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15-17 December 2009

CEFOS- Centre for Public Sector Research
University of Gothenburg, SWEDEN

Scholars from: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, India, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States.

Keynote addresses by: Jane Dawson (Connecticut College), Frank von Hippel (Princeton University), Frans Berkhout (VU Amsterdam), Ortwin Renn (University of Stuttgart)

40 research papers, discussion panels, posters and a concluding roundtable discussion.

Current research in: Engineering, Ethics, Geography, History of Science, Law, Nuclear Chemistry, Nuclear Physics, Political Science, Risk Research and Social Science.

Registration Deadline: October 15th

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HLW Management at the Crossroads

Many countries are at a crossroads in terms of maintaining their energy supply. The use of fossil fuels has reached a point when the existing resources appear to be dwindling, while combustion is contributing to rapidly accelerating climate change and global warming. Several national governments and energy companies regard nuclear power as one piece in the design of future sustainability, energy security, and economic prosperity. There are, however, grave downsides to a nuclear power renaissance. Besides the inevitable problems of nuclear weapons proliferation, the fact that no country has established a final waste repository for spent nuclear fuel and HLW throws fundamental doubt on nuclear energy expansion. Such an expansion would increase the total amount of waste, spread it over a growing number of countries, and postpone the final date for generating additional waste into the remote future. To that must be added that the processes of globalization have transformed the nuclear industry in the direction of increased privatization, concentration, and internationalization. This leads to uncertainties regarding to who will assume responsibility and meet the challenges for developing safe and secure nuclear waste management.

In these circumstances is it of greatest importance that scholars from different disciplines, as well as policy makers and practitioners within the field, meet to share experiences. This conference will have the general objective of producing knowledge about the challenges caused by global developmental trends, and what the management of nuclear waste implies for contemporary and future social development.

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General Programme

Tuesday 15th December

12.00 Registration
15.00 Welcome & Opening of conference
16.00 Keynote address
17.30 Welcome reception

Wednesday 16th December

09.30 Keynote address
10.30 Coffee and tea
11.00 Parallel sessions
13.00 Lunch
14.00 Keynote address
15.30 Coffee and tea
16.00 Parallel sessions
18.30 End of sessions
19.00 Buffet dinner

Thursday 17th December

09.30 Keynote address
10.30 Coffee and tea
11.00 Parallel sessions
13.00 Lunch
14.00 Parallel sessions
15.30 Coffee and tea
16.00 Roundtable & End of conference
18.00 End of sessions
19.00 Conference dinner

A detailed program for the conference will be presented December 1st, at the latest.



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Conference Arrangements

Participants

The conference is open to scholars, practitioners, policy makers or others with an interest in the Management of Radioactive Waste.

Location

The conference is hosted by the School of Business, Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg.

Proceedings

Proceedings containing all papers presented will be available at the web site and at the start of the conference.

Important Dates

Conference registration and payment: October 15th 2009

Conference: 15-17th December 2009

Registration fee

All participants (includes lunches, coffees, welcome reception on the 15th, buffet dinner on the 16th)

2500 SEK

Conference dinner

(evening the 17th, additional fee)

600 SEK

Registration and Further information

Information on conference practicalities and registration details can be found on the conference website at www.cefos.gu.se/forskning/radwaste/conference.

Please direct any questions to the organizers at radwasteconference@cefos.gu.se.

We kindly request that you share this invitation with your colleagues.



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