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Subject: Regional Workshop on Nuclear Laboratories Offering Transnational Access for Cultural Heritage Preservation, Vienna, Austria, 17-18 November 2014

Dear National Liaison Officer,

I am pleased to invite you to send nominations of suitable candidates to participate in the above-mentioned workshop under the framework of TC Project RER/0/039 – Extending and Diversifying the Application of Nuclear Technology in Cultural Heritage. The purpose of the workshop 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 Vienna, Austria and provide Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop 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, Ms Alessia Rodriguez y Baena (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 19 September 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Prospectus

International Atomic Energy Agency

Regional Workshop on Nuclear Laboratories Offering Transnational Access for Cultural Heritage Preservation

PROSPECTUS

- Project Number & Title:** RER/0/039 - Extending and Diversifying the Application of Nuclear Technology in Cultural Heritage
- Place (City, Country):** Vienna, Austria
- Dates:** 17-18 November 2014
- Deadline for Nominations:** 19 September 2014
- Organizers:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in cooperation with the Government of Austria
- Host Country Organizer:** Mr Roman Padilla Alvarez
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- Language:** English
- Purpose:** The purpose of the workshop is to outline effective mechanisms to facilitate trans-national access of specialists in the Europe Region to advanced nuclear laboratories for cultural heritage preservation.
- Expected Output(s):** The expected outputs of the workshop are:
- An updated inventory of nuclear analytical facilities identified in the region;
 - Mechanisms to access facilities across the region identified;
 - Memorandum of Understanding drafted.
- Scope and Nature:** The workshop will consist of presentations and group discussions covering topics related to the infrastructure available for effective characterization and conservation of cultural heritage objects, and suggestions for schemes facilitating the access to such facilities.

Background Information:

Previous TC projects (RER/8/015 "Using Nuclear Techniques for the Characterization and Preservation of Cultural Heritage (CH) Artefacts in the European Region", 2009-2011, and RER/0/034 "Enhancing the Characterization, Preservation and Protection of Cultural Heritage Artefacts"(2012-2013) demonstrated that nuclear techniques are exceptionally suitable for non-destructive characterization of cultural heritage artefacts, in support of their conservation/restoration, as well as for their preservation through the use of radiation treatment.

Building on such achievements, project RER/0/039 was designed, *inter alia*, to expand capacity of cultural heritage-related organizations for characterization / preservation of objects. In particular, this Regional Workshop is designed to raise awareness of end-users in the Region on the benefits of share use of facilities across the region while fostering fruitful cooperation among nuclear research institutes and CH institutions (including museums, galleries, *etc.*). The Workshop will allow identifying existing mechanisms and to propose new schemes fostering a more effective access to such facilities

Participation:

The workshop is open to 15 participants.

The target countries are those having facilities in the Europe Region which are suitable for effective conservation and characterization of cultural heritage objects, and willing to facilitate the access to such facilities to investigators across the region. Such facilities include, but are not limited to: operating irradiation facilities, particle accelerators, advanced x-ray instruments for compositional analysis and/or imaging purposes and research reactors, among others. Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey have at least one of the mentioned facilities.

Participants' Qualifications:

The participants should be specialists or managers from advanced nuclear laboratories working in support of cultural heritage preservation.

Nomination Procedure:

Nominations 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 Application Form for Workshop/ 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, Ms Alessia Rodriguez y Baena, through IAEA Official Fax (+43-1-26007) or E-Mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org), not later than 19 September 2014. 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 Vienna, Austria, and a stipend sufficient to cover the cost of their accommodation, food, and minor incidentals. Shipment of accumulated workshop materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the workshop 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 workshop, 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.