

## **[Agenda 4. 3] Collaboration with FNCA**

### **Past Recommendation**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> SAC advised RCARO to respond to FNCA reiterating the need to develop an efficient mechanism for collaboration on a complementary basis. The SAC held the view that collaboration between RCA and FNCA would primarily be made by exchanging project reports, and mutually present the project results at its respective major meetings.

As to the proposal; by the FNCA to invite experts from the non-FNCA countries among RCA Member States to the FNCA events to be held in the latter part of the year 2006, the SAC advised RCARO to inform the FNCA of participants from non-FNCA countries after obtaining recommendations from the relevant PLCCs in each respective areas, i.e. RAS/8/078 Radiation Technology for Development of Advanced Materials (PHI) and RAS/6/040 Improvement of QA for Brachytherapy of Frequent Cancers in the Region (JPN).

### **Actions Taken**

Regarding the FNCA Radiation Processing event (MAL in November), FNCA already invited a participant from BGD. Therefore, there was no need to recommend a participant by the PLCC. Regarding the FNCA Brachytherapy event (originally VIE in December 2006 but postponed to January 2007), an expert from IND (Dr S K Shrivastava, Tata Memorial Hospital, IND) was recommended by the PLCC (JPN), however he could not participate in the FNCA event because the PLCC for Brachytherapy (JPN) nominated the participant in December 2006 and there was a time constraint to arrange IAEA/RCA budget for the participation.

Meanwhile, during the 8<sup>th</sup> FNCA National Coordinators' Meeting in Tokyo in February 2007, FNCA conveyed a proposal (draft) for joint activities between FNCA and RCA on Application of Radiation Processing to the RCA Focal Person. The RCA Focal Person, in consultation with the relevant PLCC (PHI) and RCARO, drafted a counter-proposal for SAC's consideration.

### **Proposed Action**

The SAC is hoped to review the proposals by FNCA and RCA's counter-proposal on joint activity on application of radiation processing and report to the NRM for consideration.

Attachment 11: TOR for Collaboration between RCA and FNCA (Oct. 2005)

Attachment 12: FNCA's Proposal on Radiation Processing (Feb. 2007)

Attachment 13: RCA's Counter-proposal (jointly prepared by RCA Focal Person and PLCC)