WNU Nuclear Olympiad 2019
Stage 1 Panel of Expert Judges

Vaishali Patel is Marketing and Communication Manager at World Nuclear Association. She has over 10 years’ experience working in marketing and communication roles across a range of industries. Vaishali has a CIM Professional Certificate in Marketing and BSc (Hons) degree in Psychology.

Participating in events like the WNU Nuclear Olympiad 2015 and going on to win in 2016 peaked Dhruv Dharamahi’s interest in the proliferation of information within the scientific community and outside of it - which is how he stumbled upon the field of marketing. He now follows his passion as the Co-Founder and Brand Manager at VoxForth.

Koji Kakehashi is a Visiting Research Officer seconded from Kansai Electric Power Company. He is responsible for data related to the nuclear fuel procurement sector, including MOX and reprocessing fuel. Koji assists the Fuel Report Working Group, the Radiological Protection Working Group and also acts as a liaison between the Association and Japanese members. Koji also supports the Fuel Cycle Members’ Forum as staff director since September 2019.

Alice Cunha da Silva is Winner of the 2015 WNU Nuclear Olympiad. She is a Brazilian nuclear engineer, graduated from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) and has a MBA in project management. Alice works at Westinghouse, where she started doing thermal hydraulics calculations for reload of nuclear reactors and today works as Key Account Engineer for Brazil and Argentina and manages the Westinghouse office in Brazil. In addition, she is head of the strategic planning committee of the Brazilian Association for the Development of Nuclear Activities, council women of the Brazilian Association of Nuclear Energy, Executive committee member of the Latin American Section of American Nuclear Society and Women in Nuclear Brazil among other organizations. Alice has a passion to communicate nuclear, that was increased with her participation at the 2015 Nuclear Olympiad and today she is the creator and coordinator of the Nuclear Ambassadors Program, was an invited speaker at the IAEA First International Symposium on Communicating Nuclear and Radiological Emergencies to the Public in 2018 and is the responsible for the First Nuclear Science week in Brazil.