



## ***From the President***

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Dear Friends and Colleagues

Since 2003 the World Nuclear University – a partnership of the world’s leading nuclear institutions<sup>1</sup> – has been engaged in organizing programmes to enhance education and leadership in the nuclear profession.

Foremost among these is the WNU Summer Institute. Thus far, some 500 young nuclear professionals from 65 countries have participated in this intensive six-week course aimed at developing future leadership in the global nuclear industry.

To build on this success and broaden the scope of WNU activities, we have designed a new WNU School on Radioisotopes (RI School), a three-week course focused on the non-power aspects of nuclear technology.

The initial RI School will be held in Seoul and hosted by the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute and Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety. This is a highly appropriate setting, as South Korea today boasts a thriving nuclear technology sector, which will enable RI School participants to benefit from first-hand observation of advanced facilities engaged in radioisotope applications in medicine, industry and agriculture.

As with other WNU endeavors, the RI School will draw on the strengths of the WNU’s various partners. The IAEA will supply expert faculty and also fund the participation of 12 experts from developing countries, while the World Council on Isotopes has helped to design a world-class curriculum covering the essential elements of radioisotope production, application and regulation.

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<sup>1</sup> The WNU partnership encompasses key institutions of nuclear learning in more than 30 countries, and relies on four “Founding Supporters”: the International Atomic Energy Agency, the OECD’s Nuclear Energy Agency, the World Association of Nuclear Operators and the World Nuclear Association.

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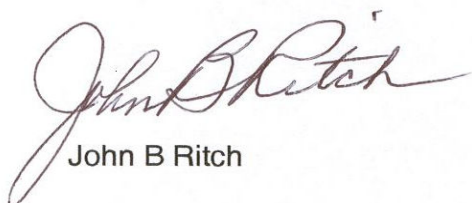
Other key partners in the RI School include the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, operator of the state-of-the-art OPAL reactor, and the Europe-based Association of Imaging Producers and Equipment Suppliers (AIPES), whose membership comprises industry leaders in the nuclear medicine field.

Who should attend? The RI School is ideally suited for young professionals who have demonstrated leadership potential while working in regulatory or governmental authorities, in research institutes or in RI-related industries. From their three-week RI School experience, they can expect to emerge:

- Educated in a wide range of RI-related topics and issues
- More knowledgeable about best practice in key RI technologies
- Equipped with a worldwide network of professional contacts
- Inspired to tackle some of the major challenges facing the radioisotope industry in such areas as ensuring security of supply, developing balanced regulation, and enhancing public understanding of the invaluable array of RI technologies.

Applications for the first WNU RI School will remain open until 26 February 2010. I hope you will bring the RI School to the attention of any of your professional colleagues who might benefit from this new and unique career-building opportunity.

With kind regards,



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Attachments: WNU RI School Announcement  
WNU RI School Curriculum