Some Concluding Remarks on IGORR 2017 conference & IAEA workshop

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About this conference: a dense Program

- The Program: about 100 Oral presentations and 10 Posters (thanks to the authors)
- About 120 participants from 25 countries
- **Main topics:**
  - Safety Reassessment following F-D accident (IAEA Workshop)
  - Ageing Management
  - New Research Reactors projects
  - Operation & Maintenance
  - Safety Reassessment, Refurbishments…
  - Utilisation of Research Reactors
  - Irradiation Technologies
  - Innovative methods
  - Radio-isotopes

All the Participants were strongly encouraged to follow the Posters session on Tuesday afternoon.

And it works: The award winner: Simon Nicolas Technicatome (France)
A very Successful Conference!

- Fruitful Exchanges
- A very positive feedback having IGORR joint with IAEA workshop
- A perfect organisation for scientific and technical exchanges

- Proceedings: papers and presentations will be available on the IGORR web-site within 1 month (please tell me if you do not want to be published)

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great thanks to ANSTO Staff for their involvement on this event!
Ideas for future IGORR conference!

Proposals to have dedicated workshops rather than classical conference format – see next slides Doug Selby presentation Berlin 2016

to be discussed
The First IGORR Meeting Was Held A Little Over a Year After the Initial Concept Was Established

• Meeting was held close to ORNL at the Knoxville Tennessee Airport Hilton Hotel

• The meeting was not the level of conference that we have today
  – There was no registration fee.
  – There was no general call for papers and essentially all the papers were invited
  – There were only 17 papers
  – There were only 52 attendees and 16 of those were from ORNL
  – Attendees were from 25 organizations in 10 countries

• Papers were published in an ORNL report

• It was agreed by all attendees that IGORR should continue and the second meeting was planned to be held in Saclay, France
IGORR Workshops Were In My Opinion the Highlight of the First Meeting

• One of the biggest weaknesses of the research reactor community at the time was a lack of communication amongst various research reactor staffs.

• The workshops offered an opportunity to openly discuss issues that were common to many research reactors in a round table format.

• There were a number of collaboration efforts that were initiated by the IGORR workshops.

• Unfortunately, the workshops were phased out as IGORR shifted to a more conventional conference:

• Comments from the audience?
• And the Next One will be........
Mark your calendar!

- Jordan!
- Combined with RRFM
- Host by JAEC
- March 2019
Why you will have to come to Jordan !!!

- Jordan is a new comer with a very nice brand new RR the JRTR but also a sub-critical mock-up
- Amman and Dead-sea area are very nice place !
- And last but not least …these are very friendly people !

- So please mark your calendar (probably second week of March 2019)
Why you will have to come to Jordan !!!
But Before the next IGORR…. (see your folder)

• Next RRFM European conference:

Munich 11th-15th March 2018 (Germany)

With a technical tour of the FRM2 Research Reactor
End of this conference…

• So Thanks to all for participating
• Have a safe journey back home

• **Looking forward to see you all in Jordan (March 2019) – Mark your Calendar**

Many Thanks again to ANSTO team in charge of the organisation of this conference !!

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