

Bucharest Workshop

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Background

Proposal, at November '08 meeting, to hold a workshop for potential European evaluators

In absence of IAEA willingness to host Bucharest offer to host the workshop





Attendance

Various laboratories represented at 11/08 meet at Vienna named potential 11 trainees.

Trainees from:

Bulgaria, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Spain, Turkey





Logistics

To keep the cost down

1. Mentors (7) were picked amongst the attendees at the NSDD meeting at Vienna in 03/09.

2. Workshop was held soon after the NSDD meeting.





Considerable preparation was done by the seven mentors, under overall coordination of Balraj Singh.

It was decided to provide hands-on training by evaluating A=84 during the workshop.

Trainees were divided into seven groups.

Various nuclides were divided amongst these groups





Trainees were told ahead of the workshop as to their group and nuclides

Manuals, evaluation guidelines, and procedures were placed on the Web

Most mentors, and many trainees, downloaded and brought with them the relevant references





With minimal introduction and lectures and hands-on training various groups started evaluation of their respective assignments.

Bulk of the evaluation was completed by the end of the workshop.

Most trainees seemed motivated and involved.

It was decided to publish the evaluation once completed under joint authorship of the 11 trainees and 7 mentors





A=84 has recently been published in the November issue of NDS.

Unfortunately, not all trainees contributed to the follow up of the evaluation after the workshop and the mentors, especially the coordinator Balraj, had to put considerable effort to wrap up the evaluation.





Thanks to Bernd Pfeiffer for his thorough review

Over all workshop was a success and number of trainees have expressed interest in staying involved in this work.



