European Nuclear Society – Young Generation Network

Career development in a challenging environment – Why Young Generation Networks are essential

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Whom/What are we?

- First YG network created 1994 in Sweden
  - Created by the late ABB ATOM CEO -Jan Runermark
- 1995 part of European Nuclear Society (ENS)
- Today – Umbrella organisation for 24 member countries in Europe and WIN, WNA and IAEA

- A unique platform that isn't found in any other industry
Austria’s attitude

• ~ 80 – 90 % oppose nuclear strongly
• No nuclear industry – Zwentendorf referendum
• Atominstitut with TRIGA reactor is an island in the storm
  – Helmuth Böck
• Don’t talk openly about nuclear in public
Career development with Network

- 2009 – started as board member in network
  - Many activities: 2010 visit of Olkiluoto 3, participation to ENS YGN, school days
- 2010 chair of Austrian YGN
- 2013 Co – chair of ENS YGN
- 2014 – Manager of Interim Storage in Austria
- 2015 – Chair of ENS YGN
What do we do?

- Knowledge transfer
  - Build bridges between generations
  - Inspire and train future leaders
- Network platform
  - Access to a network of 20,000 scientists over Europe
  - Exchange ideas, share information and knowledge
  - Build relationships regardless of demography - nationally and internationally
  - YGN stands for bringing together all the national YGNs at European level, thus forming tomorrow’s leader for a global business
What do we do?

• YGN stands for opening up topical seminars, conferences and other technical meetings to young people.
• YGN stands for adapting the agendas to reflect the needs of young people and to ensure a proper transfer of skills.
• ENYGF is held every 2 years
  • ENYGF 2015 in Paris – *Nuclear and Environment*
  • ENYGF 2017 in Manchester UK – *Nuclear Innovation and the Path Ahead*
Questions we are raising?

- How is men-to-women ratio in our industry?
- How many women/men under 40 are in a decision making position
- How does the relationship works between the industries "norms and values" in comparison with the our norms and values?
- Nuclear for Climate Initiative
Next step
New challenges and questions to be raised

- Communication and transparency
- Nuclear waste and waste management
- Learning from our mistakes
- Credibility - Financial models we can deliver within

“We live today and now, we will do so for every day into the future. Hence, I’m therefore more interested in tomorrow than yesterday”

- Unknown, but well known
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