

Summary Record of the 1st APSN meeting
Bali, Indonesia
2-4 June 2010

The meeting was held in Bali, Indonesia, hosted by the Chairman of BAPETEN, Dr As Natio Lasman, with the staff of BAPETEN providing the secretariat for the meeting. The meeting was co-chaired by Dr Lasman and the Chair of APSN, Mr John Carlson, Director General of the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office.

The meeting was attended by representatives of 17 safeguards organisations, ministries and other organisations from 10 regional countries, and representatives from the IAEA and the European Commission (EC). The list of participants with their affiliations and contact details is attached and forms part of this summary record.

Participants were welcomed by the meeting host, Dr Lasman, and the APSN Chair, Mr Carlson.

The opening address was presented by His Excellency Mr Suharna Surapranata, Indonesian Minister for Research and Technology. HE Mr Surapranata emphasised the importance of developing strong networks for cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region, and noted the importance that the Indonesian government attaches to ongoing efforts to improve and strengthen non-proliferation regimes in our region.

The meeting adopted the agenda proposed by the Chair with minor modifications to reflect the status and interests of speakers listed for the second day of the meeting.

The participants delivered a series of country papers and expert presentations on their national nuclear programs, safeguards arrangements and cooperative work with partners in our region. In addition presentations were given by the IAEA and EC representatives. While some of the attendees proposed expansive visions for the potential future development of APSN into something more formal, others noted that APSN had been founded as a voluntary professional organisation rather than something with any form of direct regulatory role. Discussions included the policy for inviting new members and the possibility of observer status in the future. There was also a detailed discussion of possible working groups.

In discussions the following decisions were reached by the meeting:

1. That the EC's Institute for Protection and Security of the Citizen (IPSC) should be accorded observer status for future APSN activities.
2. That access to the non-public portions of the APSN website should be in accordance with a "policy for granting of access to APSN web-portal", agreed by APSN members. The Chair will circulate a revision of the draft discussed at the meeting for consideration.
3. That working groups on specific topics related to the form and function of APSN were to be created to further the aims and objectives of APSN. The Chair will circulate further proposals for consideration.

4. That safeguards issues should remain the main focus of APSN, but that an informal working group consisting of interested members would deal with the relationship between nuclear safeguards and security issues.
5. That the intention would be to hold APSN meetings each year, and that consultation will proceed to identify the venue for and the timing of the 2011 APSN meeting.
6. That Mr John Carlson was confirmed as APSN Chair.

The meeting was closed with an address by Dr Lasman. Participants expressed their appreciation for the outstanding arrangements for the meeting by BAPETEN staff.

Attachment 1: List of participants.

Attachment 2: List of APSN members.