



# The IGORR forum ...an old but efficient organisation !

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# IGORR: a bit of history

- Start in March 1990 as a worldwide forum to gather operators, safety engineers and end-users of research reactors for sharing information on several topics and networking
- Extract of the charter of IGORR :
- *"The International Group on Research Reactors (IGORR) was formed to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experience among those institutions and individuals who are actively working to design, build and promote new research reactors or to make significant upgrades to existing facilities. (Proceedings of the first meeting, 03/1990)"*.
- *"IGORR will continue to seek interaction with other organizations representing research reactor operators and users, including university reactors, the IAEA, and the European research reactor community"*.
- Organise a conference every 18 months-2 years
- Rotating between the Americas, Europe and Australasia
- When in Europe, organised jointly with RRFM conference (ENS)
- Regularly organised with the IAEA who manage an embedded technical meeting
- IGORR has no permanent structure (chairman organisation is hosting the website) → appreciate local organiser support (thanks here to UMD staff !)



IGORR Conference Dec 2017 Sydney

# IGORR: the last conferences



- June 2021 –fully remote organised in collaboration with the IAEA
- March 2019 : Jordan –dead sea (in collaboration with RRFM & the IAEA) hosted by JAEC
- December 2017 : Sydney-Australia (in collaboration with the IAEA) hosted by ANSTO
- March 2016 : Berlin-Germany (in collaboration with RRFM) –European Nuclear Society
- November 2014: Bariloche -Argentina (in collaboration with the IAEA) hosted by CNEA/INVAP
- October 2013: Daejeon -Korea (in collaboration with the IAEA) hosted by KAERI
- March 2012: Prague –Czech Republic (in collaboration with RRFM and the IAEA) with support of CVR/UJV
- September 2010 : Knoxville (TN) in collaboration with TRTR hosted by ORNL
- October 2009: Beijing (China) hosted by CIAE

→ **So after 13 years it was time for IGORR to go back to the States for a new combined TRTR/IGORR conference**

# IGORR: the Steering Committee



- Representatives from:
  - Australia (ANSTO), Austria (IAEA), Argentina (CNEA, INVAP), Belgium (SCK CEN), Canada (Mac Master university), China (CIAE, INET), France (CEA, Technicatome), Germany (TUM), Japan (JAEA), Jordan (JAEC) South Korea (KAERI)
  - For the USA: INL, ORNL, NIST, MIT and NCSU
  - Main actions of the SC: update of the web site, focus on specific topics, preparation of the next conference...
- The chairmans of IGORR:
  - Colin D. WEST, 1989-1996, Oak Ridge (USA)
  - Klaus Böning, 1996-2003, TUM (Germany)
  - Alain BALLAGNY, 2003-2006, CEA (France)
  - Joel GUIDEZ, 2006-2009, CEA (France)
  - Gilles BIGNAN since October 2009 CEA (France)
  - → meeting (restricted to SC members or designated) on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 5:30 to 6:30 pm



# This IGORR/TRTR conference on research reactors



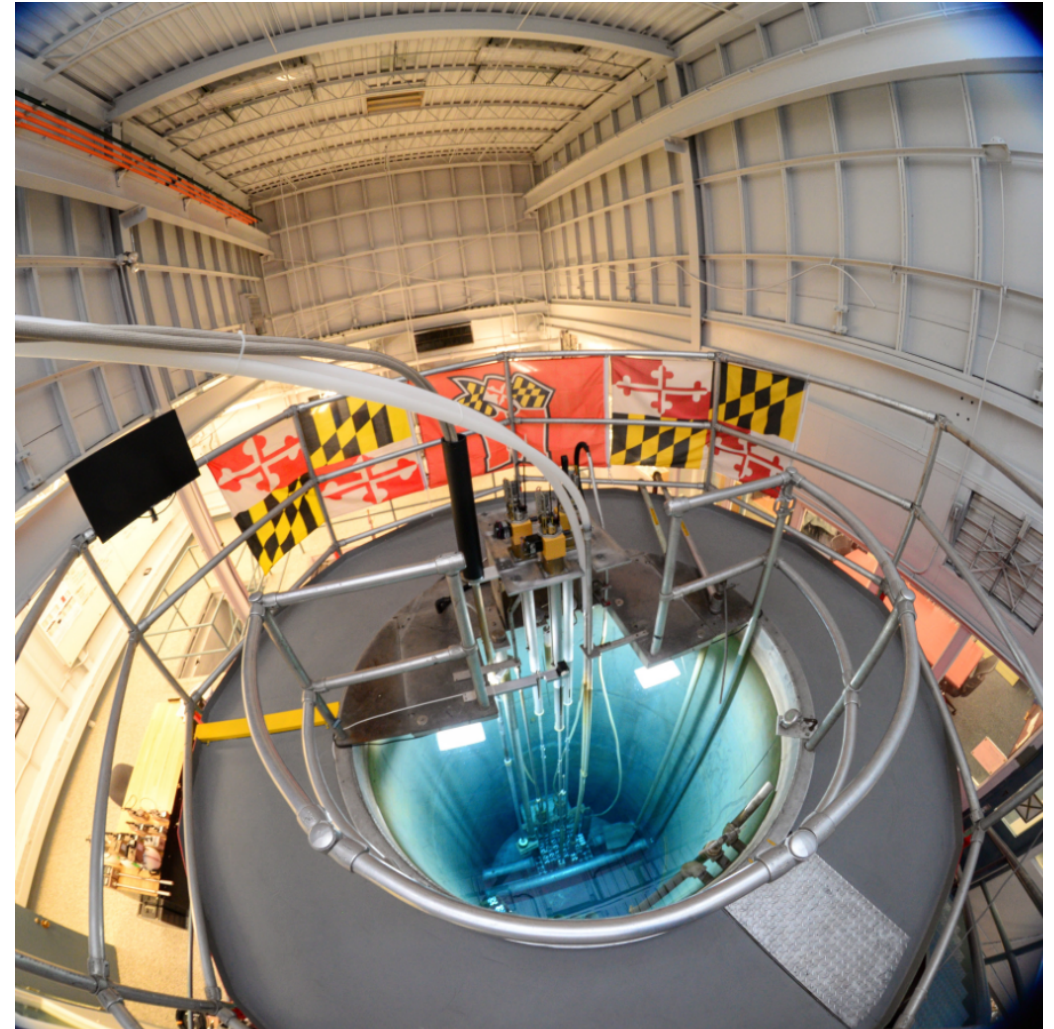
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