

Agenda for 22nd RCA Meeting of National Representatives 28 Feb-3 March 2000
Mumbai, India

Inauguration: February 28, 2000 10 00 – 10 40 hrs.
Venue: A-Block Auditorium, Modular Labs, BARC, Trombay.

Welcome remarks on behalf of the host institute - Dr. Anil Kakodkar,
Director, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

Welcome remarks on behalf of the IAEA—Dr. Adnan Shihab-Eldin,
Director, Division for Africa and East Asia and the Pacific,
Technical Cooperation Department, IAEA, Vienna.

Keynote address - Dr. R. Chidambaram,
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission &
Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy

Tea:

SESSION-I: 11 15 – 13 00 hrs.
Venue : A-Block Auditorium, Mod Labs, Trombay.

- Election of Chairperson
- Statement by outgoing Chairperson
- Statement by incoming Chairperson
- Adoption of Agenda
- Designation of Chairperson and Rapporteurs
- Matters arising from the 28th RCA GC Meeting Report. *The Meeting will be informed of the status of the action items arising from this GC meeting.*
- Adoption of the 28th RCA GC Meeting Report. *The Meeting will be expected to adopt the Meeting Report.*

Lunch:

SESSION-II: February 28, 2000 14 00 – 18 00 hrs.

Visit to Research Reactors, Isotope & Food Irradiation Facilities at BARC, Trombay and Spice Irradiator & other facilities at BRIT, New Mumbai.

SESSION-III: February 29, 2000 09 00 – 13 00 hrs.
Venue: Citizen Hotel, Juhu, Mumbai**

1. RCA Programme for year 2000. *The activities for 2000 had been endorsed at the 28th RCA GC Meeting. The Meeting will be apprised of the developments under the different sectoral programme areas as well as that of the joint UNDP/RCA/IAEA project. General issues and problems which may arise between the last GC and this Meeting, as well as proposed solutions/resolutions will be mentioned/discussed. A short presentation on the highlights of the RCA 1999 programme will be made.*

** **Note:-** The Inaugural Function and SESSION-I & II will be held at BARC Complex. All the subsequent Sessions will be held at Citizen Hotel, Juhu, Mumbai.

- a. **Environment. UNDP/RCA/IAEA project.** *The status of the project implementation will be briefly presented. Of importance is the support for the 2001/2002 cycle since the UNDP funding is expected to terminate in 2000 but the project continues to 2002. Because of budgetary constraints UNDP cut the budget for 2000 by 20%.*
- b. *The joint UNDP project (RAS 97/030) also addresses the environmental issues, as well as the other related projects under this as follows: RAS 8/076, RAS 8/080, RAS 8/082, RAS 8/083, RAS 8/084, RAS 8/087. The latter 6 projects cover collectively issues in water resources management; marine pollution and coastal environment; air pollution and its trends; and clean and energy-efficient production processes.*
- c. **Health.** *Progress in health-related projects will be presented.. Projects that will continue and/or proposed for extension will be discussed/endorsed.*
- d. **Agriculture.** *The project on phytosanitary measures (RAS 5/034) will be concluded in 2000. Activities on feed supplementation and animal reproduction (RAS 5/035) as well as the genetic diversity on rice project (RAS 5/037) continue beyond 2001.*
- e. **Industry.** *The achievements under this sectoral area will be presented, specially in NDT and radiation technology (RAS8/077), tracers, sealed sources and NCS (RAS 8/086) .*
- f. **Energy & Research Reactor.** *The status of the project on use of agency tools for planning (RAS 0/0-28) will be discussed; the project will close in 2000; activities under research reactor operation and utilization (RAS 4/019) will be mentioned and avoiding overlaps with other agency run projects*
- g. **Radiation Protection.** *The activities for 2000 under RAS 9/018 and RAS 9/024 will be mentioned; major changes include the fielding of expert missions to determine status of the radiation protection programme of other than the 5 model project countries and advanced countries.*
- h. **General.** *Activities under the general categories(RAS/0/025) will also be mentioned as necessary.*

SESSION-IV: February 29, 2000 14 00 – 18 00 hrs.

2. Preparations for 2001/2002. Results of Advisory Group Meetings /Project Committee Meetings. *The report on these meetings would already have been circulated earlier to MS for their information, comments and/or decisions.*
 - a. **Industry.** *The output of the AGM on Nuclear Technology Applications in Industry, held in Mumbai, India on 6-10 December 1999 and that of the PCM on chitin/chitosan (RAS 8/076; RAS8/087) will be presented.*
 - b. **Radiation Protection (PCM).** *The result of the PCM of RAS 9/018 held in Indonesia during the 2nd week of February 2000 will be presented.*
 - c. **Air Pollution subproject (PCM)** *The report of the PCM held in Singapore in October 1999 will be presented. This report has been circulated earlier to MS. The proposal for extension will be discussed.*
 - d. **Agriculture (PCM)** *The output of the project review on feed supplementation and animal reproductivity(RAS 5/035) meeting held in KL, MAL, On 14-18 February will be presented.*
 - e. **Presentation of RCA Regional Home Page**

SESSION-V: March 1, 2000 09 00 – 13 00 hrs.

3. Projects for 2001/2002. To be reported by lead countries/lead country coordinators. *The Agency deadline for submitting new proposals is end of December 1999. The proposals received will be reviewed by the Agency and commented on. Revised versions of the proposals will be submitted to this Meeting for endorsements. The Meeting will be asked to prioritize the programme and agree on the prioritization..*

a. Agriculture

Projects in agriculture. *Continuing projects and new proposals will be presented.*

b. Energy and Research Reactor

i) Projects in energy assessment (*A proposal was received on this topic*)

ii) Project in research reactor utilization. *The proposal has been circulated to MS and endorsed in principle at the 21st RCA Meeting of National Representatives in Singapore in March 1999.*

iii) *A proposal on promotion of nuclear power has also been received.*

c. Industry and Environment

i) Dam safety *proposal has been received and circulated to MS. This proposal has the endorsement of MS.*

ii) Projects in industry: *4 proposals were received after the AGM in Industry; these have been circulated and commented by MS prior to the meeting.*

SESSION-VI: March 1, 2000 14 00 - 18 00 hrs.

d. Health

Projects in health. *The development of distance learning in radiation oncology has been identified a priority area. Continuing projects (on nuclear medicine RAS 6/028, on radiation therapy RAS 6/027) as well as those proposed for extension (on tissue banking RAS 7/008) . Additional ones received by end of December would be presented.*

e. Radiation Protection

Projects in radiation protection. *The project RAS 9/018 on harmonization of radiation protection has been endorsed at the 21st RCA Meeting in Singapore in March 1999; the other project on environmental monitoring and assessment is also to be included in the discussion.*

SESSION-VII: March 2, 2000 09 00 – 13 00 hrs.

f. General

TCDC Activities related to TCDC will be presented.

- g. **Interregional Project participation.** *This TCDC activities relate to the results of the tripartite agreement held in September 1999 among the 3 Regional Agreements. Description of these had been cited during the tripartite meeting.*

- i) distance learning in nuclear medicine.
- ii) safety guides (ARCAL)
- iii) dam safety teams (AFRA)
- iv) harmonization of protocol for quarantine treatment
- v) distance learning on radiation oncology
- vi) geothermics (meeting)

Future developments

4. Linkages with other regional organizations
- a. Consultative meeting with other regional organizations. Due to unavailability of participants from key organizations this meeting has been postponed.
 - b. ASEAN

SESSION-VIII: March 2, 2000 14 00 – 18 00 hrs.

5. Report of Lead Country Coordinators/Lead Countries in accordance with the RCA Operating Rules and Guidelines 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3. *As agreed at the 28th RCA GC meeting the Lead countries will make a presentation on their role during the formulation of projects for the next biennium cycle.*
6. Revisions to Operating Rules and Guidelines. *The revisions, if any, will be presented.*

SESSION-IX: March 3, 2000 09 00 – 13 00 hrs.

7. Overview of the different sessions.
Results of the air transport survey
Result of the survey on RRU selection form.
Preparation of the 1999 RCA Annual Report
Hosting of the next meeting. *Bangladesh indicated its interest to host the next RCA Meeting of National Representatives.*
Host Country Agreement.

SESSION-X: March 3, 2000 14 00 – 18 00 hrs.

8. Closing.