

Bulgarian participation in IAEA General Conference 2021

In the period 20 - 24 September 2021, the 65th session of the IAEA General Conference (GC) was held in Vienna. Traditionally, during the conference, in addition to plenary sessions, many Side Events with participants from the Member States and representatives of various international organizations, incl. Win Global were organized.

This year the Win Global Delegation included

representatives from Egypt, Ukraine, France, Austria, Mexico, Iran and Albena Georgieva, chairperson of the Sofia section and member of the Win Bulgaria Board.

The WIN section at the IAEA hosted a seminar on Supporting Talent in the Nuclear Field dedicated to women in the nuclear. At the seminar, special speakers were Ms Dominique Mouillot, President of the Win Global and Mr Shaukat Abdulrazak, Director for the Division for Africa at the IAEA Department of Technical Cooperation. Participants discussed how to attract young women to study and work in the nuclear field, presenting the opportunities for education, training and career progress in a high-tech sector.

During the 65-th GC, many Side Events for endorsing the active involvement of young generations and women in the nuclear were organized. For example, as a part of the Senior Safety and Security Regulators' Meeting a special session devoted to the International Gender Champions Impact Group on Gender Equality in Nuclear Regulatory Agencies was organized. The IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi took part in the session and his statement he stressed that in the recent years in the IAEA, the organization he managed, the number of women is growing. Mr. Grossi assured the attendees that this is a policy that it will continue to follow and as a good example of this is the launch of the IAEA Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship Programme to support young women to study nuclear.





A special event in a hybrid format was organized to discuss the achievements of the programme one year on, highlighting the role of Member States in its continued success. The applying criteria, funding and interviews with some of the students were also presented.

An event for the official inauguration of the Women in Nuclear chapter for the Regional Co-operation Agreement for the Promotion of Nuclear Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARCAL) in the presence of the IAEA Director General and

the President of Win Global was also held. In his speech Mr. Grossi expressed his support for Win Global's activities and wished success to the new WiN chapter.

In addition to all official events, Win Global's representatives had a number of informal meetings and conversations in which had the opportunity to exchange experience and ideas for the activities they organize in their countries. Everyone united around the idea of continuing to work with young people; to promote nuclear science and technology as an excellent place for a career and professional development where women are very well accepted and successfully realized in all areas of use of ionizing radiation.



More information about the 65th IAEA GC [here](#)