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This being the first 2014 Newsletter issue; let me offer all of you Andra's best wishes for a very good year. The Public debate held on Cigéo, organized by the National Public Debate Commission, has reached its conclusion on December 15th. After several opponents' actions blocking the originally scheduled meetings, the National Commission has defined new modalities of the dialogue, including the web broadcast of contradictory debates. The objective was to respond, in a pluralistic way and in real time, to the questions raised by the public. The dedicated website received over 70 000 visits, and debates were followed by 7500 viewers. Visitors contributed with over 1000 questions and comments and 150 stakeholders' position reports. The National Commission will issue its conclusions and recommendations at the end of the first quarter of 2014. A citizens' conference will also be held between December 2013 and February 2014, to enable a group of citizens with geographic and socio-professional diversity to express their views. The participants will receive in advance some information reflecting the diversity of positions on the project. Given the positions raised during both public debates concerning Cigéo but also a previous debate on the energy transition, the main principles of the future bill on energy transition were recently presented in the form of a draft plan. Regarding Andra, it will include action on "the management of radioactive materials and waste including the question of reversibility and the license application procedures for Cigéo, an adaptation missions of Andra and the transposition of the EU directive on nuclear waste".



2014 World Nuclear Exhibition in Paris

The 2014 WNE will be held near Paris, at the Le Bourget exhibition center, the 3rd largest in France. The event promises to be a top platform dedicated to the entire nuclear energy sector, providing an opportunity for 400 companies of all sizes and specializations to display their know-how and skills in all areas of the nuclear energy industry. The WNE will be a place to share experiences, with exhibition spaces, technical workshops, networking receptions, conferences on the latest developments and visits to the sites of particular technological interest. The WNE will be held on Oct. 14-16, 2014. 6,000 international visitors are expected to attend. Why don't you join in?



Low - Level Long - Lived Waste (LL - LLW) management

Last year Andra submitted a report to the government on the management of Low-Level Long- Lived Waste (LL-LLW). On this basis the ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy has requested Andra to identify a suitable site for a future disposal facility. Soulaïnes, already hosting the Low- Level Short-Lived waste disposal facility has accepted field investigations, which have been carried out by Andra since July 2013. The objective is to determine the feasibility of a disposal facility for LL-LLW waste, and for added disposal capacities for Very Low Level Waste. Simultaneously, Andra continues its exchanges on a local development scheme. The results of scientific studies and consultations will be compiled into a report that Andra will deliver to the Government in 2015.

Andra cooperates with Puram of Hungary on R&D strategy

PURAM (the Hungarian Waste Management Agency) has re-activated its research program on the long-term management of the Spent Fuel. Within the framework of the Cooperation Agreement established in 2011 between PURAM and Andra, the two agencies are working together to render the experience gained by Andra on the management of the project HAVL / Cigéo since 1991 valuable and beneficial for PURAM in developing their research strategy.



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