## Reactor Physics Division Executive Committee Meeting Sunday, November 9, 2014, 4:00 - 6:00 PM Amazon Room, Disneyland Hotel/Convention Center Anaheim, CA MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Ron Ellis

Meeting called to order. Officers were introduced.

- 2. Distribution of Attendance List Fausto Franceschini/Pavel Tsvetkov
- 3. Executive Committee Membership Ron Ellis

5 min

- a. Acknowledgement of members completing terms
- b. Recognition of newly elected members and new officer positions

Done.

4. Secretary's Report – Fausto Franceschini (for Arzu Alpan)

5 min

a. Approval of minutes, June 2014 meeting (Reno, NV)

Minutes approved unanimously.

b. RPD Newsletter (Fall 2014 Issue)

Newsletter has been distributed online. Note should be made to various announcements.

5. Treasurer's Report – **Fausto Franceschini** 

5 min

a. Budget Status (payments, income, pending items, etc.)

Budget has been distributed. \$30k for new scholarship. \$5k for student support.

Approval of 2015 budget – approved.

ANS suggests to support and budget for attendees invitations up to 5 people per meeting.

b. Planning for undergraduate scholarship

Scholarship is being created.

Overview of RPD presentation to ANS Board of Directors (Nov 12) – Ron Ellis 5 min
RPD presentation will be given on Wednesday. Slides will be posted online. The presentation is
the RPD status report accounting for various meetings.

All graduate students will be considered YMG members and will be counted into ANS activities.

ANS efforts on EPA ruling regarding various types of clean nuclear energy sources. The EPA ruling does not give enough attention to Nuclear Energy.

ANS setup archives for all divisions. The archive has been setup for RPD similar to a cloud system.

7. RPD Website and Facebook page Update – Pavel Tsvetkov/Ron Ellis Website is being updated.

10 min

There are 500 members in the Facebook group.

- 8. Presentation: ANS 2015 Student Conf (TAMU) **Timothy Crook/Sarah Camba** 10 min Pavel Tsvetkov provided the status at Texas A&M. The student group presenting at various division meetings over-planned and did not make to it to the RPD meeting.
- 9. Scholarship Committee **Ron Ellis (for Ben Forget)** New undergrad scholarship, Rudi Stamm'ler is established.

10 min

10. Program Committee Updates – Cristian Rabiti (for Alex Stanculescu)

20 min

a. 2014 Annual Meeting Status Report (Reno, NV)

Newsletter captures details. The issue of paper awards is being solved for Reno. For future meetings, special session request reminders will be sent out.

b. 2014 Winter Meeting (Anaheim, CA)

RPD should make more efforts to promote special sessions.

c. 2015 Annual Meeting (San Antonio)

Special sessions for 2015 meeting are being solicited.

d. Discussions on PHYSOR2018 Options (possible Executive Committee vote)

Christian Rabiti summarized the discussion at the program committee meeting. At some point in the future, the vote will be taken on whether PHYSOR2018 should be taking place in Charlotte. This is the financial issue of recovering \$150k due to ICAPP2014. The hotel projection was overestimated because ICAPP was a standalone meeting for the first time.

11. Topical Meetings (Updates, Requests for Sponsorship)

10 min

a. PHYSOR 2014 Recap Report – Akio Yamamoto

Report has been distributed.

b. Update on PHYSOR2016 Report – TBD

Differed; conference website contains more info.

c. Advances in Nuclear Fuel Management - V (ANFM2015) – Jeff Bradfute

Handout distributed. Conference will be in Hilton Head.

d. Discussion of MC, M&C, SNA – 2015 (Nashville) – **Bob Grove or Kevin Clarno** 

Update given by Kevin Clarno. Meeting is setup. Current count is 20 papers. The deadline is postponed. 14 special sessions. Handout has been distributed.

12. Standards Committee Update – **Dimitrios Cokinos** 

5 min

Several positive developments – nuclear data for reactor design, 19.1 Standard. It is a fundamental standard.

All standards are active.

Standard 19.4 is the data acquisition standard. It is a benchmark type standard.

## 13. Honors and Awards Committee Update – Dimitrios Cokinos

10 min

a. Wigner Award

Wigner award – Elmer Lewis Wigner lecture will be given on Tuesday afternoon.

b. ANS Fellows

Young member award is still being decided.

14. Joint Benchmark Committee Report – **Hany Abdel-Khalik** Differed.

5 min

15. Goals and Strategic Planning Committee – **Pavel Tsvetkov** 5 min Committee met and discussed goals and plans for the next 5 years, metrics, and strategic metrics to finalize based on Mark's presentation.

16. Professional Divisions

5 min

a. PDC Update - Ron Ellis

Archives are being setup for divisions.

- 17. Liaison report Samuel Brinton (MIT), Board Liaison (tentative) Differed.
- 18. 2015 EC nominations Fausto Franceschini (for Mark DeHart) List is provided.

5 min

5 min

19. New Business

a. Meeting with the ANS President – Ron Ellis

Update is provided.

b. RPD table at Sunday President's Reception - Ron Ellis

Noted.

- c. Division Metrics Ron Ellis
- d. Other new business

## 20. Adjournment

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Reactor Physics Division Executive Committee Meeting Agenda, Sunday, November 9, 2014,  $4:00-6:00~\mathrm{pm}$
- 2. List of attendees
- 3. M&C + SNA + MC 2015 Call for Papers
- 4. Advances in Nuclear Fuel Management V (ANFM V)
  - a. Call for Papers
  - b. Topical Meeting Information Questionnaire
  - c. Class I Topical Meeting Financial Plan
  - d. Schedule
  - e. Topical Meeting Publication Plan
- 5. Summary of PHYSOR2014
- 6. Reactor Physics Division Program Committee Meeting Minutes, Sunday, November 9, 2014, 2:00 4:00 pm

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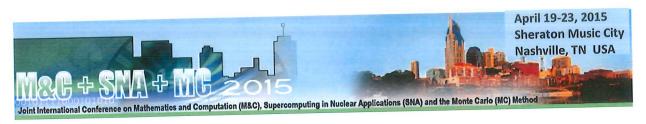
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## Final Meeting Announcement Paper Submission Deadline: December 31, 2014

## **General Session Tracks**

Accelerators and Subcritical Systems **Computational Geometries** Depletion/Transmutation Methods **Deterministic Transport Methods Education in Scientific Computing Fuel Cycle Analysis** High-Performance Computing and Algorithms for Advanced Architectures Hybrid Monte Carlo/Deterministic Transport **Materials Science Computational Medical Physics** Monte Carlo Transport Methods Multi-physics and Transient Analyses **Nuclear Criticality Safety** Nuclear Data Plasma Physics and Fusion **Neutronics Radiation Detection** Radiation Transport and Shielding Methods

Radioisotope Production and Radiochemistry

Reactor Physics Sensitivity and Uncertainty

Analysis Validation, Verification, and UQ

## **Special Sessions**

Advanced Angular Discretizations for the **Transport Equation** Advanced Solvers in Nuclear Technology Modeling and Simulation Application of High-. Performance Computing using CASL. **Test Stands** Computational Thermal Hydraulics and Fluid **Dynamics** Monte Carlo Criticality Calculations with Thermal-Hydraulic Feedback Improved Multigroup Cross Section Generation Mathematical Methods in Nuclear Nonproliferation and Safeguards **Applications** Novel Methods of Theoretical Transport Theory Monte Carlo with CAD and Complex Geometries Response Methods for Particle Transport Modeling and Simulation Next Generation Parallelism for Monte Carlo Next Generation Sn Mesh Sweeps Recent Mathematics and Computation Developments from OECD NEA Expert **Group Activities** Transport in Stochastic Media Whole-Core Modeling and Simulation

## Workshops

- Multi-stage, response function radiation transport methods for solving complex problems in real-time
- Mathematical techniques of neutron fluctuations with applications for reactivity measurements and in nuclear safeguards
- Geant4 version 10
- ADVANTG Tutorial: Automated Variance Reduction for MCNP
- Computational and Mathematical Challenges in Particle Therapy
- NESTLE



Hilton Head Island, SC

March 29 - April 1, 2015

## Advances in Nuclear Fuel Management V

Addressing a broad spectrum of front-end nuclear fuel management activities, within the context of reactor physics and fuel cycle economics.

## **Projected Technical Sessions**

Thorium fuel concepts Accident tolerant fuel Generation-IV Design Concepts High enrichment >5wt% UO2 studies Reactor-Based Plutonium Disposition Extended Fuel Cycles and Economic Analysis Fuel and Core Design Based On Thorium Cycles Innovative Core Loading Strategies and Methods Fuel and core design for small modular reactors Experiences and Advances In On-Line Core Monitoring Utilities Experience In Reload Design and Licensing Research Reactor Topics – fuel management practices Error quantification of core simulation capabilities Advanced Fuel Assembly and Burnable Absorber Designs Actinide, fission product, and spent fuel management Validation of Core Analysis Tools for Fuel Management Nuclear data needs to enhance core simulation fidelity Addressing Practical Design Constraints On Fuel Management Advanced fuel management and multi-dimensional burnup analysis Management, Design, and Operation Issues of Advanced Reactor Fuels Monte Carlo based Depletion and Full Core Analysis: New Developments and Issues

And many more (See conference Web site anfm2015.org

## **Important Dates**

**Call for Papers:** July 14, 2014 **Summaries Due:** Dec. 12, 2014 **Final Papers Due:** Feb. 10, 2015

Web site anfm2015.org

## **Projected Panel Discussions**

Ongoing Fuel Performance and Fuel Cycle Issues Adequacy of Methods for Nuclear Fuel Management World Perspective On Nuclear Fuel Management Needs Small Modular Reactors: Challenges and Proposed Solutions to Successful Deployment

Utilization of zero power physics tests and core follow data to enhance core simulation fidelity

Additional details at the conference Web Site: http://anfm2015.org/

7. General description of meeting: The meeting will cover all areas of nuclear fuel management, within the context of reactor physics and fuel cycle economics. Topics range from methods development and verification to design and implementation of new in-core fuel products and strategies.
<ul><li>7(a) Attach separate sheet detailing topics of proposed sessions.</li><li>(Note special rules that apply to section-sponsored meeting.)</li></ul>
8. Approximate number of papers to be presented: <u>175</u>
There will be:  half days with one (1) session  half days with two (2) simultaneous sessions  half days with 3 simultaneous sessions  and half days with simultaneous sessions
(The NPC discourages meetings with more than three simultaneous sessions per each half day meeting.)
ATTENDANCE
9. Estimated attendance at meeting: 200
10. Restrictions, if any, on attendance: None
(It is a Society policy to discourage restrictions that will limit attendance by ANS members.)
PAPER SOLICITATION
11. Will contributed papers be considered? (Please choose one)  Both
12. If invited, who selects the authors to be invited? General chair, Technical Program  Committee chair, Session chair
13. Will a Call for Papers be issued? (Please choose one) Yes
14. If a Call for Papers will be issued, please indicated how, when and where: Nuclear News; e-mail broadcasts, web site
15. Who may contribute papers? (Please choose one) Anyone
16. What is the deadline for summaries? 12/12/2014
17. What is the deadline for complete papers? $\frac{2/10/2015}{1.000000000000000000000000000000000000$
18. Who is responsible for review and selection of contributed papers? <u>Technical Program</u>

Scientific Publications.

- 2. The "Topical Meetings Information Questionnaire" was constructed to assist both the organizing group and the NPC in collecting the necessary information for both the preliminary and final review and approval. It is a general questionnaire devised to assist in a wide range of potential proposals and must be supplemented by the information outlines on page 26.
- 3. Your meeting will be added to a preliminary list of ANS meetings after Calendar Placement has been received. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the General Chair or his/her designated appointee to inform the NPC Chair and the ANS Director of Meetings of any/all changes relating to the meeting (i.e., meeting, names/dates/chairs/ sponsors, etc).

## **AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY CLASS I TOPICAL MEETING FINANCIAL PLAN**

TITLE OF MEETING DATE OF MEETING ANFM2015

3/29/2015 to 4/1/2015

LOCATION OF MEETING

Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort

MEETING HOST (SECTION or ANS HQ) Columbia, SC, Raleigh, Wilmington

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Student Registration			guest tour				
Emeritus Registration	same a	as full					

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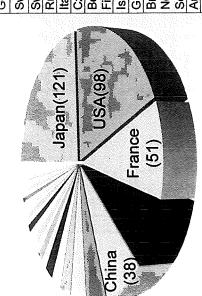
# Summary of PHYSOR2014

(Presented to ANS RPD in ANS Winter meeting, Anaheim, CA, Nov. 9, 2014)

Akio Yamamoto

# Statistics of PHYSOR2014

Country-wise participants\*)



\*)Number of attendees is based on the tentative value | Norway

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# Statistics of PHYSOR2014

- Eight technical workshops was held on Sunday with 224 participants in total.
- Two Plenary Sessions, 60 technical sessions and a poster session were held in 5 days, with 512 participants from 31 countries including 127 students.
- In total, 472 papers were presented. (Oral:352 & Poster:120)

# Breakdown of registrations

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Regular	339	22			0.00	396
Student(including Banquet fee)		89				68
Student(not including Banquet fee)		59			181	59
Exhibitor		5				5
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<sup>\*)</sup>Total includes eleven no-shows.

## Good practices

- Frequent announcements of deadline was effective (6, 3, 2, 1 month(s), 2, 1 week(s), 3, 2, 1 day(s) before the formal deadline)
  - Over 400 submissions before the "formal" deadline.
- Extension of deadline based on the number of actual submissions
- Full length paper submission works well
- ANS RPD style paper review works well ... discuss later
- Paper scoring is invaluable for nomination of best student/poster award candidates
- Frequent e-mail communications notifying progress of preparations
- Promotion of registration by frequent e-mail communications.

# Countermeasure for "no-show, no-register" issues

- "Register or withdraw" strategy fairly works well (but not perfect)
- Number of papers including the final technical program without registration or publication fee is 10 – approximately 2% of total number of papers
- Complete practice of "register or withdraw strategy" was difficult
  - Deadline for registration was later than that of the final technical program due to lead-time for adjustment of technical program and reproduction of CD-ROM
- Separation of registration fee and publication fee could be a solution (ANS meeting way)
- Pros: can eliminate papers without paying any fee, clarify relationship between payment and publication (inclusion into proceedings).
- Cons: number of attendees might be reduced and number of no-shows might be increased since major purpose of some authors would be inclusion of their papers in the conference proceeding
- "No-show" problem is still difficult to address.

## Lessons learned (need improvements)

- Involvement of more reviewers active reviewers were minor (~30 reviewers compared to 190 registered reviewers)
- More involvement of track leaders during the review phase, e.g. empowerment of reviewer assignment, promotion of reviews
- Distribution of proceeding (CD-ROM is phasing out, USB/download is preferable)
- Not only the authors, but also the presenter should be registered at the paper submission to reduce number of no-shows.
- Accurate prediction of number of meals is difficult

## Review process

- Assign all reviewers to all papers in each track(ANS way)
- Pros: management of review process is easy since review can be automatically closed when a paper has sufficient number of reviews.
- Cons: review may depend on few active reviewers, conflict of interest (theoretically reviewers can review their own paper), lower involvement of track leaders in the review phase, sometimes unable to upload of comments due to "time delay" of review
- Assign a few reviewers to each paper (ICONE way)
- Pros: can avoid conflict of interest, can assign appropriate reviewers to each paper
- Cons: assignment of reviewers to each paper is a very stuff task
  especially when number of papers are very large, promotion of review is
  difficult and cumbersome since active reviewers are minor, potential
  delay of review process due to re-assignment of reviewers.
- Both approaches have merits and demerits. The ANS way seems to be better (more practical) for a large conference.

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# Formal publication of PHYSOR2014 proceeding

- The formal proceeding of PHYSOR2014 will be published from JAEA as JAEA-conf report.
- JAEA-conf can be cited as a formal publication
- Freely downloaded from web-site of JAEA
- In principle, presented papers will be included in JAEA-conf under approval of the authors
- Papers included in the special issue of PHYSOR2014 from JNST will be excluded

## **Best Poster Award**

- William Boyd, Nathan Gibson, Samuel Shaner, et al.,
   "PINSPEC: A Monte Carlo Code for Pin Cell Spectral Calculations for Educational Applications"
- Tsuyoshi Misawa, Takahiro Yagi, Cheol Ho Pyeon,
   "Measurement of Subcriticality Using Delayed Neutron Source Combined with Pulsed Neutron Accelerator"
- Toshihiro Yamamoto, "Void Transit Time Calculations by Neutron Noise of Propagating Perturbation Using Complex-Valued Weight Monte Carlo"

# **Best Student Paper Award**

- Andrew T. Till, Jim E. Morel, and Marvin L. Adams, "A Generalized Multigroup Method Based on Finite Elements"
- Wim Uyttenhove, P.Baeten, A.Kochetkov, et al. "Static Modal Analysis of the Current-to-Flux Subcriticality Monitor for Accelerator-Driven Systems"
- Nicholas Horelik, Benoit Forget, Kord Smith, "Domain Decomposition and Terabyte Tallies with the OpenMC Monte Carlo Neutron Transport Code"

## Summary

- PHYSOR2014 has been successfully carried out from the technical and financial point of views.
- Many thanks to:
- ANS RPD and other societies/organizations
- Financial co-sponsors, exhibitors
- Technical program co-chairs
- Track leaders/session co-chairs
- Technical program committee members
- Paper contributors
- Attendees from all over the world

## RPD PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

2:00 – 4:00 pm, Sunday, November 9, 2014 ANS Winter Meeting, Anaheim, California Disneyland Hotel, Amazon Room

- Rabiti called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.
- Abdel-Khalik has been designated as the Minutes-Taker.
- Rabiti overviewed the roster of new and current members.
- Rabiti overviewed the special sessions for the summer ANS meeting. Among the
  attendees were Mahgerefteh who presented his special session on fuel reliability,
  and Heidet on small modular reactors. Both confirmed that they have recruited
  contributors to submit summaries to their sessions.
- Rabiti requested proposals for special session for the Winter 2015 meeting. The following special sessions have been proposed:
  - O Abdel-Khalik proposed a session on uncertainty quantification. Given that this session has been proposed consistently over the past 6 years, a request has been made to turn it into a permanent RPD session. No objections were made to this request. Abdel-Khalik will discuss with MCD to cosponsor this session as a permanent session.
  - Yang proposed a session on fast reactors technology.
  - o Clarno proposed a session on whole core radiation transport.
- Rabiti reported that RPD has 59 summaries presented at the Anaheim meeting.
- Six papers were nominated for best paper award based on the initial technical review. Abdel-Khalik explained the process for judging best paper to attendees, and recruited volunteers to judge the presentations given at the meeting.
- Yamamoto gave an overview of the PHYSOR 2014 meeting held in Kyoto Japan.
- None of the attendees had information to share with the committee on the PHYSOR 2016 meeting.
- Ellis discussed an ANS request to hold the 2018 PHYSOR meeting at a hotel in Charlotte to help ANS avoid paying attrition penalties incurred for not meeting the contract obligations for the April 2014 ICAPP meeting.
  - o Attrition penalties are reported in the neighborhood of 150K.
  - o The RPD budget for past year is reported to be 72K.
  - A question was raised on whether the local ANS chapter in Charlotte is willing to take charge of organizing the PHYSOR 2018 meeting if RPD honors ANS's request.
  - o Representative of the ANS local chapter in Charlotte declared that the chapter is willing to support but not lead the organization of the meeting.

- They are willing to cover some of the logistical issues; however the chapter is not willing to take charge of the bid.
- A question was raised on whether this request could provide an opportunity for RPD to be directly involved (lead) the organization of the PHYSOR meeting instead of the local ANS chapter. Concerns were raised about the effort level required of RPD to take on such responsibility.
- o Klann has given background information to the committee on the situation and provided cost information for the Charlotte hotel, requested by ANS to be the venue for the PHYSOR 2018 meeting. He also discussed the potential losses to ANS if RPD does not honor ANS's request.
- o An ANS meeting organizer invited by Klann has shared historical figures on hotel cost in the Charlotte area for several past ANS functions.
- O He also discussed potential incentives that ANS is willing to provide to RPD upon approval of their request. These incentives include waiver of the cost of the review process, ANS HQ participation in the organization of the meeting if the local ANS chapter in Charlotte is not willing/capable of organizing the meeting, RPD's share of the meeting's revenue is open to negotiation.
- o Rampal requested a poll on whether the RPD should honor ANS's request. A split poll of 10 for and 9 against was recorded.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm