

DESD/RRSD Conference Notes September 3, 2021

I wanted to bring everyone up to speed on the conference

We had approximately 40 papers submitted. About 25 for RRSD and 15 for DESD. All the papers have been reviewed and authors are now in the process of resolving comments and getting their papers in final form. We are also organizing several panel sessions, more on that below.

The Opening Plenary for our Meeting is coming together verbal commitments have been received from several organizations and formal invitations have been sent out. Organizations involved include the IAEA, NEA, TEPCO, USNRC and EnergySolutions. We also expect to be hearing shortly from the DOE. The Opening Plenary will be on the afternoon of Wednesday December 1st, with paper presentations and panel sessions occurring on December 2nd and 3rd.

Another exciting development is that there will a Japanese Delegation in Washington DC at the time of the conference so I am working with Marty Plys and ANS on the possibility of scheduling a session on Fukushima on Tuesday November 30th before the formal meeting begins, I will let you know how that develops.

As alluded to above we are organizing several Panel Discussions for this meeting including:

International Perspectives on the Use of Robotics in Nuclear Decommissioning

NICE Future: Progress on Key Activities for Enabling Clean Energy Systems with Nuclear Innovation

History of Decommissioning

Regulating Fracking Wastes

Nuclear Security Cost Optimization methods for 21st Century DDER

Decommissioning the NS Savannah

We had also hoped to sponsor a tour of the NS Savannah but recent events surrounding COVID-19s Delta Variant make that unlikely.

During the conference we have been assigned 3 meeting rooms one of which will be set up for Virtual Presentations to accommodate panel speakers who cannot travel to the meeting. There will also be an option for speakers to pre-record their presentations for the meeting.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work thus far and hopefully we can all get together in about 3 months in DC to see the fruits of our labors.

Jim Byrne