

FUNCTIONS, PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES

OF THE EUROPEAN NETWORK ON NUCLEAR AND RADIOCHEMISTRY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The following universities and research institutions:

University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway

Loughborough University, Loughborough, UK

Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden

Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway

Czech Technical University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz University, Hannover, Germany

University of Leeds, Leeds, UK

National Nuclear Laboratory, UK

Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique et aux Énergies Alternatives, France

have agreed, by signing a Letter of Intent, on establishment and operation of the **European Network on Nuclear and Radiochemistry Education and Training (European NRC Network)**:

1. Objectives and functions

The objectives and functions of the European NRC Network are:

- to cooperate in NRC education and training in Europe
- to promote development of NRC education and training in Europe
- to represent NRC education and training community towards other organizations and society
- to promote and organize student and teacher exchange between partners
- to organize common courses in NRC

2. Management of the Network

Decisions within the network are done in the general assembly and in the steering group.

The general assemblies are held once every two years, usually during NRC9 and RadChem conferences. The first general assembly will be held during NRC9 in Helsinki in 2016. The general assembly elects the steering group and its chairman for a two years period starting 1st of January

following the election. The general assembly also decides on work plans for every two years period and any other matters needed. The first steering group for the starting period 2015-2016 is elected by the CINCH EU project.

Steering group consists of five to seven members from different partner organizations representing well all types of partners. The chairman of the steering group is the representative of the coordinator university. Steering group elects a vice chairman from the members of the steering group. Steering group meets at least once a year. Steering group decides on the following matters:

- annual work plan and report
- annual budget and fiscal report
- selection of new Network members
- relations to other organizations

The home university of the steering group chairman takes care of network coordination. The responsibilities of the chairman and the coordination university are:

- organize the steering group and general assembly meetings and prepare minutes of the meetings
- prepare draft of annual plan and annual report of the network for the steering group
- maintain the home pages of the network
- take care of official contacts to the EuChemS NRC Division and other organizations such as ENEN in the way decided by steering group and general assembly

3. Selection of members

Additional members to the Network are accepted by application and by approval of the general assembly. To become a member of the Network the candidate organization needs to be a relevant provider or end-user of NRC education and/or training. For the application process the steering group has prepared evaluation criteria and application form.

4. Organization of resident courses

The network organizes one to two weeks summer/winter etc. school (resident course).

5. Promotion and organization of student and teacher exchange

The network promotes student and teacher exchange between partner universities. To enable this the partner universities will make mutual Erasmus+ agreements and consider finding other funding sources for exchange. To help student exchange, partner universities also consider increasing the role of English as their teaching language.

6. Organization of education sessions at EuChemS conferences

The network coorganizes, with organizing institution, the education sessions in EuChemS nuclear and radiochemistry conferences, NRC and RadChem.

7. NRC EuroMaster Group

A NRC EuroMaster Group is formed within the network by the universities that fulfill the requirements set in the “Minimum Requirements for the EuroMaster Degree in Nuclear and Radiochemistry”, prepared by the EU project Cooperation in Education and Training in Europe (CINCH), and that were granted the right to award NRC EuroMaster label to their students. This right is granted by the Nuclear and Radiochemistry Division of the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS NRC Division). An application package for the NRC EuroMaster has been prepared in the CINCH II project in 2015 and is available from the <http://www.cinch-project.eu> web site.

A university that does not fulfill the requirements in its own teaching program can apply for the right to grant “EuroMaster in Nuclear and Radiochemistry” label “in collaboration” with a specific network member university(ies) or with the NRC network as a whole to complete the lacking offer of courses. In this case the curricula of such a university should state that the required, but not offered studies are carried in another partner university.

8. Joint degrees

The NRC EuroMaster Group will seriously consider establishing joint degrees or joint study programmes either among all group members or among a limited number of partners. Joint degree aims to recognition of the degree in all universities participating in such a system.