



**REGIONAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY**

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**MEETING REPORT OF**  
**THE 13<sup>TH</sup> RCARO STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting Room A2712  
IAEA Headquarters  
Vienna, Austria

15 September 2011  
15:30-18:00h

## **Introduction**

The 13<sup>th</sup> RCA Regional Office Standing Advisory Committee Meeting was held at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on 15 September 2011, prior to the 40<sup>th</sup> RCA GCM. The participants were Mr. Anhar Riza Antariksawan (Current RCA Chair, INS NR), Ms. Alumanda Dela Rosa (Immediate past RCA Chair, PHI NR), Mr. Li Sen on behalf of NR of CPR (Immediate next RCA Chair), Mr. Chang-ho Park on behalf of NR of ROK, and Mr. Kesrat Sukasam (RCA Focal Person, IAEA).

The RCARO, represented by Director Mr. Mun-Ki Lee, Mr. Maeng-Ho Yang and Ms. Hyunyoung Jeon, served as the secretariat of the SAC Meeting.

### **1. Opening Remarks by the RCA Chair (INS)**

The RCA Chair, Mr. Anhar Riza Antariksawan, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants. He expressed appreciation to the RCARO for its accomplishment to increase visibility and viability of RCA.

### **2. Adoption of the Agenda and Appointment of Rapporteur**

After a brief review of the tasks ahead of the Meeting, the provisional Agenda was adopted with slight amendment and Ms. Hyunyoung Jeon was appointed as rapporteur.

### **3. Discussions on the Major Issues Concerning RCARO**

#### **3.1. Publication of the RCA Success Stories**

The SAC was informed of the status of the publication of Success Story on Radiotherapy, which is ready for distribution, proposed mechanism for the preparation of publication of the RCA Success Stories and the proposed topics for the next publication.

The SAC complimented RCARO for the publication of the booklet of Radiotherapy. The SAC agreed on the mechanism for the publication of the Success Stories for approval by the 40<sup>th</sup> GCM, and requested the inclusion of indicative time frame.

The SAC endorsed the proposed topics for the 5<sup>th</sup> batch of Success Stories for approval by the 40<sup>th</sup> GCM.

#### **3.2. Production of RCA Promotional Video**

The RCARO briefed about the final version of the promotional video which reflected the opinions of the Member States.

The SAC highly commended the RCARO's efforts for the production of the RCA promotional video and agreed on the demonstration of the RCA promotional video at the 40<sup>th</sup> GCM.

#### **3.3. Implementation of RCA/UNDP Project-Promoting Nuclear Medicine Imaging Technology**

The SAC was briefed on the progress made in the RCA/UNDP partnership project on promoting and accelerating nuclear SPECT/PET imaging technologies in the region.

Based on the progress report from the NPCs participated in the project, RCARO will prepare the annual report to submit to the UNDP.

The SAC took note of the progress of the RCA/UNDP partnership project, and requested RCARO to report on the progress of the RCA/UNDP project during the next NRM.

#### **3.4. Application of RCA/UNDP Project Proposal-Electron Beam Applications**

The SAC was also informed of the status of the application of the electron beam project and concern about finding of possible LCCs on the project.

The SAC took note of the status of proposal on the electron beam and advised RCARO to follow the RCA GOR especially the involvement of non RCA Member States.

#### **3.5 Renewal of RCA Website**

The RCARO reported on the renewal of RCA website reflecting the opinions from the 33<sup>rd</sup> NRM and the Member States, and the SAC highly commended for RCARO's efforts for the new website. The RCARO cited the significant contribution of temp staff from MAL and PAK in the development of the website. The SAC also thanked MAL for providing the MOH data to RCARO.

The SAC expressed appreciations to the RCARO for successfully launching the new RCA website and encouraged Member States to visit and use the website.

#### **3.6. Participation in Regional and International Conferences to Increase RCA Awareness and Partnership**

The RCARO reported to the Meeting on RCARO's participation in international conferences and events to raise awareness of RCA: 9<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Congress of Medical Physics on 16-19 November 2011 in Bohol, Philippines and UNDP Global South-South Expo on 5-9 December 2011 in Rome, Italy.

The RCARO requested the NRs to provide the information on the event for RCARO to attend in the future. The SAC requested RCARO to share more information on the feedback through the participation in the conferences.

The SAC agreed RCARO's proposal to participate in those two proposed events.

#### **3.7. Pursuing Partnership with GEF and Other Potential Organizations**

The SAC was briefed on the RCARO's endeavor to explore partnership projects with GEF and other potential organization such as UNIDO, the World Bank and FAO.

The SAC encouraged the RCARO's efforts to explore further information in pursuing partnerships with UNIDO and FAO.

## **4. Other Matters**

### **4.1 Appointment of the Next Director of RCA Regional Office**

The RCARO reported the meeting that the term of the present Director of the RCARO will expire in April 2012. Dr. Lee, present director, expressed his intention to extend another term as the director of the RCARO and the government of ROK expressed the strong support for his extension.

The SAC acknowledged the intention of present RCARO Director to extend his term for another 3 years. Considering good performance of RCARO under the leadership of present RCARO Director and strong support of the ROK government, the SAC endorsed extension of Dr. Lee as RCARO Director and recommended the approval by the 40<sup>th</sup> GCM.

### **4.2 Mid-term review of the RCARO 2011 work plan**

The RCARO Director reported the progress of the RCARO 2011 work plan which was approved at the 12<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting.

The SAC noted the good progress of the implementation of RCARO 2011 work plan and considered the activities to be on track.

## **5. Arrangement for the 14<sup>th</sup> RCARO SAC Meeting**

The SAC was informed that the 14<sup>th</sup> RCARO SAC meeting would be held on the day prior to the 34<sup>th</sup> RCA NRM, which is planned to be held in Beijing, April 2012.

## **6. Closing**

The Chair thanked all the participants for their active participation in the meeting.