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La Secretaría del Organismo Internacional de Energía Atómica (OIEA) saluda a los Estados Miembros del OIEA y tiene el honor de señalar a su atención la celebración del **Taller de Capacitación sobre el Uso Avanzado de la Obtención de Imágenes mediante Neutrones en Investigaciones y Aplicaciones** (denominado en adelante el “evento”), que tendrá lugar de forma virtual a través de Microsoft Teams, del **6 al 10 de septiembre de 2021**.

La finalidad del evento es presentar y ofrecer a los participantes la información más actualizada y concisa sobre el uso de la imagenología neutrónica —conocida también como radiografía o tomografía neutrónica—, tanto en investigaciones básicas como en aplicaciones industriales.

En la reseña informativa adjunta se ofrecen más detalles sobre el evento.

El evento se celebrará en inglés.

Se invita a los Estados Miembros a designar a una o más personas para que participen en este evento en representación de su Gobierno y se los alienta encarecidamente a que seleccionen con ese fin a mujeres calificadas.

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La Secretaría del Organismo Internacional de Energía Atómica aprovecha esta oportunidad para reiterar a los Estados Miembros del OIEA el testimonio de su distinguida consideración.



30 de marzo de 2021

Documentación adjunta (en inglés únicamente):

Reseña informativa

Formulario de participación (Formulario A)

Formulario de presentación de memorias (Formulario B)



Training Workshop on the Advanced Use of Neutron Imaging for Research and Applications

Virtual Event

6–10 September 2021

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The use of neutron imaging at research reactors or spallation neutron sources for applications such as non-destructive examination of cultural heritage objects has already been proven in industrialized countries, and there is growing interest and capacity in developing countries. This technique allows for studies of a material's characteristics, including the internal structure, providing insights into fabrication techniques, provenancing, authenticity verification and manufacturing technology, without inflicting permanent damage to the material itself. The advantage of neutrons, compared to X rays, is that they are sensitive to many light elements, have deeper penetration length in metals and heavy elements, and are also sensitive to magnetic structures or externally applied fields. Furthermore, as neutron imaging technology has advanced, the individual techniques based on this type of imaging have become more precise and efficient, as well as much faster, specifically in the field of digital radiography (two-dimensional), computed tomography (three-dimensional), energy-selective neutron imaging or dynamic (real-time) neutron imaging. The extraordinary development in direct digital methods and increase in computational analytical power observed in the 21st Century now allows for excellent image quality and the ability to better process and analyse data. Today, the major fields in which neutron imaging is applied include cultural heritage, archaeology, the mining, oil and petroleum industries, car and aviation industries, environment and building materials, biology, medicine, physics, and the energy sector (ranging from the nuclear power industry to new technologies such as hydrogen fuel cells and lithium batteries).

The International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA's) Research Reactor Database (<http://nucleus.iaea.org/RRDB/>) indicates that there are currently 237 research reactors worldwide in operational or temporary shutdown status. Of these, 69 in 37 countries report neutron radiography

activity. In addition, there are a number of additional neutron imaging facilities installed or planned at neutron spallation sources in several countries. However, the actual growth in use of these neutron imaging facilities is still well below its potential, particularly in developing countries, for a number of reasons: the need for modernization of instrumentation and software; insufficient experience and qualifications of the personnel involved in these advanced subjects; an inclination to adapt the technology to specific user needs; and the establishment of new protocols and standardization procedures, including the development of marketing strategies.

In 2015–2016, through a comprehensive survey that was jointly prepared and coordinated by the IAEA and the International Society for Neutron Radiology, a specific database of neutron imaging facilities was launched and established. This database contains (status as of March 2021) detailed technical information from 56 neutron imaging facilities worldwide. In addition, some dedicated round robin exercises have been organized recently by the IAEA, with the main purpose being to characterize and evaluate the performance capabilities of operational neutron imaging facilities, and to develop concrete actions for enhancing their performance and utilization. The IAEA developed an e-learning course on neutron imaging, which became available to Member States in 2020.

Objectives

The purpose of the event is to introduce and deliver the most recent, concise information on the use of neutron imaging — also known as neutron radiography and tomography — for both basic research and industrial applications.

Target Audience

The event is intended for individuals involved in the utilization of neutron imaging techniques or in the development or design of neutron imaging experimental facilities at neutron sources.

Working Language(s)

English.

Topics

The event will comprise off-line and on-line sessions. The off-line sessions will consist in pre-recorded presentations by experts in sessions devoted to specific topics, and in pre-recorded presentations by the participants on their neutron imaging work. The on-line sessions will consist on practical computational exercises led by experts, based on data made available previously and, wherever possible, free software. As part of the workshop, the participants are required to review the IAEA e-learning course on neutron imaging. A session will be dedicated to summarizing the review made.

The event programme will be designed to cover a range of topics that are relevant to Member States, especially developing countries, that are considering establishing or upgrading their neutron imaging facilities. The main objective of the event is to contribute to the enhancement of scientific-technological knowledge, innovation in infrastructure and human resources training in the area of neutron imaging using neutron beams for fundamental research and industrial applications. The topics will include:

- Principles of neutron radiography and tomography
- Mathematics of computerized tomography
- Instrumentation and instrument design for neutron imaging
- Detectors for neutron imaging
- Advanced neutron imaging techniques
- Applications of neutron imaging in research and industry
- Tutorials on neutron imaging: demonstration of software on experimental data handling, post-experimental analysis, image reconstruction and examination, finalization of results
- Facility reports: existing, new and planned facilities

Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State, participants are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by **18 June 2021**. Participants who are members of an organization invited to attend are requested to send the Participation Form (Form A) through their organization to the IAEA by the above deadline.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and technical matters.

Papers and Presentations

All participants are required to prepare a short presentation with voice-over for the off-line session of the workshop and therefore to submit an abstract of their work. The abstract will be reviewed as part of the selection process for participation. The abstract should be in A4 page format, should extend to no more than **1** page (including figures and tables) and should not exceed **500** words. It should be sent electronically to Mr Nuno Pessoa Barradas, the Scientific Secretary of the event (see contact details below), not later than **18 June 2021**. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposed presentations by **31 July 2021**.

In addition, participants have to submit the abstract together with the **Participation Form (Form A)** and the attached **Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or their organization for onward transmission to the IAEA not later than **18 June 2021**.

Key Deadlines and Dates

18 June 2021	Submission of Participation Form (Form A) and Form for Submission of a Paper (Form B), through the official channels
31 July 2021	Notification of the acceptance of proposed presentations
6 September 2021	Event begins

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