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INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**



MEETING REPORT OF
THE 25th RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Room M0E23, M Building
IAEA Headquarters, Austria

14 September 2017
14:00-17:00

Introduction

The 25th RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held in the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on September 14, 2017 prior to the 46th RCA GCM. The participants were Mr. Jafar Sadique (Current RCA Chair, NR of BGD), Mr. Mazibur Rahman (BAEC), Mr. Hong-hwa Jung and Ms. Eunji Chang (KONICOF) on behalf of the Mr. Chung Won Lee (NR of ROK, Immediate next RCA Chair), representatives of the IAEA, Ms Najat Mokhtar (Director of Division for Asia and Pacific), Mr. Oscar Acuna (Section Head of Division of Asia and Pacific Section 1) and Mr. Sinh Hoang (RCA Focal Person). Mr. Mavag Chadraabal (Immediate past RCA Chair, NR of MON) could not attend the meeting due to other commitment.

The RCARO served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting and was represented by the Director Mr. Hai Joo Moon, Ms. Hyun-kyoung Jeon, Ms. Soo-youn Hwang and Mr. Hyun Min Kim.

1. Opening Remarks by the RCA Chair (BGD)

Mr. Jafar Sadique the Current RCA Chair opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants. He wished a fruitful meeting and expressed appreciation to the RCARO for its contributions.

2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of a Rapporteur

The agenda items were reviewed and adopted with no amendment. The RCARO was appointed as a rapporteur.

The SAC agreed to adopt the draft agenda with no amendment and appointed the RCARO as a rapporteur.

3. Mid-term Review and Discussion on the Major Issues of the RCARO activities

3.1. Participation in regional and international conferences and exhibitions to increase the RCA awareness and partnership

The SAC was informed of the RCARO's participation in the following two events in 2017;

- International Conference on the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme held on 30 May – 1 June 2017, Vienna, Austria
- World Nuclear & Radiation Expo held on 7-9 June 2017, Seoul, Korea

The SAC was also informed of the RCARO's participation in the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Summit on Environment held on 5-8 September 2017, Bangkok, Thailand to exhibit the benefits of radiation technologies and promote the RCA and its activities.

The SAC was briefed with the survey result on regional/international conferences to be held in 2018 and was requested to advise on possible conferences for the RCARO's promotional activities in 2018.

The SAC took note of the RCARO's participation in international conferences and exhibitions in 2017 and appreciated the RCARO's support and efforts on the promotional

activities.

The SAC recommended that NRs endorse the RCARO to participate in the two conferences in 2018; 12th Congress of the World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology (20-24 April 2018, Melbourne, Australia) and Global South-South Development Expo (October, 2018, venue To Be Decided).

3.2. Promotion of the RCA on the occasion of the International Conference on the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme

The SAC was briefed with the RCARO's support for the promotion of RCA during the International Conference on the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme: Sixty Years and Beyond – Contributing to Development, held on 30 May to 1 June 2017, in the IAEA headquarters.

The RCARO set up a booth to display the achievements and impact of TC Programme in the RCA Region and participated in the Plenary Session 3: Taking a Regional Approach – Cooperation on Common Development Issues as a panellist.

The SAC appreciated the RCARO's efforts for the RCA exhibition during the International Conference on the IAEA TC Programme: Sixty Years and Beyond – Contributing to Development in 2017.

3.3. Support of the RCA experts for increasing the awareness and promotion of the RCA

The SAC was briefed on the RCARO's support for four RCA experts (BGD, INS, THA and VIE) in 2017 in their RCA promotional activities at international conferences.

For the next cycle, the RCARO presented the SAC with a summary of received nominees and a shortlist of two candidates (INS and MAL) for its review.

The SAC took note of the RCARO's support for the RCA experts in their RCA promotional activities at relevant conferences in 2017, and agreed to select the two candidates (INS and MAL) for the next cycle.

Noting the successful implementation of the Programme, the SAC encouraged RCARO to seek possibilities to expand the Programme in the future.

3.4. Implementation of RAS/6/083 on Improving Patient Care and Enhancing Government Parties Capacity in Nuclear Medicine Programs in RCA region

The SAC was informed of the progress made and activities undertaken in RAS6083 in which the RCARO is taking the role of LCC. According to the 2017 work plan, a project review meeting and an expert mission to BGD were completed in February. The SAC took note of plans for four expert missions (PHI, INS, MAL and THA) in 2017 and the progress of an e-

learning module development.

The SAC took note of the activities undertaken by the RCARO under RAS6083.

3.5. Implementation of the RCA/UNOSSC Project on Electron Beam Applications

The RCARO reported on the activities under the RCA/UNOSSC Project on Electron Beam Applications (Phase 2). The project coordination meeting was held on 10-11 May, Phuket, Thailand involving 24 participants from 15 participating countries. The SAC was also briefed with the outcomes of the RTC held on 13-21 July 2017 for 14 trainees from 13 participating countries and plans for the two expert missions in 2017 (MYA and MAL).

The SAC took note of the progress made under the RCA/UNOSSC Project in 2017.

3.6. RCARO Managed Project: Implementation of a Research Project to accommodate needs of Government Parties

The SAC was informed of the progress made for the implementation of Research Project under the RCARO Managed Project, specifically on the review of proposals by the Research Review Committee (RRC). According to the evaluation report by the RRC and recommendations made by the SAC, the proposal on Air Pollution (INS) was revised for further improvement to be forwarded to the 25th SAC and the 46th GCM for its approval. The RCARO also reported a revised procedure for development of the RP, reflecting recommendation of the RRC to efficiently involve the technical input of experts.

The SAC took note of the progress made for the implementation of the Research Project under RCARO Managed Project.

The SAC recommended the 46th GCM to review and approve the proposal on Air Pollution (INS) and the revised procedure for the Research Project.

3.7. Holding of an IAEA/RCARO/KINS joint training course on radiation safety for countries with no radiation safety infrastructure

The RCARO reported on the IAEA/RCARO/KINS Joint Training Course on Radiation Safety that was held from 12 to 16 June, 2017, in Daejeon Korea. The course invited 40 participants, 10 of which were from the RCA GPs and supported by the RCARO. It was noted that 91% of the participants showed satisfaction with the course.

The SAC complimented the RCARO for holding IAEA/RCARO/KINS Joint Training Course on radiation safety and encouraged RCARO to continue the programme.

3.8. Holding of the RCARO/KIRAMS joint training courses on radiation safety in nuclear medicine and radiation therapy

The RCARO reported on the RCARO/KIRAMS Joint Training Course on Safety of Cyclotron based Radiopharmaceuticals which was held on 10-14 July, 2017, Seoul, Korea, inviting 14 experts. The participants showed 40% increase of scores on understanding of the

topics and 92% satisfaction of the training.

The SAC noted the RCARO's plan for RCARO/KIRAMS Joint Training Course on Safety of Radiotherapy to be held from 16 to 20 October 2017.

The SAC appreciated the RCARO for holding the RCARO/KIRAMS Joint Training Course on Safety of Cyclotron based Radiopharmaceuticals and took note of a plan for a Joint Training Course on the Safety of Radiotherapy scheduled in October 2017.

3.9. Other Matters

The SAC was informed of the RCARO's other activities: Supporting the IAEA for RCA administrative matters; Organizing the 2nd joint WG meeting on execution of the RCA MTS 2018-2023; Upload of Pre-concepts on the RCA website for 2020-2021 RCA Programme; Inviting temporary staff from the Government Parties to the RCARO; RCARO/KAERI regional training workshop; RCARO KAIST Nuclear Engineering Master's Degree Course.

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Regarding the RCARO's support to the IAEA, the SAC highly appreciated the RCARO's assistance in the preparation of the 46th GCM and coordination of the meetings of Working Groups on execution of the RCA MTS 2018-2023 and encouraged the RCARO to continue assisting the IAEA in its secretariat functions.

4. Arrangement for the 26th SAC Meeting

The Meeting was informed that the 26th RCARO SAC Meeting would be held on the day prior to the 40th RCA NRM which is planned to be held in Korea.

5. Closing

The Chair of the Meeting thanked all the SAC members for their advice and recommendations given to the RCARO.