

Third Technical Meeting for MODARIA II

The [third Technical Meeting \(TM\) for MODARIA II programme](#) was held at the IAEA's Headquarters in Vienna from 22 to 25 October 2018, organized by the Assessment and Management of Environmental Releases Unit. The TM was attended by [142 participants from 39 Member States](#) and was chaired by [Mr Tiberio Cabianca](#), PHE, United Kingdom.

MODARIA II TMs bring together regulators and operators as well as modellers and radiation protection experts from technical support organizations, providing a forum to foster the exchange of knowledge and experience. Furthermore, the MODARIA II Programme provides an international platform to maintain and develop capabilities in radiological impact assessment through comparison and application of assessment models to real exposure scenarios, to compile, analyze and evaluate data and the accurateness of results.

The TM began with a Plenary Session which was opened by Mr Peter Johnston, Director of the Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety. This was followed by Mr Diego Telleria, acting as Overall Scientific Secretary for MODARIA II, who presented a summary on MODARIA II related activities over the preceding 12 months. The Leaders of the 7 Working Groups then summarized the work of their respective working groups including results, achievements and progress made since the second MODARIA II TM and the subsequent Working Group Interim Meetings held during 2018.

This year's TM saw three optional sessions being held in plenary covering a wide range of subjects and activities. In addition, early morning sessions were organized in order to provide training on applications and tools (CROM, ICRP Publication 136 on dose coefficients for non-human biota and the software tool BiotADC, the NORMALYSA tool and the ESTE Code).

Special plenary sessions were organized again this year comprising a wide range of subjects, including the presentation of papers related to the areas covered by the MODARIA II Working Groups. A presentation was given by Ms Nicola Gulley, Head of the Publishing Section in the IAEA Division of Conference and Document Services, and Ms Lisa Villard, Publishing Liaison Officer which addressed concerns raised in relation to the publication of reports, papers and other documents related to the work carried out within the MODARIA II programme.

Mr Tiberio Cabianca made a presentation outlining his views on the future of the IAEA's programme on environmental radiation protection to follow on from MODARIA II.

The Closing Plenary Session provided an opportunity for the Working Group Leaders to report on the progress made during the week of the TM and their respective group's working plans for the next year, including the possible dates and locations of the 2019 Working Group Meetings Interim Meetings to be organized prior to the fourth (and final) TM taking place (see below).

The presentations given during all 3 Plenary Sessions and the 7 separate Working Groups, as well as the Working Group Meeting Minutes, presentations and Participants Lists, can be found in the respective [Working Group folders](#).

Fourth Technical Meeting for MODARIA II

The [fourth Technical Meeting \(TM\) for the MODARIA II programme](#) will be held at the IAEA's headquarters in Vienna from **21 to 24 October 2019** (4 days), during which the MODARIA II programme will conclude.

The objectives of this final meeting are summarized in the [Notes Verbale and Information Sheet](#) and (in all official languages) which were recently circulated to all Member States.

Should you wish to take part in the final MODARIA II TM, a [Participation Form \(Form A\)](#) must be completed and then forwarded to the competent official authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA, or National Atomic Energy Authority) of your respective country, for onward transmission to the IAEA. Moreover, applications for financial support should be made at the time of designation using the respective [Grant Application Form \(Form C\)](#).

Please note that your participation will only be registered when we receive your fully endorsed Participation Form, completed in your name. After the deadline for receipt through official channels (**9 September 2019**) has passed, you will subsequently receive a formal invitation to attend the meeting.