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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) presents its compliments to the IAEA's Member States and has the honour to draw their attention to the **Training Workshop on the Safe Operation and Applications of Neutron Generators** (hereinafter referred to as "event") to be held in Seibersdorf, Austria, from **7 to 18 November 2022**.

The purpose of the event is to train the participants in the safe operation and use of neutron generators, including demonstration of their applications and related modelling tools, through lectures and practical hands-on exercises.

The attached Information Sheet provides further details of the event.

The event will be held in English.

Member States are invited to designate one participant to represent the Government at this event. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify suitable women participants.

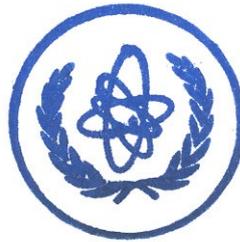
The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant 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 at the time of designating the participant using the attached Grant Application Form (Form C).

It should be noted that compensation is not payable by the IAEA for any damage to or loss of personal property. The IAEA also does not provide health insurance coverage for participants in IAEA events. Arrangements for private insurance coverage on an individual basis should therefore be made. The IAEA will, however, provide insurance coverage for accidents and illnesses that clearly result from any work performed for the IAEA.

Designations should be submitted to the IAEA through the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) not later than **30 August 2022** using the attached Participation Form (Form A). Completed and authorized Participation Forms should be sent either by email to: [Official.Mail@iaea.org](mailto:Official.Mail@iaea.org) or by fax to: +43 1 26007 (no hard copies needed). Copies should be sent by email to the Scientific Secretary of the event, Mr Natko Skukan, Division of Physical and Chemical Sciences, Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications (Email: [N.Skukan@iaea.org](mailto:N.Skukan@iaea.org)), and to the Administrative Secretary, Ms Gaukhar Permetova (Email: [G.Permetova@iaea.org](mailto:G.Permetova@iaea.org)). The Scientific Secretary of the event will liaise with the participants directly concerning further arrangements, including travel details, as appropriate, once the official designations have been received.

Should Governments wish, in addition, to appoint one or more observers to assist and advise the designated participants, they are kindly requested to inform the IAEA of the names and contact details of any such observers by the above date. In accordance with the established rules, Governments are expected to bear the cost of attendance of any observers they may send to IAEA events. Compensation is not payable by the IAEA for any damage to or loss of observers' personal property or for illness, injury or death occurring while travelling to or in connection with their attendance at IAEA events.

The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IAEA's Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Enclosures:        Information Sheet  
                          Participation Form (Form A)  
                          Grant Application Form (Form C)



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# **Training Workshop on the Safe Operation and Applications of Neutron Generators**

**IAEA Nuclear Science and Instrumentation Laboratory  
Seibersdorf, Austria**

**7–18 November 2022**

**Ref. No.: EVT2103189**

## **Information Sheet**

### **Introduction**

The use of various neutron sources, either accelerator- or research reactor-based, enhance innovation and socioeconomic development in a variety of fields such as health, materials research, agriculture, cultural heritage, environment, safety and security and many others. Compact neutron generators are electrically controlled neutron sources of low-medium intensity that are an attractive alternative to low power research reactors or isotopic neutron sources (e.g. Cf-252, Am/Be, Pu/Be) which are not free from security risks and radioactive waste management issues. Having been used for decades in oil and mining industries, for exploration and on-line analysis, neutron generator applications have expanded. These include neutron radiography, complementary to X-ray radiography; neutron activation analysis, a highly sensitive analytical technique; radiotracer production for industrial applications; as well as investigations related to security and safeguard applications. Due to their capabilities and transportability, which allows on-field utilization, neutron generators play a major role in solving problems of modern society related to the control of industrial processes, the monitoring of environmental pollution, climate change, water and air quality, to forensics, cultural heritage, agriculture, security and safeguard.

In this context, applications of neutrons are one of the thematic areas, where the IAEA supports its Member States in strengthening their capabilities to adopt and benefit from use of diverse neutron sources. The IAEA Nuclear Science and Instrumentation Laboratory (NSIL) has recently established the Nuclear Science Facility (NSF) based on the two Deuterium-Deuterium and Deuterium-Tritium

sealed tube neutron generators, providing neutrons in the energy range of fission (2.5 MeV) and fusion (14 MeV) reactors at intensities of  $5 \times 10^6$  to  $2 \times 10^8$  n/s over  $4\pi$ . During the past year a number of training exercises and demonstration experiments were developed using these neutron sources and associated instrumentation.

## **Objectives**

The purpose of the event is to train the participants in the safe operation and use of neutron generators, including demonstration of their applications and related modelling tools, through lectures and practical hands-on exercises. Specifically, the training workshop will include the following topics:

- Neutron detection principles
- Neutron spectrometry
- Neutron radiography
- Introduction to neutron activation analysis (NAA)
- Introduction to delayed neutron counting (DNC)
- Safety and radiation protection considerations operating neutron generators

## **Target Audience**

This training workshop is intended for newcomers to the field of operating and using neutron sources of low-medium intensity, either already established at their organizations or in the planning stages. Representatives of regulatory bodies or radiation protection agencies, involved in oversight and regulation of similar facilities, might also find this event beneficial.

## **Working Language(s)**

English.

## **Participation and Registration**

The hands-on training will be limited to twelve trainees due to organizational and practical constraints. 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 **30 August 2022**. 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 above deadline.

**In addition to the Form A, applicants are requested to send a short CV with a brief justification statement why this training would be beneficial for their organization and their professional development.**

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

Please note that the IAEA is in a transition phase to manage the entire registration process for all regular programme events electronically through the new InTouch+ (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) facility, which is the improved and expanded successor to the InTouch platform that has been used in recent years for the IAEA's technical cooperation events. Through InTouch+, prospective participants will be able to apply for events and submit all required documents online. National authorities will be able to use InTouch+ to review and approve these applications. Interested parties that would like to use this new facility should write to: [InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org](mailto:InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org).

## **Expenditures and Grants**

No registration fee is charged to participants.

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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 **30 August 2022**.

## **Visas**

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria.

## **Organization**

### **Scientific Secretary**

#### **Mr Natko Skukan**

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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.



# Participation Form

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Participants who are members of an invited organization can submit this form to their organization for subsequent transmission to the IAEA.

**Deadline for receipt by IAEA through official channels: 30 August 2022**

Family name(s): (same as in passport)	First name(s): (same as in passport)	Mr/Ms
Institution:		
Full address:		
Tel. (Fax):		
Email:		
Nationality:	Representing following Member State/non-Member State/entity or invited organization:	
If/as applicable:		
Do you intend to submit a paper?	Yes	No
Would you prefer to present your paper as a poster?	Yes	No
Title:		

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. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.



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Mailing address:	Tel.:	
	Fax:	
	Email:	
Date of birth (yyyy/mm/dd):	Nationality:	

### 1. Education (post-secondary):

Name and place of institution	Field of study	Diploma or Degree	Years attended from            to	

### 2. Recent employment record (starting with your present post):

Name and place of employer/ organization	Title of your position	Type of work	Years worked from            to	

### 3. Description of work performed over the last three years:

### 4. Institute's/Member State's programme in field of event:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name, signature and stamp of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority