

Meeting Report

The 10th RCARO SAC Meeting

Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines

26 April 2010

Introduction

The 10th RCARO Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting was held on 26 April 2010 at the New World Hotel in Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines, prior to the 32nd RCA National Representative Meeting (NRM). The participants were as below:

- Ms. Alumanda Dela Rosa (PHI, current RCA Chair)
- Mr. Naoto Otsuka participating on behalf of Mr. Arai Tsutomu, JPN, immediate past RCA Chair
- Mr. Anhar Riza Antariksawan (INS, immediate next RCA Chair)
- Mr. Jae Shik Shin (ROK, host country of RCARO) and
- Mr. Prinath Dias (IAEA/RCA Focal Person)

Mr. Maeng-Ho Yang and Mr. Won Pyo Jung participated as members of Korean delegation. Mr. Xu Zhenhua representing CPR participated as observer. The RCARO functioned as secretariat of the meeting. The RCARO participants were Mr. Mun-Ki Lee, Mr. Jin-Hyung Kim and Ms. Mihyun Jang.

1. Opening Remarks

Ms. Dela Rosa, Chair of the SAC, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants to the Meeting. She invited Mr. Otsuka to deliver the opening remarks of the former Chair.

1.1 Remarks of the Outgoing Chair, JPN

Mr. Otsuka participating on behalf of Mr. Tsutomu delivered Mr. Tsutomu's apology for not being able to participate in the SAC meeting. He wished RCARO the best in developing further cooperation between RCA and RCARO.

1.2 Remarks of the Incoming Chair, PHI

Having been a strong supporter for RCARO since the beginning, Ms. Dela Rosa commented that RCARO had been contributing to the enhancement of visibility and viability of the RCA activities with the funding support required for the region.

She welcomed Mr. Anhar, the NR of INS, Mr. Shin, the NR of ROK, and Mr. Dias, the IAEA/RCA focal person.

1.3 Appointment of Rapporteur

The Meeting appointed Ms. Mihyun Jang as rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

After a brief review of the task, the draft agenda was adopted without any amendments.

The meeting agreed to adopt the draft agenda.

3. RCARO 2009 Work Performance

The SAC noted that the 2009 work performance was circulated before the meeting and RCARO asked the SAC for their comments. The SAC confirmed that all the commitments for 2009 had been successfully delivered and congratulated RCARO for the achievements made in 2009. With regards to consolidating RCA web sites, RCARO reported Malaysia data had been incorporated into the RCARO website providing one source to look at for all RCA data. The SAC agreed to further discuss the subject in the 2010 work plan.

The SAC expressed its appreciation to RCARO for the successful work done and evaluated RCARO 2009 performance as satisfactory.

4. RCARO 2010 Work Plan

The SAC agreed to focus on the major issues of the 2010 Work Plan of RCARO as the plan had been circulated to all members of NRs in advance.

5. Discussions on the Major Issues from the 2010 Work Plan

The SAC decided to focus on the main issues and the recommendations.

5.1 Publication of RCA Success Stories

The SAC reviewed the printed samples of the RCA success stories, 4 leaflets and 1 booklet prepared by RCARO; evaluated them as satisfactory; and appreciated the efforts RCARO has made. The SAC recommended the printed samples be submitted to the NRM for final approval.

With regard to the future publication of the success stories, requirement of a clear process and a time frame in place for the development of success stories were discussed, and Radiotherapy was recommended as a potential candidate for success story.

The SAC was satisfied with the printed samples and agreed to submit them to the NRM for final approval.

The SAC recommended the Radiotherapy area as the 4th success story in a booklet form.

5.2 Production of RCA Promotional Materials

The SAC recognized the effort and the good work done by RCARO for the 3rd RCA brochure, and also expressed appreciations to Dr. Dias and Dr. Easey for the editorial and guidance support to make it happen. A step wise approach was recommended due to the nature of video production.

The SAC shared the common view of the necessities of a promotional video and recognized the importance of its contents with inputs from the member states.

The SAC agreed on the RCARO's proposal of a video production, and recommended to submit a storyline proposal upon the 32nd NRM's approval.

The SAC emphasized that the supports from the NRs such as necessary input materials were essential.

5.3 Presentation on RCA/RCARO Programmes to the Target Audience

The SAC was informed of the 3 main events: 2010 China/Shanghai International Isotope and Radiation Processing New Progress on Symposium from June 11- 13, 2010, WNU School on Radioisotopes in Korea from May 15 - June 4, 2010, and Nuclear Power Plant

Technology and Safety in June 17 – 18, 2010 in Hanoi. The SAC advised that the intent of the event should be checked if they provide both parties mutual benefits and also asked the RCARO to send the presentation materials for the SAC review before the presentations. The SAC advised RCARO to ask NRs for the information on the relevant events in order to further increase RCA visibility.

The SAC agreed on the presentation plan. The meeting plans and the information of the events were recommended to be circulated to all NRs.
The presentation materials should be sent to the SAC prior to the events for review.

5.4 Development of a Strategy for Effective and Successful Communication

The SAC reviewed the draft of the publicity strategy developed by RCARO in accordance with the Implementation Plan of the MTS (2012-2017) approved by the 38th GCM, and complemented on the outcome. The SAC advised that the refinement of the draft would be necessary for the GCM submission.

The SAC recommended that the refined publicity strategy be presented in the 39th GCM for approval.

5.5 RCA/UNDP Partnership Project on Post-Tsunami Environment Impact Assessment

The SAC acknowledged the successful completion of the project and agreed on the RCARO proposal to make it a candidate of success story in a leaflet form.

The SAC expressed its appreciation for the successful completion of the project, agreed on the RCARO's proposal to develop a success story out of the project, and recommended RCARO to submit the proposal to NRM.

5.6 RCARO development of Partnership Project with UNDP

The SAC was briefed on the latest progress and future plan of the partnership development. The SAC advised that any revision to the concept papers approved at the 38th GCM in order to meet the UNDP requirement be checked if there are any possibilities of overlap with RCA projects.

The SAC stressed the importance of prioritizing partnership projects in line with the RCA strategic area such as climate change and requested RCARO to make efforts continuously for the two candidate projects, Promoting and Accelerating New Evolving Nuclear Nano-Molecular Imaging Technologies and Related Cyclotron Technologies in the Region and Electron Beam Applications to Treatment of Environmental Pollutants, to be eligible for UNDP funding.

The RCARO was advised to consult the PLCCs of the relevant projects to ensure that there is no overlap.

5.7 Exploring Partnership with International Funding Sources

The SAC was informed of the RCARO study for exploring partnership, and appreciated the efforts made. The SAC stressed that RCARO efforts should be in line with RCA strategies in identifying funding sources and potential partnership projects.

The SAC encouraged RCARO efforts to seek potential funding sources for partnership projects contributing to the socio-economic development in the RCA Member States.

5.8 Cooperation with FNCA

As decided at the 38th GCM that the RCARO participated in the 11th FNCA Coordinators Meeting in March 2010 in Tokyo, Japan where three cooperative areas (Radiation processing of natural polymers, Radiation therapy and Mutation breeding) were considered. In this event, FNCA not only agreed to exchange information by participating each other's meetings, but proposed RCA to participate in the Natural Polymers testing organized by the FNCA.

The SAC took notes of the RCARO report. The recommendation from the SAC was to avoid any cooperation outside the current scope due to financial constraints, and to continue further collaboration with FNCA within the previously agreed scope of information exchange.

5.9 Enhanced Information Service of RCA Website

The SAC was briefed on the completed incorporation of MOH data into the RCARO website, redesign plan of the website for user friendliness, data updated on RCA stakeholders, and further collection plan of stakeholder data.

The SAC was informed all the MOH was open to the general public for the purpose of on line demo at this NRM.

The SAC praised the RCARO's effort for the successful incorporation of the Malaysia MOH data into the RCARO website, and recommended to manage the MOH data to be limited for the members only in accordance with the previous NRM decisions on RCA websites.

With regards to the open access of MOH to the general public, The SAC recommended RCARO to make a proposal to the next GCM for its decision.

5.10 Holding a Workshop on Enhancing RCARO Interactions with Member States

The SAC members expressed their keen interest in participating in the workshop, and asked RCARO to send the detailed information in due course.

6. Other Matter

None

7. Arrangement for the next 11th SAC Meeting

It was noted that the 11th RCARO SAC meeting would be held on the day prior to the 39th RCA GCM in September 2010.

8. Closing

The Chair thanked all those who contributed to the success of the Meeting and declared the Meeting closed.