

WiN Europe participates to the WNA symposium

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For the first time, WiN Europe was present during the major annual event of the World Nuclear Association in London the 15th and 16th of September.

Ludmilla Zoltane Kiss, from WiN Hungary, Lavinia Razia, WiN Romania, and Sophie Prévot from WiN Europe had brought several communication materials from several countries all over the world. Those had a lot of success, especially the Korean pop-up book and the Card Game from WiN France. We had a stand very well situated and made many contacts with several countries where there is no WiN chapter: the United Kingdom, Belgium or Poland.

The theme of the conference this year, "the Future of Nuclear Power, Now it is down to us" was very influenced obviously by the Fukushima accident. The sessions overviewed a wide range of topics, especially "the Nuclear Fuel Cycle, New build with a focus on South Africa, Poland and India, Safety and communication. WiN Europe General Secretary, Sophie Prévot, made a presentation on "how to motivate people to take up a career in the nuclear field".

WiN Europe mission and achievements have been recognized by the leaders of the industry who appreciated the involvement and constant support of the group.

To learn more:

The World Nuclear Association (WNA) has come to encompass almost every enterprise involved in the nuclear field from all over the world, thus becoming a leading forum for innovation, diversity and stability for its members. The leaders of the nuclear industry gathered in London last week, between September 14-16 , in order to debate on the theme "The future of nuclear power: Now it's down to us" , to present the current status of their projects and to give their views on the best policies and practices to regain public confidence after the accident at Fukushima NPP .

As the Director General of WNA, Mr. John Ritch has mentioned in his opening speech, the events in Japan earlier this year have demonstrated how fragile the acceptance of nuclear power and how important it is for the industry to expect the unexpected and to continue improving the safety of their operations. The main topics of the symposium focused on safety, new build, nuclear fuel cycle and last but not least - communication.

A key note address worth mentioning is the presentation of Commissioner Akira Omoto from the Atomic Energy Commission of Japan who highlighted the important lessons that the nuclear community must learn after Fukushima: the strengthening of the regulator, the improvement of severe accident management, emergency planning and management, plant design and crisis communication. As regard to the latter, it has been stated that there was enough data but not enough communication.

Sophie Prévot and Lavinia Rizea

