

Celebrating INSC's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
2015

INSC celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary during 2015. INSC was founded November 11, 1990. Plans are being made to recognize this anniversary during the next INSC meeting to be held in conjunction with the 2015 ANS Winter Meeting in Washington, DC, USA, on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. All INSC member society representatives as well as Presidents of all national nuclear societies worldwide are invited and encouraged to attend this celebration.



INSC Chair  
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INSC is composed of representatives from 38 national nuclear societies. Together, member societies of the INSC represent more than 80,000 nuclear professionals. Objectives of the INSC include providing a global forum for nuclear societies to discuss and to establish common aims and goals, representing the views and positions of professionals and workers in the nuclear field through their nuclear societies, valuing the work and achievements of the nuclear community of the world based on ethical principles adopted by the nuclear societies, and increasing the operational efficiency of nuclear societies through cooperation. The INSC is a nongovernmental organization (NGO) member of the IAEA.

During the most recent INSC meeting held May 6, 2015, in Nice, France, I made a presentation to the 21 attendees highlighting the history of INSC. A copy of that presentation is posted on this INSC website immediately after this message. I encourage you to review this presentation to become familiar with the many accomplishments of INSC in the areas of NGO participation, publications, meetings, and recognition of members.

The most recent INSC meeting was held in conjunction with ICAAP15 (International Congress on Advances in nuclear Power Plants 2015). A highlight of the meeting was a ceremony at which representatives of 39 national nuclear societies (26 of which are INSC member societies) jointly signed a declaration that states nuclear is a low-carbon energy source that is part of the solution to fight climate change. The declaration will be presented to the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) at its COP21 (Conference of the Parties #21) to be held in Paris November 30 to December 11 this Fall. I was honored to represent INSC in the ceremony at ICAAP15 and was pleased to be asked to hold the signed declaration for the official picture of the ceremony's participants. I think that was symbolic of INSC's enabling role among the world's national nuclear societies. That picture is shown in the ceremony's press release that is the last posting on this INSC website under "Annex – References."

In closing, I urge all national nuclear societies to be active participants in INSC. Please join us in Washington, DC, USA on November 11 to celebrate INSC's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to continue INSC's activities on behalf of all national nuclear societies into the next 25 years.

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INSC Chair, 2015-2016