

International Conference on Geological Repositories ICGR 2016

Continued Engagement and Safe Implementation
6-9 December 2016, Paris, France

Worldwide consensus exists within the international community that geological repositories provide the necessary long-term safety and security to isolate long-lived radioactive waste from the human environment over long timescales. It is also feasible to construct these repositories using current technologies. However, proving the technical merits and safety of repositories, while satisfying societal and political requirements, has been a challenge in many countries.

Building upon the success of previous conferences held in Denver (1999), Stockholm (2003), Berne (2007) and Toronto (2012), ICGR 2016 brings together high-level decision-makers from regulatory and local government bodies, waste management organisations and public stakeholder communities to review current perspectives of geological repository development. The 2016 conference on continued engagement and the safe implementation of geological repositories is designed to promote information and experience sharing, particularly in policy development, regulatory frameworks – in relation to repository safety, planning and the implementation of repository programmes with societal involvement – and ongoing work within different international organisations.

Objectives

- To take stock of progress since 2012 in developing and implementing geological repositories for long-lived radioactive waste, and to advance mutual learning through this international forum for the exchange of perspectives and experiences.
- To examine the latest issues and challenges encountered by various stakeholders in different developmental stages by sharing experiences among countries developing geological repositories.
- To consider the social, political, scientific and economic aspects of geological repositories so as to advance understanding of the complexity of implementing geological repositories.

Programme

6 December

Registration and welcome reception

7-8 December

Welcome address.

- **Session 1: National Geological Repository Projects**
Status of national geological repository projects
Panel discussion on progress achieved
- **Session 2: Cigéo, the French Geological Repository Project**
- **Session 3: Dialogue between Stakeholders**
Role and involvement of stakeholders at different stages
Panel discussion on the relationship with stakeholders
- **Session 4: The Added Value of International Co-operation for the Safe Implementation of Geological Repository Projects**
- **Session 5: Stocktaking**
- **Session 6: Summary and Closing**

9 December

Site visit – Bure or Centre de l'Aube

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Registration

- Online registration at www.icgr2016.org
- Registration fee: EUR 285

Key dates

- 1 June 2016 Registration and exhibit application open
- 31 July 2016 End of exhibit application
- 30 September 2016 Final programme issued
- 31 October 2016 End of registration
- 6-9 December 2016 Conference

Venue

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