the text as early as possible. This will greatly facilitate the conduct of business, particularly in the Committee of the Whole, which normally has to consider and make recommendations on a relatively large number of draft resolutions.

G. Speakers in the General Debate

14. Until the beginning of the Conference's session on *Monday, 26 September 2005*, requests for inscription in the list of speakers in the general debate should be made directly, either personally or in writing, to the Secretariat of the Policy-making Organs (VIC, room A 2862). As Member States were informed by document GC(49)/INF/1, issued on 9 May 2005, inscription in the list of speakers started on 20 June 2005; a ballot was taken at 11:00 a.m. on that day in order to determine the order of speakers among the Member States whose representatives had - between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. -

made a request for inscription in the list.³ Member States requesting, after that time, inscription in the list are being added in the order in which they make such requests. It should be noted, however, that the practice of giving priority to Ministers participating in the general debate will continue.

15. Delegates who have not inscribed their names in the list by the beginning of the session but wish to speak in the general debate are requested to contact the official responsible for maintaining the speakers' list, who will have a desk in Conference Room A (where the plenary meetings will take place). Delegates should also contact that official if they wish to speak on other items at plenary meetings.

16. The general debate usually extends over four days of the Conference's sessions. With a view to making the best use of the time available during the forthcoming session, which is expected to last five days only, Member States may wish to consider the desirability of making group statements - a practice which is being followed in other UN organizations.

H. Statements in the General Debate

17. To make more efficient use of the general debate, and in line with the recommendations on 'Streamlining the work of the General Conference' approved in 1998 by the Conference in decision GC(42)/DEC/13, Delegates are invited to keep the duration of their statements to 15 minutes by focusing on the main points which they wish to make. Copies of the full texts (in the original language) will, if Delegates so request, be made available to other Delegates during the session.

18. To facilitate interpretation, texts of statements to be delivered should be handed to the Conference Officer in advance. It is of considerable help if the texts of statements provided to the Secretariat are typed with double line spacing. In addition, to facilitate posting of statements on the Agency's website, copies of statements should also be provided in electronic form as early as possible to the Division of Public Information. Statements may be e-mailed to: Official.Mail@iaea.org.

I. Working Languages and Interpretation

19. The working languages of the Conference are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, and statements made in any one of these languages during the formal meetings of the Conference will be interpreted simultaneously into the others. If Delegates wish to make a speech in a language other than the working languages, they should, under Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure, themselves arrange for interpretation into one of the working languages. Delegates are asked to provide the Secretariat with a written text of their speech in advance in that working language.

³ This procedure was approved by the Conference in 1989.

J. Pledges of Contributions to the Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) for 2006, Payments to the Regular Budget and Other Payments

20. Following the recommendation by the Board of Governors on 15 June 2005 to the General Conference for approval of a target figure of \$77.5 million for Member States' contributions to the TCF for 2006, a circular letter indicating Member States' individual shares of the target (calculated on the basis of the base rates of assessment applicable for 2006) has been issued to Member States. It is hoped that this information will facilitate the usual practice of pledging by Member States before or during the General Conference.

21. Member States will appreciate that the pledging process contributes significantly to the effective planning and organization of the Technical Cooperation (TC) cycle and activities for the year ahead. During the regular session of the Conference, a document will be circulated for the purpose of notifying Delegates of the contributions that Members have pledged.⁴ As this document will be updated daily for the duration of the Conference, it would be greatly appreciated if Member States contributed towards the timely preparation of this document by communicating their Governments' pledges to the Director General as soon as they are in a position to do so. During the session, it will be possible to communicate pledges to the Contributions Officer, who will have a desk in Conference Room A (ACV) and will arrange for the updated versions of the document to be issued.

22. As for Regular Budget and other payments, the Contributions Officer and his staff will also be available in Room A-443 (Ext. 2112) on the Second Floor at the ACV to discuss issues pertaining to Regular Budget and National Participation Costs payments as well as to respond to any questions Member States may have in respect of arrears, payment plans and voting rights.

K. Scientific Forum Organized in Conjunction with the Conference's Session

23. The purpose of the Scientific Forum, established in 1998, is to stimulate discussion of scientific and technical issues relating to the Agency's activities and of interest to Member States. This year the Scientific Forum will be on the theme: "Nuclear Science: Physics Helping the World". The proposed programme of discussions, to take place on *27 and 28 September 2005*, is as follows (the full tentative programme is provided as Annex 1 to this document).

Tuesday, 27 September 2005

10:00 a.m.	Opening
	Session 1: <i>Meeting Energy Needs</i>
	(Break for lunch at 1:00 p.m.)
3:00 p.m.	Session 2: <i>Developing Advanced Materials and Technologies</i>

⁴ The corresponding document of last year was GC(48)/26 and Rev.1-4.

Wednesday, 28 September 2005

- 10:00 a.m. Session 3: *Advancing Radiation Medicine*
(Break for lunch at 1:00 p.m.)
- 3:00 p.m. Session 4: *Supporting Nuclear Safety*

24. The four sessions of the Scientific Forum will consist of presentations by leading experts in the respective fields. There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion. All sessions will take place in Conference Room C (ACV). Interpretation will be provided during presentations and panel discussions.

25. The Scientific Forum is open to the public. Advance registration is requested to facilitate entry to the Austria Center Vienna. Participants are encouraged to register via Internet through the Scientific Forum's registration web page: <http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCDD/Meetings/forum2005registration.asp>. The Conference Services Section should be informed by 12 September 2005 of the names of individuals attending the Forum, together with the names and addresses (including e-mail and fax numbers) of their respective organizations.

26. The Secretariat encourages Member States to include, in their delegations, representatives dealing with the issues that will be the focus of this year's Forum.

L. Senior Regulators' Meeting

27. The meeting for senior regulatory officials who are policy-makers in the field of nuclear, radiation, transport, and radioactive waste safety, will take place on *Tuesday, 27 September, beginning at 9:00 a.m.* The provisional programme of the meeting is provided as Annex 2 to this document.

28. The meeting will take place in the IAEA Board Room on the 4th floor of building C (VIC). Further information may be obtained from the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security (Tel.: 2600/22696).

29. Discussions will be conducted in English only.

M. Technical Cooperation Meetings

30. There will be meetings of representatives of AFRA, ARCAL and RCA Cooperative Agreements. The representatives of Member States from the Europe region will hold an individual group meeting. Representatives of Member States of ARASIA will also hold a group meeting.

31. The timetable and locations of the meetings are as follows:

ARCAL: Monday, 26 September, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
VIC, 7th floor, Conference Room V

AFRA: Tuesday, 27 September, 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
VIC, 7th floor, Conference Room V

RCA: Friday, 23 September, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
VIC, 7th floor, Conference Room V

Europe Group Meeting:

Thursday, 29 September, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
VIC, 4th floor, IAEA Board Room

ARASIA Group Meeting:

Thursday, 29 September, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
VIC, 4th floor, IAEA Board Room

32. Consultations with the representatives of most Member States that are engaged in technical cooperation activities with the Agency will be held prior to the Conference sessions. For those delegations present in Vienna only during the General Conference, and for specific issues or special problems, meetings will be arranged during the General Conference. In such cases, the Department of Technical Cooperation will provide advance notice of the schedule of meetings with individual Delegations. However, if no advance notice is issued and Member States' representatives wish to discuss technical cooperation projects, delegations are requested to contact their corresponding TC Area Section Head at the ACV (Africa – Mr. A. Boussaha; Asia and the Pacific – Mr. P. Dias; Europe – Mr. J. Zlatnansky; Latin America – Mr. G. Piderit).

N. Other Events Organized in Conjunction with the Conference's Session

N.1. Visit to IAEA Laboratories in Seibersdorf

33. On *Friday, 23 September 2005* (in the week of the Board meeting, and preceding the General Conference), Delegates (or persons designated by them) will have the opportunity to visit the Agency's Laboratories in Seibersdorf.

34. The Laboratories are situated about 35 km southeast of Vienna and contribute to the Agency's programmes with experimental activities in the following fields: nuclear verification, applications of radiation and isotopes in food and agriculture, sterile insect technique, nuclear instrumentation, radiation dosimetry, nuclear techniques for monitoring radioactive and other contaminants in the environment. The laboratories are also a training centre for scientists from developing countries. In addition, quality control services for analytical and radiometric measurements and radiation applications are provided at Seibersdorf for the benefit of Member States' laboratories and institutes.

N.2. Briefing Session for IGOs and NGOs

35. A briefing for representatives of Inter-Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations attending the General Conference will take place at *5:00 p.m. in Meeting Room O, 1st Floor at the ACV, on Monday, 26 September 2005.*

N.3. “Meeting Global Water Challenges: The IAEA’s Role”

36. This side event will be held for Conference participants on *Wednesday, 28 September 2005 from 15:30 to 17:30* in Room L/M at the ACV. The Director General will open the event that is being held in recognition of the recently launched UN Decade for Action “Water for Life” 2005-2015. The objective is to create more awareness about the Agency’s cooperation with Member States in meeting priority water resource challenges through the use of isotope hydrology. The event will comprise of brief addresses by invited delegates, a “water tasting” and displays that will portray activities of the Agency Water Resource Programme.

N.4. Briefing on “Innovative Nuclear Technologies”

37. A briefing on future development of the International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO) will take place at *3.00 p.m. in Meeting Room N, 1st Floor at the ACV, on Monday, 26 September 2005.*

N.5. Briefing on “Nuclear Power for the 21st Century”

38. The briefing will summarise the presentations and discussions at the International Ministerial Conference, held in Paris in March 2005, and will provide a link from the 50th Anniversary Conference in Obninsk in 2004 to this Conference, and to the activities and developments in relation to the potential contribution of nuclear power in meeting energy needs and sustainable development in the 21st century. The briefing will also discuss the other topics addressed by the Paris Conference, the environmental challenges of the 21st century and the driving factors for energy strategies and choices and governance issues. The briefing will take place at *3.00 p.m. in Meeting Room N, 1st Floor at the ACV, on Thursday, 29 September 2005.*

N.6. Briefing on the “Management of Disused Sealed Radioactive Sources”

39. The briefing will consist of presentations on: the Spent High Activity Radioactive Sources (SHARS) project for the recovery and conditioning of high-activity disused sources in developing Member States; the Borehole Disposal of Disused Sealed Sources (BOSS) project for the disposal of disused sealed radioactive sources using borehole technology; and the International Catalogue of Sealed Radioactive Sources and Devices. The briefing will take place at *3.00 p.m. in Meeting Room N, 1st Floor at the ACV, on Tuesday, 27 September 2005.*

N.7. Briefing on INIS and Nuclear Knowledge Management

40. The briefing will highlight the different activities of the International Nuclear Information System (INIS) and the Nuclear Knowledge Management Section, the potential for increased use of the INIS Database and the benefits provided to Member States. The briefing will take place at *2.15 p.m. in Meeting Room J241/1, 1st Floor at the ACV, on Wednesday, 28 September 2005.*

O. Exhibits and Displays

41. Information on specific displays, including displays by Member States and Agency programme areas may be found in the Daily Journal published during the Conference.

P. Information Technology Services

P.1. External E-Mail and Internet Services

42. The Conference's public address is: "GENCONF05@IAEA.ORG". This e-mail address may be used only to receive messages for delegates. Senders should specify the recipient's name and country in the subject line in order to ensure that the message is allocated to the proper delegate. Delegates may pick up messages sent to this e-mail address at the information desk.

43. In addition to the above general e-mail address, delegates may register during the Conference for an individual e-mail address valid for the duration of the General Conference.

44. Computers will be made available in the Internet Corner. Delegates may use these computers to access the Internet, including sending and receiving e-mail messages using their individual e-mail address. Delegates with their own laptops with wireless capability will be able to utilize the wireless access to Internet services.

P.2. Web Broadcasting

45. Plenary sessions will be broadcast live over the Internet. They will be accessible on the IAEA.org website.

Q. General Information

Q.1. Accommodation for Delegations

46. Hotels in Vienna are usually heavily booked during the month of September. It is therefore important to reserve accommodation as far in advance as possible. Delegates are advised to make their bookings either directly with the hotel or through their Permanent Mission or Embassy/Consulate in Vienna.

Q.2. Parking

47. Parking facilities will be available on parking decks 1 and 2 of the ACV. For official cars with chauffeurs, red stickers entitling the cars to be driven to the main entrance of the ACV will be issued. For other cars, Delegates are requested upon arrival to take a parking ticket from the ACV parking dispenser. This ticket should then be exchanged for a long-term, cost-free permit at the Registration Desk.

Q.3. VIC Commissary

48. In accordance with the Headquarters Agreement between the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Republic of Austria, the **heads** of delegations of Member States participating in the General Conference are entitled to commissary cards for the duration of the Conference's session. Registration for designated members for such cards will take place on *Sunday, 25 and Monday, 26 September* at the ACV registration area.

49. Any questions in connection with the issuance of commissary cards to heads of delegations should be directed to the Protocol Office at the ACV.

Q.4. Receptions and other events taking place during the Conference

50. The organizers or sponsors of receptions and other events to be arranged during the Conference are invited to contact the Protocol Office if they wish an announcement regarding such events to be included in the Conference Journal.



International Atomic Energy Agency

***Nuclear Science: Physics Helping
the World***

Scientific Forum

during the 49th Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference

Conference Room C, Austria Center, Vienna

27-28 September 2005

Tentative Programme

Format

Each of the four sessions of the Scientific Forum will be introduced by a moderator knowledgeable in the specific field and followed by presentations by leading experts. Each session will conclude with a panel discussion. In all sessions, Scientific Forum participants will be encouraged to engage in discussions with the speakers and panelists.

Tuesday, 27 September 2005, 10.00 – 13.00 hours

Opening

- **Statements** by Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the IAEA and Mr. Burton Richter, Forum Chair

Session 1: Meeting Energy Needs

Keynote Topics* :

- **Nuclear Energy: Promise and Issues**
- **Fusion: Key Issues**

Tuesday, 27 September 2005, 15.00 – 18.00 hours

Session 2: Developing Advanced Materials and Technologies

Keynote Topics* :

- **Better Materials for Nuclear Energy**
- **Industrial Uses of Radiation**
- **Nuclear Applications: Future Prospects**
- **Nuclear Measurements**

Wednesday, 28 September 2005, 10.00 - 13.00 hours

Session 3: Advancing Radiation Medicine

Keynote Topics* :

- **Imaging for Cancer Therapy**
- **Progress and Challenges in Cancer Therapy**
- **Next Generation of Medical Physicists**
- **Interface of Nuclear and Biotechnologies**

* The keynote presentations will be followed by a panel discussion.

Wednesday, 28 September 2005, 15.00 - 18.00 hours

Session 4: Supporting Nuclear Safety

Keynote Topics*:

- **Risk in the Public's Eyes**
- **Safety from Operator's Perspective**
- **The Future of Technical Knowledge Management**

For further information please contact:

International Atomic Energy Agency
Wagramer Strasse 5, P.O. Box 100, A-1400 Vienna, Austria
Tel: +43-1-2600-0, Fax: +43-1-26007

To register online and for further information please go to
<http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/Meetings/Meetings.asp>



International Atomic Energy Agency

GENERAL CONFERENCE SENIOR REGULATORS MEETING

Tuesday, 27 September 2005
IAEA Board Room (C04)
Proposed Programme

Tuesday, 27 September		Standards for Installations
09:00 – 09:15	<i>Opening Remarks</i> – Mr. T. Taniguchi, DDG-NS	
09:15 – 10:30	Regulatory Challenges Draft Safety Fundamentals Principles of Nuclear, Radiation, Radioactive waste and Transport safety Insights from the third review meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety: the Role of Leadership / dialogue between regulators and operators	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Session I: Holistic approach to Radiation Protection Standards Response of the ICRP to Concerns raised by Regulators and other Stakeholders Review of the Basic Safety Standards Application of Radiation Safety Standards: The model project approach	
12:30 – 12:45	Summary	
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 15:45	Session II: IAEA Safety Standards: The global approach to safety Western European Nuclear Regulators Association, Harmonization of National Regulations The Benchmarking and Review of Health and Safety Executive's Safety Assessment Principles Multinational Design Approval Programme The Use of the IAEA Standards in Design Review of Nuclear Power plants Application of the IAEA Standards in Licensing of Nuclear Power Plants	
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15 – 17:45	Session III: IAEA Safety Standards: The global approach to safety Panel Discussion	
17:45 – 18:00	Summary	