

2004 Work Plan of RCARO

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1. The year of 2004

-The 2nd Anniversary of RCARO establishment. The RCARO was officially opened on 27 March 2002 in Korea-

- RCARO will carry out more enhanced activities to fulfill the mandate given by the Member States
- RCARO will make more efforts to give RCARO a legal personality. The RCA Resolution adopted by the 32nd RCA General Conference in Vienna in September 2003 will be the basis for such endeavor. However, on a long-range, it will be necessary to amend the RCA Agreement or to conclude a separate Supplementary Agreement on the establishment and operation of the RCARO in Korea.

2. Mandate of RCARO given by MSs

Basically, two main mandates have been given to RCARO by the Member States.

- To increase RCA awareness, i.e., to increase RCA visibility
- To promote RCA partnerships, i.e., to promote RCA viability

In addition, RCARO will also carry out other directives given by the Member States.

Focuses are placed on 1) RCA awareness increasing programmes and 2) RCA partnership promoting programmes.

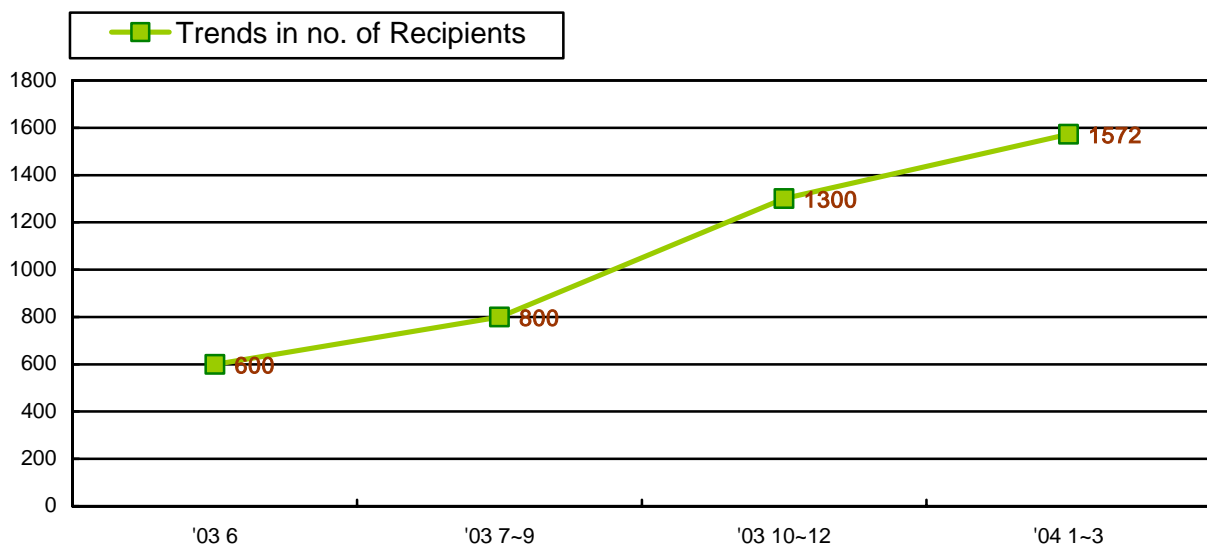
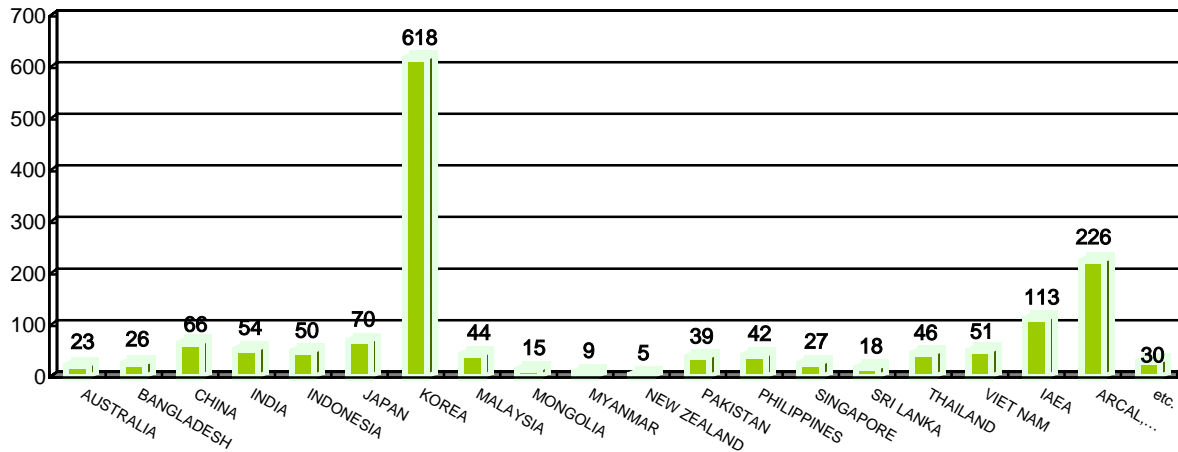
At the same time, the RCARO will make continued endeavors on building operational basis of the RCARO.

3. RCA Awareness Increasing Programme

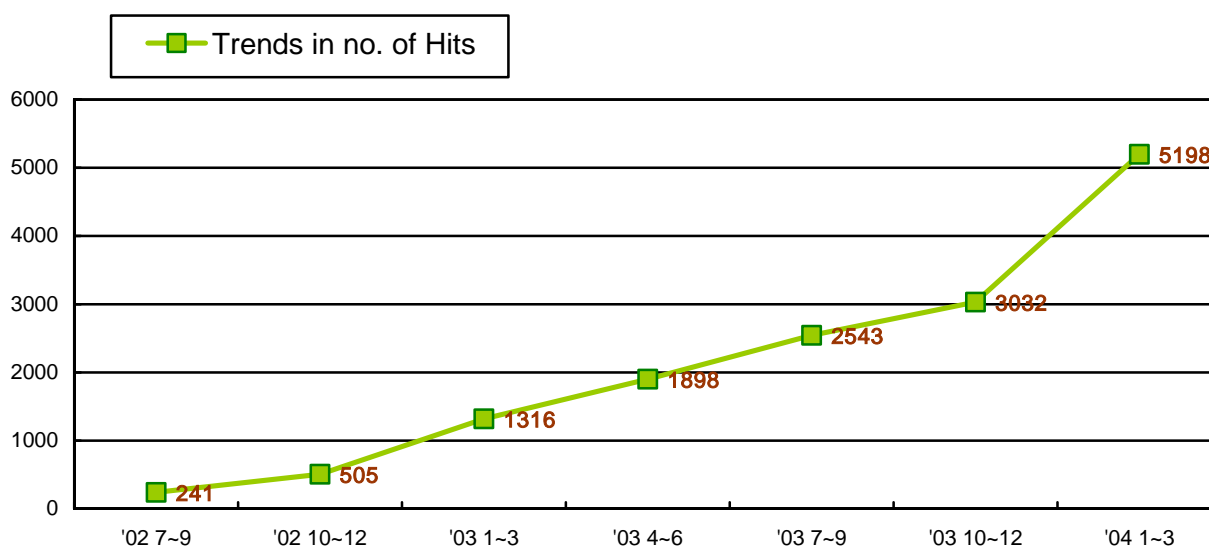
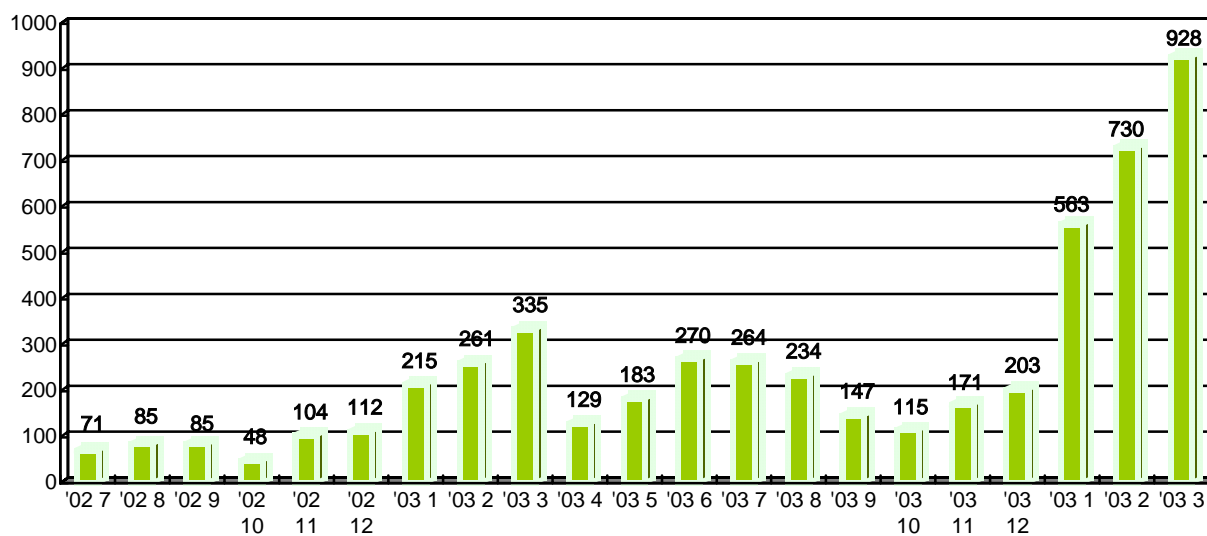
A. Enhancement of RCA information flow

- Upgrade RCARO website (Installed an independent web-server in January 2003)
- Expand RCARO emailing service (now more than 1,570 recipients at home and abroad)
- Support high-tech computers to Member States for exclusive use of RCA affairs and in preparation for future need for ENO (In March 2004, each two sets of 3.0 Ghz desktops with 17 inch LCD monitors and 1 set of laser printer have been supported to BGD, MYA, SRL and PHI.)

* E-mail service recipients



* Number of hits on RCARO website



B. Presentations & Publications

(1) Presentations, briefing meetings, lectures, press release, etc.

- Briefing meetings for diplomatic missions of RCA Member States stationed in Korea, nuclear related industries including cancer research hospitals, academic institutions, etc.
- Presentations for RCA event participants (regional training courses/workshops), other participants for international/regional meetings, etc.
- Seminars for RCA project participants

- Presentation meetings with RCA project participants and other stakeholders in Member States (2002: THA, 2003: VIE)
- Press conferences, press release and contributing articles to nuclear related magazines
- RCARO plans to organize a workshop in June 2004 for RCA hand-on staff (working-level who directly support the National RCA Representatives), one person from each Member State, to promote understanding about RCA mechanisms. Invited lectures are planned. Travel and living expenses for the participants will be borne by RCARO. National RCA Representatives are supposed to nominate the participants.

(2) Publication of RCA Information Materials

- Publication of 'All about RCA' information kit in a CD-Rom. This will be used for all RCA stakeholders, in particular, for the RCA events participants, preferably before they are participating. The CD-Rom will consist of four parts. Part I will be the presentation about RCA by power point. Part II will be the supplementary explanations with appropriate photos and diagrams over the power point presentation. Part III will be background documents, such as the RCA Agreement, the RCA Rules and Operating Guidelines, etc. Part IV will be RCA related glossaries. RCARO plans to complete the production before September General Conference after careful review and proof-readings by RCARO Advisory Committee members and the current Chair.
- Publication of RCA Success Stories. The 25th RCA NRM in Colombo agreed it in 2003 that RCARO would undertake publication of RCA Success Stories during the past 5 some years. RCARO is waiting for conveying RCA success stories by the Lead Country Coordinators of the thematic sectors. When gathered and compiled, RCARO hopes to publish the RCA Success Stories in late 2004. The booklet will contribute to increase RCA potentials to the development partners and the general public as well.
- Publication of RCARO Brochure. After valuable comments and advice from the RCARO AC members (particularly AUL, IND and PHI), RCARO has published its brochure. The booklet mainly covers how nuclear technology can contribute to solving problems the region faces and the RCA achievements. Of course, it was needed to clarify and define what were the RCA achievements and what are the potentials. This task will be the next challenge the Member States should undertake for better presenting the RCA.

- RCARO will also prepare a survey report on the radiation application in the region to enable RCA project participants to maintain a closer relationship with the end-users and further construct network linkage among the end-users for information exchange. For the study and survey, RCARO will invite two experts from Member States for work at RCARO for 4 months beginning from late May 2004 (SRL and INS). RCARO will continue to invite experts from Member States in the future.
- RCARO will construct a database on radiation applications end-users in the region to help developing friendly and useful relationships between the end-users and the nuclear R&D institutes.

4. RCA Partnership Promoting Programme

A. International Organizations

- UNESCAP: A forum on the hazardous waste management among experts from RCA and ESCAP is planned in the first part of 2005. This will be a stepping-stone for RCA to associate with international development partners. The forum aims to identify what areas RCA can take part in the ESCAP programme. LC for Environment is hoped to lead the forum. RCARO will logistically support the forum.
- APCTT (Asia Pacific Center for Technology Transfer): Initial contact was made between RCARO and APCTT for possible joint project. The New Delhi based APCTT suggested informally a joint project to develop strategy on technology transfer from R&D institutions to the end-users. RCA is needed to present its achievements and potentials to APCTT.
- UNU (United Nations University): As part of RCARO's initiation for nuclear knowledge preservation and enhancement, RCARO is now attempting to organize a joint academic course. Preliminary thought was a course on nuclear technology and the environment. In May RCARO will visit UNU for more discussion.
- RCARO is further making contacts with other international development partners, such as UNDP, UNEP and APO, for possible participation of RCA in their projects.

B. Nuclear Related R&D Institutes

- Korea's Nuclear R&D Institutes: KAERI (Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute), KINS (Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety) and KIRAMS (Korea Institute of Radiological and Medical Sciences) have been accepting post-doc fellows from

RCA Member States. The institutes are supporting travel and living expenses for the fellows and provide every possible supervise on the post-doc courses.

- Academic Institutes: KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology) has been hosting nuclear engineering master's degree course from 2003 spring semester. RCARO is pleased to report that this MS course is gaining wider acclamation from the Member States.
- Medical Institutes: KIRAMS (Korea Institute of Radiological & Medical Sciences) A cooperative project is now being carried out between VAEC and KIRAMS to transfer Co-60 cancer treatment unit to VIE (503 hospital in Ho Chi Minh city). It is a donation from Seoul Catholic Hospital. Expected installation will be October 2004.

C. Korea International Cooperation Agency

- KOICA joined as a partner of RCARO project and financially supported the Nuclear Medicine Internship Training Course. The first such course was held in October in 2003 with 14 participants from RCA Member States. The second course will be held in October 2004 with 16 participants from RCA Member States. Furthermore, RCARO is now planning to secure budget to initiate advanced NDT lecturer's course and radiation safety school (lecturer's course) from 2005. RCARO will consult with relevant LCCs to prepare the final proposal to report the Meeting of National RCA Representatives for recognition and endorsement.
- RCARO plans to arrange expert missions by Korea to Member States on specific areas, such as energy policy establishment.

D. Nuclear Related Industries

- To consult on donation to host workshop or exhibitions, etc.

5. Building Operational Basis of RCARO

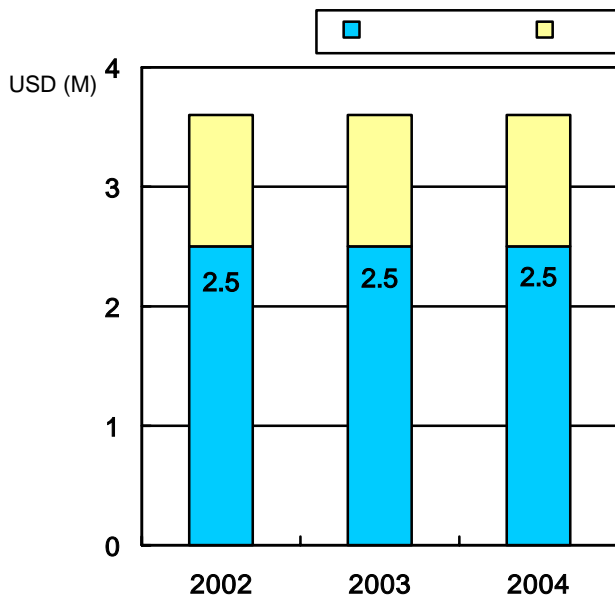
A. Budget and Staff

- RCARO made every effort to increase the operational budget. (\$0.4 M in 2002, \$0.48 M in 2003, \$0.57 M in 2004) Fortunately, the RCARO could also secure budget to invite 2 temporary staffs from 2 MSs. RCARO will continue to secure budget for recruiting regular staff from MSs in the future.

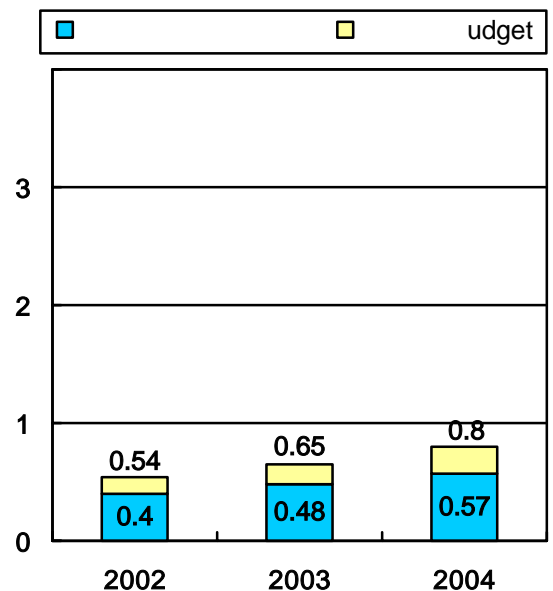
B. Legal Provisions

- Consultations are being made between MOFAT (Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade) and RCARO on recognizing the RCARO as an independent legal personality.
- Operation of RCARO Advisory Committee (Interim) during the interim operational period (until March 2005): The AC has been reconstituted by joining PHI as a new member substituting BGD. Before the end of interim operation, a board-type committee shall be constituted. Details of the new Committee will be discussed by the current AC.
- Operation of the Selection Committee (SC) for a new Director of RCARO: As of end of March, the SC was constituted with following members that were recommended by the current AC. Mr John Easey (AUL), Mr Anil Kumar Anand (IND), Ms Corazon Bernido (PHI), Mr Chung-Won Cho (ROK) and Mr M P Dias (IAEA). It is planned that the first meeting will be held in Korea in early June. The Committee will develop terms and conditions for a new Director.

* Trends in RCA Related Budgets



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