The ETSON Junior Staff Programme: current status and activity overview

Networking for young ETSON experts

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BACKGROUND
The ETSON (European Technical Safety Organization Network) Junior Staff Program (JSP) is an initiative initially created by GRS and IRSN during the EUROSAFE meeting 2003 in Paris, France. Today, the ETSON Junior Staff Programme gathers employees from ETSON members, especially among the junior experts, and aims to promote cooperation and networking in the field of nuclear safety and security across all member organizations.

OBJECTIVE
The main objective is to enhance and intensify collaboration among young ETSON experts particularly in the following aspects:
- New contacts and a broad network,
- Improved technical knowledge through international cooperation,
- Participation in the development of an European strategy for improving nuclear safety.

ACTIVITIES
The ETSON Summer Workshop (formerly known as Summer School) is annually organized by the JSP and hosted by one of the ETSON organizations. Following three successful summer schools, this year’s event was held in Řež near Prague (the Czech Republic), hosted by UJV. In total 30 attendees from 8 countries actively participated in 17 lectures and working groups instructed by invited lecturers. The workshop was dedicated to the recent accident in the Fukushima NPS and covered different topics such as radioactive release and emergency management, severe accidents, stress test management, safety assessment including PSA exercises and research and development for GEN IV reactors.

PILOT PROJECTS
Initiated, executed and managed by JSP, young experts (3-5 participants from different TSOs) work together on a shared technical topic (self tutoring / working with different approaches)

MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE A PROFESSIONAL NETWORK
- Regular meetings,
- Bilateral meetings on specific technical points,
- The JSP Website allows contact to TSO members with similar working fields (knowledge exchange).

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