Ibero-American Forum of Radiological and Nuclear Regulatory Agencies

Achievements in 2021 and planned activities for 2022
Despite all the difficulties due to the pandemic, FORO could keep working and advancing:

- New action plan for the strategic challenges. Included lessons learned from pandemic.
- Two projects finished: *Regulatory staff competences and the completion of the SEVRRRA project for other medical applications.*
- Two new projects with virtual online activities (totally/partially).
  
  *Resilience for relevant facilities and Nuclear security in transport*

- Strengthened relationships with IAEA (renewed Practical Arrangements), GNSSN, IRPA and ICRP.
- Participation in international events.
- Started developing the new Web under the approved project.
Strategic challenges

Described on FORO’s Strategy 2017-2022:

➢ To promote safety culture and knowledge management in regulatory bodies, users and other organizations.
  • improving competences of our specialists in safety and security.
  • promoting FORO’s guide on safety culture for the self-assessment of regulatory bodies.

➢ To ensure the sustainable growth of FORO and to strengthen its international recognition.
  • innovative projects, fostering dialogue and consensual positions.
  • strengthening cooperation with IAEA and other organizations.
Described on FORO’s Strategy 2017-2022:

➢ To improve cooperation and assistance among regulators in the region in case of need or for reviews among FORO members.
  • promoting the exchange of regulatory knowledge and experience.

➢ Cooperation for improving regulatory functions:
  • monitoring the implementation of FORO results.
  • promoting that regulatory decisions are risk-based.
  • harmonizing authorization and inspection criteria.

➢ To increase our visibility
  • promoting the participation of NO FORO experts in our projects.
  • making our results and positions available in our web portal for collaboration with all the regulators and users.
We have planned to move forward on:

➢ Publishing a dossier with our projects and results.

➢ To begin activities of the project about Security in domestic transport.

➢ To explore possibilities of designing a new project about NORM.

➢ Expected closing of four projects with its results and reports:
  • SEVRAA 2 (Diagnostic Nuclear Medicine and IMRT).
  • Criteria for licensing of Nuclear Reactors operators.
  • Inspections manual and ageing management procedures for Research Reactors.
  • Pilot study of Safety Culture for an Industrial Gammagrapy facility.

➢ Celebrating our XXV Anniversary!!
Our line of vision

• To continue developing relevant technical projects and activities, the sharing of experiences and lessons learned in radiation protection, nuclear safety and security with the aim at contributing to high levels of safety and security in all practices in Ibero-America and beyond.

• Enhance cooperation with Key Partners taking into account FORO’s principles of independence, equity and a rigorous technical program aimed at exchanging experiences and knowledge among regulatory bodies.
Sharing experiences and lessons learned by any of us.

To create and to share data bases including experts that could be consulted about specific topics.

Creating contents and materials based on the results or cumulated knowledge, for its promotion on the web.

To obtain and compile experiences, recommendations and lessons learned from the implementation of the projects results.

To create Ad-Hoc groups for analyzing and defining consensual positions on specific technical topics of interest.

Translating results or documents of common interest into other languages.
Thank you!