

# **Technical Meeting on Applications, Products and Services of Research Reactors**

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## **Information Sheet**

## Introduction

Although the number of operational research reactors (RRs) is steadily decreasing, a considerable number of those that remain are not well utilized. The IAEA supports the increase of utilization of RR facilities through a number of complementary means. In particular, the IAEA publications Nuclear Energy Series No. NP-T-5.3 Applications of Research Reactors (2014) and TECDOC No. 1715 Commercial Products and Services of Research Reactors (2013) present a variety of applications, from those that are possible at any RR power level, such as training, to those that require higher power and more specialized RRs with more complex and expensive experimental facilities, such as transmutation doping and radioisotope production, and including commercial applications, products and services that RRs can provide. These two publications were drafted one decade ago, and a Consultancy Meeting held in 2022 showed the need for their revision. Following that meeting, it was decided to develop a revised publication on Applications of Research Reactors, expanding its scope to include some of the content of the IAEA-TECDOC-1715, and a revised table of contents was established.

# **Objectives**

The purpose of the event is to bring together practitioners, users and other stakeholders interested in applications as well as products and services of research reactors; and to share information on existing

experience, good practices, lessons learned and the challenges related to enhancing utilization of research reactor facilities.

## **Target Audience**

The event is intended for managers and other staff from research reactor operating organizations responsible for utilization and applications including provision of commercial products and services.

## Working Language(s)

The working language of the meeting will be English. No simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

## **Topics**

The technical meeting will include presentations by IAEA staff on the subject matter. Participants are expected to contribute to the review and revision of the draft publication using their existing experience, lessons learned, challenges and future developments in research reactor applications, including provision of commercial products and services.

# **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 **28 April 2024**. 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 the above deadline.

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

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate.

# **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 **28 April 2024**.

#### 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:

#### www.iaea.org/events.

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.

Enclosure: Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B)