

Decontamination, Decommissioning and Re-Utilization Division Program Committee Meeting

**ANS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
June 1, 2003
1:00 pm**

Present: Steve Bossart, Jim Byrne, Joe Carignan, Tracey Goble, Lynne Goodman, John Gunning, Takeshi Ishikura, Carl Mazzola, Russ Mellor, Gerry Motl, Tim Polich, Mark Price, Jim Rang, and Paul Ziemer.

Guest: Emmy Roos (ANS Board member); John Dewes (representing Spectrum 2004)

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Jim Rang called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Members and guests were introduced.
2. **Administrative Matters:** The minutes of the November 17, 2002, Program Committee meeting were approved as distributed.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. 2002 ANS Winter Meeting: Jim Rang distributed a chart summarizing statistics for past ANSD meetings. The following key points were noted:
 - The ratio of attendees to the number of sessions in recent years has been running about 10 to 1.
 - At the 2002 meeting, DD&R sponsored 5 sessions, including a session on clean-up in the Former Soviet Union. There had been concern about the possibility of outside demonstrators (such as Green Peace) but none were evident.
 - Nine divisions have received payments from ANS for exceeding the specified numbers of sessions and papers. Payments ranged from \$120 to \$11,000. DD&R received none of this “bonus” money. (DD&R expects to receive about \$2400 for this year’s embedded topical session.)
 - It was suggested that in the future the Division should emphasize papers for stand-alone topical sessions.
 - b. 2002 WM Symposium at Tucson: Jim Rang reported that there were 18 D&D sessions for the Tucson Waste Management Symposium.
 - The Division provided a new set of awards for best paper and best poster in the D&D category. Carl Mazzola reviewed the process for selecting the awardees and indicated that this first round of awards was a successful venture.
 - In the future, the Waste Management Symposium organizers will formalize the process of selecting awardees and will administer the process for our DD&R Division. It was agreed that we need to formalize the relationship with the Waste Management Symposium staff and let them know that we want to be represented in the planning process in the future. In

particular, we will request that they appoint 4 DD&R Division people to their Program Committee. Steve Bossart, Joe Carignan, Mark Price, and Jim Rang will be our nominees for this activity. The DD&R Executive Committee Chair will make the request.

- c. 2003 ANS Annual Meeting and Embedded Topical: Mark Price gave an update on the DD&R sessions for the present meeting in San Diego and provided a handout summarizing all the sessions and the time schedule.
- It was reported that 75 papers had been submitted for the Embedded Topical. (A few were subsequently withdrawn.)
 - There will be two tracks for the Embedded Topical: One on “Decommissioning” and one on “Spent Fuel and Waste Disposal.”
 - An update on the session chairs and co-chairs was also provided.
- d. D&D Conference Consolidation: Lynne Goodman gave a status report on efforts to bring about some consolidation of DD&R related meetings. She reminded the Committee that originally Paul Hart had the idea of trying to eliminate some of the duplication of effort by joining forces with others (such as EPRI, NEI, TLG and FORUM.) The goal was to devise a scheme whereby there will be only a single major DD&R related symposium each year.
- The present objective is to have a consolidated conference in 2005. Lynne suggested that we are already a little behind in organizing for that time frame.
 - There has been some preliminary interest expressed by the Local Sections in Idaho and Connecticut to host or participate in such a conference.
 - Lynne has met with the Spectrum organizers and told them of this need and our desires. We would like to proceed, (even if the Spectrum title is used.)
 - We have gotten a commitment from the Fuel Cycle Division to provide people to participate in discussions and planning.
 - Lynne volunteered to continue to work on this in the future. She asked for others who are interested to so indicate. There will be a breakfast meeting Wednesday, June 4, to discuss this topic, and there will likely be periodic conference calls in the year ahead. Jim Rang and Mark Price agreed to participate in this effort. Others interested should let Lynne know.
 - We need to decide who will be on the organizing committee (General Chair and Host Section) for the 2005 meeting. This should be a stand-alone topical meeting. . Mark Price agreed to initiate actions to assure that a technical program chair is identified.
 - It was agreed that we should put this on the ANS calendar placement for August, 2005 (2nd or 3rd week of August).

4. **New Business:**

- a. 2003 International ANS/ENS Meeting Nov. 9-13, 2003, in New Orleans:
 - Copies of the Call for Papers were distributed.
 - There will be 5 sessions in the DD&R track: Nuclear Cleanup in the Former Soviet Union, Dose Modeling: Lessons Learned on Implementation, Research Reactor and Other Small Nuclear Facility Decommissioning, Final Status Surveys at Commercial Sites, and Financial Accounting Standard 143.
 - The 100 word summaries for the DD&R sessions have all been submitted.
 - Co-chairs need to be identified for each session.
 - Panelists for each session must be identified by July 11 or the session will be dropped.

- b. 2004 Waste Management Symposium, Feb. 29 - March 4, 2004, in Tucson:
 - We will proceed with our joint awards (see item 3.b. above)

- c. 14th Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference, March 21-25, 2004, Hawaii:
 - The DD&R Division is a co-sponsor
 - Steve Bossart and Jim Rang are on the Technical Program Committee.
 - Our Division is committed to 2 topics
 - This is a different audience than we usually have, so it should not conflict with our other meetings.
 - The Call for Papers has gone out (see handout).

- d. 2004 Annual Meeting June 13-17, 2004, in Pittsburgh:
 - The official Meeting Announcement was distributed.
 - Jim Rang proposed that we have 5 DD&R panel sessions, including a session to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the TMI accident. It is expected that the TMI session would be a “special” session and that Bob Long (former ANS President) would chair it.
 - A session on long-term legacy issues was suggested. A discussion ensued concerning this topic and what aspects should be included in the Annual Meeting format. One idea was that technical legacy issues should be included in the Annual Meeting, while human legacy issues should be addressed in the Spectrum Conference. After further discussion, it was agreed that legacy issues should not be included in the Pittsburgh meeting and that both aspects should be part of Spectrum 2004. (This leaves 4 Panel Sessions for the 2004 Annual Meeting.)

- e. Spectrum 2004, August 22-26, 2004, Atlanta:
 - John Dewes, Assistant General Chair of Spectrum 2004 provided information and copies of the Call for Papers for next year’s Spectrum Conference.
 - The Conference theme is “Closure of Nuclear Facilities.”

- The organizers expect it to be a well-attended meeting. They are planning for 400 and will limit attendance to a maximum of 1000.
 - Steve Bossart, Mark Price, and Jim Rang volunteered to participate in the regular conference calls of the Spectrum Program Committee.
 - John also requested participation of the DD&R Division in the review of papers submitted. It was agreed to do so.
- f. 2004 ANS Winter Meeting, Nov. 14-18, 2004, Washington, DC:
- Jim indicated that we need to identify session topics prior to November 14, 2003. We will have opportunities during the monthly EC conference calls to do this.
- g. DD&R Consolidation: (see Item 3.d. above)

5. Other Business

- a. Changes in the Bylaws and the 5 year plan will be discussed in the Executive Committee session.
- b. ANS Student Conferences:
- Darby Kimball and Lance Kim, Co-chairs of this past year's Student Conference presented a summary of the 2003 meeting . They reported that there were 90 technical papers and that the attendance was at a record high.
 - The Chair of the 2004 Student Conference, Ross Radel, of the University of Wisconsin, summarized plans for the next Student Conference scheduled for April 1-3, 2004. He asked for continued support for the conference in the DD&R Budget. He also requested participation by our members as judges or simply as attendees. Although no budget action is to be taken as this EC meeting, the members of the Program Committee expressed their thanks and encouragement to these student leaders.

6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Paul L. Ziemer
 Secretary, DD&R Executive Committee
 July 6, 2003