

Two ASN'S recent initiatives for developing "networking"

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A 1st initiative : to facilitate the development of Regional Qualified Experts networks

- Since 2003 : local networks of QE (non nuclear practices) have been set up (email exchanges, internet forum and meetings)
- Main goals : the information and experience sharing, the improvement of the protection radiation culture and of scientific and technological knowledge, the mutual help and the advice on technical issues
- For ASN, these networks are very good places for free dialog, outside inspection procedure. They appear as new ways for favouring bottom up proposals and discussions.
- All participants are convinced that they need such networks, that they are very efficient and give them more legitimacy in their own institutions.
- 2008 (in progress) : a consultant, selected by ASN, is realizing an enquiry for identifying the best way to extend such networks and to improve the share of information



A 2nd initiative : to build a network of European Radiation Protection authorities

- In EU, MS Radiation protection regulations have to comply with European BSS directives but for many issues regulations are not still harmonized (flexibility)
- European regulators clearly expressed their interest in strengthening their work together.
- In May 2007, ASN proposed to organize the 1st meeting of the heads of European Radiation Protection Authorities in Paris ; 5 WG were created (outside workers and the dose passport, justification of radioactive sources, new medical techniques, emergency preparedness and action levels and stakeholder involvement in medical practices)
- In May 2008, an new meeting with the participation of EC and In December 200 a discussion on IAEA BSS is yet planned...

With this new network and the EC participation, ASN is hopeful that a new step toward harmonisation is achieved