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Subject: Invitation to the Annual Meeting of the European Advisory Safety Committee for Research Reactors (EURASC), Budapest, Hungary, 8-12 June 2015

Dear National Liaison Officer,

I am pleased to invite you to send nominations of suitable candidates to participate in the above-mentioned meeting under the framework of TC Project RER/1007 – Enhancing Use and Safety of Research Reactors through Networking, Coalitions and Shared Best Practices. The purpose of the meeting and related information are outlined in the attached Prospectus.

For candidates who are selected by the IAEA, the IAEA will cover the cost of return international travel from the home country to Budapest, Hungary, and provide Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the meeting in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

Please submit nominations to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Only if this is not possible, nominations may be submitted on the Nomination Form for Meeting/Workshop available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/technicalcooperation/How-to-take-part/In-meetings-WS/index.html>.

Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Mr Ivan Videnovic (IAEA Official Fax: +43-1-26007 or E-Mail Official.Mail@iaea.org), through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA matters, not later than **15 April 2015**.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Prospectus

International Atomic Energy Agency

Annual Meeting of the European Advisory Safety Committee for Research Reactors (EURASC)

PROSPECTUS

- Project Number & Title:** RER/1/007 – Enhancing Use and Safety of Research Reactors through Networking, Coalitions and Shared Best Practices
- Place (City, Country):** Budapest, Hungary
- Dates:** 8-12 June 2015
- Deadline for Nominations:** 15 April 2015
- Organizers:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in cooperation with the Government of Hungary through the Centre for Energy Research.
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- Language:** English
- Purpose:** The meeting is intended to provide a forum for exchange of information and sharing knowledge and experience among the participating Member States on the safety issues of common interest within the region including, in particular, provisions for protection against internal and external hazards, and neutronic and thermal-hydraulic safety criteria of the research reactors. The discussions will be based on the relevant IAEA safety standards. The activities of the meeting will also include a detailed walkthrough of the Budapest research reactor. The meeting will also include a follow-up of the implementation of the recommendations provided during the 2nd annual meeting of EURASC.
- The detailed work plan for 2016 of the EURASC will be also developed during the meeting.

Expected Output(s):	<p>The expected outputs of the meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting report addressing common issues in the region related to provisions for protection against internal and external hazards, and neutronic and thermal-hydraulic safety criteria of research reactors and ways to address them by the participating Member States, with a focus on the role of the safety committees of the national operating organizations. The report will also address the results of the walkthrough of the Budapest research reactor. • Work plan for EURASC for 2016.
Scope and Nature:	<p>The meeting will consist of presentations by the participants (and discussions) on their national practices and experience on the meeting's topics, including the role of the national safety committees. IAEA staff and external experts will facilitate the meeting to provide guidance on application of IAEA safety standards, and to provide technical backstopping. The EURASC will also perform a detailed walkthrough of the Budapest research reactor, including discussions with the reactor operating personnel on the reactor operational safety aspects.</p>
Background Information:	<p>The IAEA promotes networking, coalitions and regional cooperation to improve safety and efficiency, sustainable utilization of research reactors. In order to improve networking, information exchange and sharing knowledge on research reactor good safety practices, the Member States participating in the IAEA TC regional projects on research reactors safety and utilization established the EURASC in 2010 with the aim to enhance the safety of research reactors in Central and Eastern Europe. The EURASC acts mainly as an advisory group to advise on important safety issues in the region and to strengthen the effectiveness of the operating organizations' safety committees. EURASC will also provide for facilitating the use of qualified human resources to address specific safety issues in the region and for exchange of information and sharing of knowledge and experience on research reactor safety, including application of the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety of Research Reactors and safety standards.</p>
Participation:	<p>The meeting is open for Member States participating in the regional project RER/1/007 and members of the EURASC.</p>
Participants' Qualifications:	<p>The participants should be the chairpersons of their operating organization's safety committees or senior members of research reactor operating organizations. One participant per Member State, which is nominated as a member of the EURASC, is expected to participate. Additional technical staff, familiar with the topics of the meeting may also be considered for participation. As the meeting will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to follow discussions and express themselves in this language without difficulties.</p>

Nomination Procedure:

Nominations for Meeting/Workshop should be submitted to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Should this not be possible, nominations may be submitted on the standard IAEA Nomination Form for Meeting/Workshop and National Consultant (available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org>). Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and returned to the Agency through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA Matters.

The completed nomination forms should be sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Mr Ivan Videnovic, through IAEA Official Fax (+43-1-26007) or E-Mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org), not later than **15 April 2015**. Nominations received after this date or which have not been routed through the established official channels cannot be considered.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements:

Nominating Governments will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected and will, at that time, be given full details of the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants from countries eligible to receive technical assistance will be provided with a round trip economy class air ticket from their home countries to **Budapest, Hungary**, and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the prevailing UN Rate. Shipment of accumulated meeting materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the meeting do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the meeting, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.