

Minutes of the 20 June 2000 LLRW Committee Meeting

The meeting (luncheon) was held at the Dresden Hilton on June 20, 2000 in conjunction with the Seventh International Symposium on the Synthesis and Applications of Isotopes and Isotopically Labeled Compounds in Dresden, Germany. In attendance were Phil Williams (Chair) of the National Tritium Labelling Facility (NTLF), Gary Rotert (Secretary) of Abbott Laboratories, Alexander Susan of the International Isotope Clearing House (IICH), Ken O'Brien of NEN Life Science Products and Brad Maxwell of Pharmacia Corporation. Walter Shmayda of Ontario Hydro also attended as an interested guest. The topics discussed were as follows:

1) **Minutes for Fall 1999 LLRW Committee Meeting:**

Not all the members had reviewed the draft minutes yet, so Gary asked for comments by E-mail within two weeks after this meeting.

2) **Old Business:**

A) **Update on the Relationship with Organizations United for Responsible Low-Level Radioactive Waste Solutions (OU) and Publicity/Educational efforts:**

Ken once again said that OU would be very valuable for our publicity efforts. He also mentioned, and then the committee discussed the recent proposal by the current OU chairman, Martin L. Nusynowitz, to rename it "Organizations United for Nuclear Technology Benefits" and to adopt a new charter to reflect this philosophy (letters available). **

B) **Committee Budget:**

Phil said that we had only spent ~\$3-4K of our \$10,500 budget since the Philadelphia Symposium so we still had ~\$5-6K to spend this year. He said that he would ask for a budget of \$15K for the next three years and would submit a budget if asked.

C) **Chair's Report on the LLRW Committee at the IIS Business Meeting:**

[Travel delays meant that Phil did not arrive in time to present a report at the joint Advisory/Board meeting.]

i) **History of the LLRW Problem and the IIS LLRW Committee:**

Phil said that 1990 was the peak year for publications about tritium which was also the year that the RCRA mixed waste problem was created. He also said that this was not just a US problem, given the anti-nuclear mood in Germany and negative publicity concerning Amersham's Cardiff operations. He recounted some of the major activities of the committee and cited the LLRW Symposia it had organized and/or sponsored at Mystic, CT, Ann Arbor, MI, and two in California.

ii) **Future Prospects:**

He felt that the committee's work was important and should continue, and be fully supported by the Society.

3) **New Business:**

A) **Planning for the Fall 2000 LLRW Symposium:**

The general structure for it was discussed. We agreed that it should include elements similar to past symposia, *i.e.*, government speakers, *e.g.*, from the EPA, experts on waste-processing technologies and representatives of waste handlers. We decided to ask Larry Weaner to give a talk about the Project XL initiative at R.W. Johnson. Phil said that he would discuss the status of the Delisting Petition currently being reviewed by the EPA. Ken said that he would give an overview of OU and our relationship with it. Phil thought the meeting should have a session on LLRW, since this was an imminent problem.

B)Adjournment:

The meeting had to be adjourned early due to afternoon commitments by most of the committee members.

Respectfully Submitted by Gary A. Rotert, Secretary

** For IIS members' information, OU Chairman Martin L. Nusynowitz's letter and the proposed new OU charter are available on request (from [Phil Williams](#) or [Kennedy O'Brien](#)).

P. S. For a variety of reasons, the Fall 2000 LLRW Symposium was later cancelled.