

WINS Newsletter

Highlights

Training Course on Radioactive Source Security Management in Mexico

The World Institute for Nuclear Security (WINS), in collaboration with the Mexican Secretariat of Energy (SENER) and the Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Nucleares (ININ), delivered a 3-day Training Course on Radioactive Source Security Management to Mexican specialists from 16-18 May 2017 at ININ. The objective of the training was to contribute to the increase of radioactive source security in Mexico through the development of knowledge, skills and cooperative relationships among national stakeholders. The training was part of a broader professional development opportunity offered to Mexican stakeholders, including becoming certified nuclear security professionals.

**ININ**

The first regional training course on Radioactive Source Security Management is scheduled to take place from 22-25 August 2017 at ININ and will target selected individuals with responsibilities for developing and enforcing regulations governing the security of radioactive sources from Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Mexico and Panama.

WINS Staff Update - Appointment of Ms. Rhonda Evans

We are delighted to announce that Ms Rhonda Evans will be joining WINS as the Head of the WINS Academy with effect from the 1 August 2017. Rhonda joins us from the IAEA where she is currently a Senior Nuclear Security Specialist in the Division of Nuclear Security. Previously, Rhonda was a senior regulator at the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) and provided stewardship for the development of a risk informed and performance based national regulatory system. Rhonda was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of Australia and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1990 and is a specialist in nuclear law.

[Read the full article here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Seminar: Sustaining Nuclear Security Training & Support Centers: Lessons Learned and the Way Forward

The Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) and WINS are organising a seminar entitled



"Sustaining Nuclear Security Training and Support Centers: Lessons Learned and the Way Forward," which will be held on Friday, 9 June 2017, at 12:30 in the VCDNP Conference Room.

The IAEA developed the concept of Nuclear Security Support Centers (NSSC) in 2007 to effectively pass ownership of nuclear security knowledge and associated technical skills to

States. Now that a number of NSSCs have been established, how can we ensure that these centers are effective and sustainable, and how do we benchmark their success? Join WINS, the IAEA, Mexico and Canada as we share lessons learned and discuss the future of NSSCs. We will also examine the potential of IAEA Information Circular 901 to increase the sustainability of the NSSCs. [Register here](#). For more information or questions about the event, contact VCDNP at events@vcdnp.org.

2nd Annual Industrial Control Cyber Security Nuclear Summit, 23 - 24 May, Warrington, UK

The Summit was attended by leading cyber-security organisations and industry practitioners and provided a wide range of presentations and discussion on the latest cyber threats and efforts to mitigate their impact on the nuclear sector. Dr Roger Howsley gave a presentation on the work that WINS is doing to promote professional development opportunities for nuclear security through the WINS Academy, and announced our intention to produce an Elective Module on Cyber Security by the end of 2017. The announcement was met with enthusiasm by the participants who recognise that professionally qualified people are the most important part of the resilience chain. The conference was hosted by Cyber Senate, further details and other planned events at <http://www.cybersenate.com>



Upcoming External Events

[Institute for Nuclear Materials Management \(INMM\) - Annual Meeting](#)

16-20 July 2017, Indian Wells, California, USA

[World Nuclear Association Symposium 2017](#)

13-15 September 2017, London, UK

[Conference on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities](#)

13-17 November 2017, Vienna, Austria

Professional Development

[Master in Nuclear Security \(MiNS\) - Brandenburg University](#)

Accepting Applications

[Fall 2017 VCDNP Post-Doctoral/Sabbatical Fellowship Programme](#)

Research in the area of nuclear disarmament and/or non-proliferation

Deadline for application: 15 August 2017. [Apply here](#).

What's the greatest threat to nuclear security?

We received a great deal of feedback on this question and we appreciate your participation! We will review all of the replies and announce the topic of the next challenge in our June newsletter!