

A look back at NUGENIA's 6th General Assembly and Annual Forum, and a look forward at PLIM 2017

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The NUGENIA Association held its 6th General Assembly on 28 March 2017 in Amsterdam, which is the highest decision-making body in the Association. 69 members out of 103 were either present or represented by other members.



The activities carried out in 2016 and those to come in 2017 were detailed, but most importantly the strategic vision for the year to come was highlighted. NUGENIA President Michel Maschi began by introducing the discussions that are being held on the possible evolutions of the Sustainable Nuclear Energy and Technology Platform (SNETP) and the role that NUGENIA, as one of the three pillars, could play. He then reminded the strategic orientations for the Association:

- To strive towards a better integration of SMEs and start-ups in collaborative R&D projects through an open innovation platform and close collaboration with networks
- To decrease the time to market through dedicated R&D that supports both the qualification and the standardisation of innovation, and the active participation towards harmonisation in Europe
- To increase the competitiveness of NUGENIA stakeholders through R&D&I and to boost the impact of R&D results
- To initiate projects on highly added value topics, including collaborative/international projects, and to encourage more in-kind and national/ private contributions
- To raise public awareness
- To update the NUGENIA Roadmap



After Budapest (2012, 2013), Madrid (2014), Ljubljana (2015) Marseille (2016), the NUGENIA association held its annual forum in Amsterdam from 28 to 30 March 2017 following the General Assembly.

The event gathered more than 150 experts, researchers, engineers, academics, industrials and SMEs. During three days, the scientific and technical plenary sessions and workshops provided an open space for attendees to discuss about new research, development and innovation ideas, to hear

about the new results stemming from the NUGENIA portfolio projects, and more importantly to launch new consortia around creative and ground-breaking projects.

The Forum is open to all R&D&I topics that aim to ensure safe and efficient operation of Generation II and III nuclear power plants.

Jean-Paul Glatz from the European Commission JRC and NUGENIA President Michel Maschi opened the Forum and highlighted the key decisions that were made during the General Assembly. The opening speeches were followed by keynote talks by Ronald Schram, NRG, Daniel Iracane, NEA/OECD Deputy Director-General and Chief Nuclear Officer, and Franck Carré, Scientific Director of CEA's Nuclear Energy Division.

2017 will be marked by another major event. The Fourth International Conference on Nuclear Power Plant Life Management (PLiM), organised by the IAEA in cooperation with EPRI and hosted by the French government through EDF and NUGENIA, will take place in Lyon, France, from 23 to 27 October 2017. Organisations that are active in the field of nuclear power plant life management are invited to take part in the exhibition that will be set up as a side event.

This exhibition represents a great opportunity to showcase technical capabilities and innovation in the areas of design, engineering, operation, maintenance, licensing and modernisation of system structure and components to enhance safety and improve performance of operating nuclear power plant life management.

For more information on NUGENIA and the PLiM event, please visit the NUGENIA website at www.nugenia.org or contact the NUGENIA Secretariat: secretariat@nugenia.org.

ABOUT NUGENIA

Since its creation in 2012 NUGENIA, which gathers 112 members (honorary members included) from 26 countries, aims to support the emergence of innovative ideas, help setup large consortia and provide labels to collaborative projects with high added value for its members in the field of Generation II and III nuclear reactors. More information is available at www.nugenia.org and www.snetp.eu.

The association contributes to:

- Fostering collaboration between industry, SMEs, universities, RTOs (Research and Technology Organisations) and TSOs (Technical Safety Organisations)
- Building knowledge and expertise
- Generating value-added results for end users
- Ensuring a sustainable and long-term R&D dedicated to nuclear safety