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ARGONA End Users Conference

How can recent research improve the governance of nuclear waste management in Europe?

Date March 17 –18, 2009

Venue Pingstkyrkan, S:t Persgatan 9, Uppsala

March 17

09.00 Opening of conference, *Josefin Päiviö-Jonsson, Swedish Radiation Safety Authority, ARGONA Coordinator*

Welcoming remarks

Arne Sandemo, Chairman of the Uppsala Regional Council Board

Jacob Spangenberg, Mayor in Östhammar Municipality

09.30 Research on radioactive waste governance under the 6th Euratom Framework

Programme for Research and Training on Nuclear Energy

Katerina Ptackova, DG Research, European Commission

Moderator for the stretching session¹ (ARGONA, CARL and OBRA projects):

Björn Hedberg (Swedish Radiation Safety Authority)

Stretching panel: Tuija Hilding- Rydevik (Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste), Juhani Vira (Posiva Oy , Finland), Hana Gabrielova, Calla (NGO, Czech Republic), Catherine Draper (NuLeAF, UK), François Cox (Dessel community - Partnership STORA, Belgium)

¹ In this case “stretching” means that the research approaches and results are challenged by independent researchers and end users

09.45 The ARGONA Project²

Background and objectives, preliminary conclusions and recommendations

Josefin Päiviö-Jonsson (Swedish Radiation Safety Authority, ARGONA Coordinator), Kjell Andersson (Karita Research, ARGONA Project Manager) and Hana Vojtechova (Nuclear Research institute, ARGONA Work Package 5 Leader)

10.15. Coffee

10.45 ARGONA cont.

Stretching panel

Questions from the floor

11.25 The CARL Project³

CARL Key findings

Anne Bergmans, University of Antwerp, CARL Project Coordinator

11.45

Stretching panel

Questions from the floor

12.15 Lunch

13.15 The OBRA Project⁴ : Vision and results

Meritxell Martel, Amphos21, OBRA Coordinator

13.40

Stretching panel

Questions from the floor

14.10 The CIP Project⁵ (COWAM in Practice)

Claire Mays, Symlog, CIP Work Package Leader

Questions from the floor

14.45 Coffee

15.15 An Internet Forum for Public Discussion on Nuclear Waste Management – An Uppsala Regional Council initiative, *Lucie Riad, Uppsala Regional Council.*

The discussion forum is to be found on the Swedish part of the website www.finaldisposal.com.

² Arenas for Risk Governance - A research action part-funded under the 6th Framework Programme of the European Commission

³ CARL is an independent, self-supporting consortium of organisations from countries that have experience of stakeholder involvement in radioactive waste management.

⁴ Feasibility study for a European Observatory for long-term governance of radioactive waste management - A coordination action under the 6th Framework Programme of the European Commission

⁵ COWAM in Practice - A research action part-funded under the 6th Framework Programme of the European Commission

15.35 Implementing geological disposal of radioactive waste - A Technological Platform
Monica Hammarström, SKB, Sweden

16.00 Working groups - what shall we do now?

Working groups will be organised separately for municipalities, NGOs, other end users and researchers

Having been given a picture of the state of knowledge with regard to participation and transparency and with better clarity of research approaches and available results from the four projects, stakeholder groups discuss between themselves the outcome of research in order to reach their own respective positions about their needs for future work on participation and transparency. The municipality groups will be supported by simultaneous translation.

17.30 End

19.00 Bus transport from Clarion Hotel to Uppsala Castle

19.30 Dinner at Uppsala Castle hosted by Uppsala Regional Council

March 18

09.00 The Transparency Programme of the Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste
Eva Simic, Director, Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste

09.25 Working group presentations

10.30 Coffee

11.00 The need for implementation of research results on the governance of nuclear waste management.

Ute Blohm-Hieber, European Commission, DG TREN, Head of Unit, Nuclear energy, transport, decommissioning & waste management

11.30 Plenary Discussion

12.30 End