Technical Meeting on the Status of the IAEA Nuclear Graphite Knowledge Base

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Information Sheet

Introduction

Established in 1999, the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA's) Knowledge Base on Nuclear Graphite seeks to preserve and further expand the scientific information on the physical, chemical, mechanical and other properties of nuclear graphites relevant for nuclear power, nuclear safety and other nuclear science and technology applications. The data archive it contains has proven invaluable to the nuclear graphite community, and it is currently supporting a coordinated research project on irradiation creep in nuclear graphite along with a number of individual Member State research and reactor-life-extension activities. Originally developed and maintained by the IAEA's Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, the knowledge base was transferred to the Department of Nuclear Energy in 2010.

Objectives

It is expected that the committee members report on activities in the member states related to nuclear graphite and possible contributions to the Nuclear Graphite Knowledge Base (NGKB). The action matrix will be reviewed and updated. Plans to further develop the NGKB are to be formulated, potential new members identified and the planning of activities for the next period performed.

Target Audience

The meeting is targeted at the appointed liaison officers for the participating Member States, representatives of the commercial entities that are sponsoring the knowledge base and a number of observers from potential new participating Member States or suitably qualified individuals who have expressed an interest in contributing to the project.

Working Language(s)

English

Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State, participants are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by **6 September 2019**. Participants who are members of an organization invited to attend are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** through their organization to the IAEA by above deadline.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Please note that the IAEA is in a transition phase to manage the entire registration process for all regular programme events electronically through the new InTouch+ (https://intouchplus.iaea.org) facility, which is the improved and expanded successor to the InTouch platform that has been used in recent years for the IAEA's technical cooperation events. Through InTouch+, prospective participants will be able to apply for events and submit all required documents online. National authorities will be able to use InTouch+ to review and approve these applications. Interested parties that would like to use this new facility should write to: InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

The application for financial support should be made using the **Grant Application Form (Form C)** which has to be stamped, signed and submitted by the competent national authority to the IAEA together with the **Participation Form (Form A)** by **6 September 2019**.

Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC) where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page: http://www-pub.iaea.org/iaeaevents/GeneralInfo/Guide/VIC.

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.