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## *AGENDA*

### *ARGONA End Users Conference*

#### **How can recent research improve the governance of nuclear waste management in Europe?**

Date March 17 –18, 2009

Venue Pingstkyrkan, S:t Persgatan 9, Uppsala

#### **March 17**

09.00 Opening of conference, *Josefin Päiviö-Jonsson, Swedish Radiation Safety Authority, ARGONA Coordinator*

Welcoming remarks

*Arne Sandemo, Chairman of the Uppsala Regional Council Board*

*Jacob Spangenberg, Mayor in Östhammar Municipality*

09.30 Research on radioactive waste governance under the 6<sup>th</sup> Euratom Framework

Programme for Research and Training on Nuclear Energy

*Katerina Ptackova, DG Research, European Commission*

Moderator for the stretching session<sup>1</sup> (ARGONA, CARL and OBRA projects):

Björn Hedberg (Swedish Radiation Safety Authority)

Stretching panel: Tuija Hilding- Rydevik (Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste), Juhani Vira (Posiva Oy , Finland), Hana Gabrielova, Calla (NGO, Czech Republic), Catherine Draper (NuLeAF, UK), François Cox (Dessel community - Partnership STORA, Belgium)

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<sup>1</sup> In this case “stretching” means that the research approaches and results are challenged by independent researchers and end users

09.45 The ARGONA Project<sup>2</sup>

Background and objectives, preliminary conclusions and recommendations

*Josefin Päiviö-Jonsson ( Swedish Radiation Safety Authority, ARGONA Coordinator), Kjell Andersson (Karita Research, ARGONA Project Manager) and Hana Vojtechova (Nuclear Research institute, ARGONA Work Package 5 Leader)*

## 10.15. Coffee

## 10.45 ARGONA cont.

Stretching panel

Questions from the floor

11.25 The CARL Project<sup>3</sup>

CARL Key findings

*Anne Bergmans, University of Antwerp, CARL Project Coordinator*

## 11.45

Stretching panel

Questions from the floor

## 12.15 Lunch

13.15 The OBRA Project<sup>4</sup> : Vision and results

*Meritxell Martel, Amphos21, OBRA Coordinator*

## 13.40

Stretching panel

Questions from the floor

14.10 The CIP Project<sup>5</sup> (COWAM in Practice)

*Claire Mays, Symlog, CIP Work Package Leader*

Questions from the floor

## 14.45 Coffee

15.15 An Internet Forum for Public Discussion on Nuclear Waste Management – An Uppsala Regional Council initiative, *Lucie Riad, Uppsala Regional Council.*

The discussion forum is to be found on the Swedish part of the website

[www.finaldisposal.com](http://www.finaldisposal.com).

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<sup>2</sup> Arenas for Risk Governance - A research action part-funded under the 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of the European Commission

<sup>3</sup> CARL is an independent, self-supporting consortium of organisations from countries that have experience of stakeholder involvement in radioactive waste management.

<sup>4</sup> Feasibility study for a European Observatory for long-term governance of radioactive waste management - A coordination action under the 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of the European Commission

<sup>5</sup> COWAM in Practice - A research action part-funded under the 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme of the European Commission

15.35 Implementing geological disposal of radioactive waste - A Technological Platform  
*Monica Hammarström, SKB, Sweden*

16.00 Working groups - what shall we do now?

Working groups will be organised separately for municipalities, NGOs, other end users and researchers

*Having been given a picture of the state of knowledge with regard to participation and transparency and with better clarity of research approaches and available results from the four projects, stakeholder groups discuss between themselves the outcome of research in order to reach their own respective positions about their needs for future work on participation and transparency. The municipality groups will be supported by simultaneous translation.*

17.30 End

19.00 Bus transport from Clarion Hotel to Uppsala Castle

19.30 Dinner at Uppsala Castle hosted by Uppsala Regional Council

### **March 18**

09.00 The Transparency Programme of the Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste  
*Eva Simic, Director, Swedish National Council for Nuclear Waste*

09.25 Working group presentations

10.30 Coffee

11.00 The need for implementation of research results on the governance of nuclear waste management.

*Ute Blohm-Hieber, European Commission, DG TREN, Head of Unit, Nuclear energy, transport, decommissioning & waste management*

11.30 Plenary Discussion

12.30 End