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ICNDT and IAEA Sign Practical Arrangements to Strengthen Global NDT Cooperation

Vienna, Austria – 7 April 2025 – The International Committee for Non-Destructive Testing (ICNDT) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have officially signed a set of Practical Arrangements, marking a new chapter in their collaborative efforts to advance the science and application of Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) worldwide.

The signing ceremony took place during the International Conference on Applications of Radiation Science and Technology (ICARST 2025) at 5:30 PM, attended by senior representatives from both organizations and numerous international guests.

The Practical Arrangements were signed by Ms. Najat Mokhtar, Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, on behalf of the IAEA, and Mr. Babu Sajeesh Kumar, Chairman of ICNDT, on behalf of the International Committee for Non-Destructive Testing.



Pictures taken at the exchanging of Practical Agreement Left (Dr. Najat Mokhtar, IAEA DDG- Nuclear Sciences & Applications) and Right (Dr. Sajeesh K BABU, Chairman ICNDT)

Ms. Mokhtar expressed strong support for the collaboration and stated she is looking forward to the joint activities ahead. She extended her appreciation to ICNDT for leading this cooperative initiative, emphasizing its importance in enhancing safety through the use of NDT techniques such as industrial radiography, and in applying various NDT methods for improving the safety of facilities and infrastructures globally.

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Speaking on behalf of ICNDT, Dr. Babu remarked, “This agreement represents a significant step forward in our shared mission to promote the safe, effective, and innovative use of NDT technologies globally. The partnership provides a framework for capacity building, training, radiation safety, and knowledge exchange—crucial pillars for ensuring quality, safety, and resilience across sectors.”


He further thanked Ms. Hannah A. Affum (IAEA) and Mr. David Gilbert (ICNDT) for their dedicated efforts in bringing this agreement to fruition, acknowledging their technical insight and commitment over the past two years.

ICNDT also warmly welcomed the IAEA as a Liaison Member, underscoring the value of its participation in ICNDT assemblies, working groups, and specialist international activities.

The Practical Arrangements signify a united commitment to furthering NDT as a vital tool for sustainable development, public safety, and the long-term safety of civil and industrial infrastructure.

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About ICNDT

ICNDT

The International Committee for Non-Destructive Testing (ICNDT)

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ICNDT is a non-profit organisation devoted to the international development of the science and practice of Non-Destructive Testing in conjunction with individual NDT Societies and recognized continental groupings of NDT Societies. The ICNDT is registered as a legalized Association with its seat in Vienna, Austria.

Our Vision

A safer world through wider use of non-destructive testing and diagnostic technologies (NDT)

Our Mission

To lead a global network of NDT Societies and their Regional groups devoted to the development of the science and practice of NDT for the benefit of the public worldwide.