



PRAGUE APPEAL

The Czech Republic, like a number of other European countries, is facing the challenge to renew its nuclear power plant portfolio, and continue development of the nuclear program. The fact that a very limited number of nuclear units have been put into the operation in Europe since the beginning of the millennium presents significant weakness of this process. Approved governmental documents on the development of nuclear power expect to commence new builds in the horizon 10 to 15 years.

There is more than a quarter century of inactivity in the field of designing and preparing the investment, specific preparedness of the personnel for start-up, and thus losing the know-how for the operation of existing facilities, including their long term operation. The serious risk grows – a number of specific nuclear know-how will not be passed on to the upcoming generations. The know-how can be forgotten and would not be easy (if necessary) to restore in the future. Particular examples of loss of specific knowledge already exist.

Czech nuclear veterans are aware of the risk arising from the situation and are ready to participate in the transfer of nuclear knowledge to the young generation reducing and eliminating this risk. This way the risk should be reduced and eliminated. We are ready to create structures and mechanisms for the effective transfer of veteran know-how and skills. We are ready to work closely with the International Youth Nuclear Congress. We believe that we have the prerequisites to develop and implement a system that will ensure that the growing "gap" in knowledge transfer will be overcome, and that the continuity of knowledge and management quality will be maintained at the highest achievable level.

Therefore, the Prague Appeal is based upon these basic stones:

- ✓ *To convince the decision makers on the risk arising from the nuclear knowledge loss; the experienced people are becoming sparse*
- ✓ *It is necessary to create sophisticated system to keep the specific knowledge for the next generation*
- ✓ *The Czech nuclear veterans offer their experience and skills to the "project" of transfer of nuclear knowledge to the young generation*
- ✓ *We invite everyone, the individuals and the companies, to join in the "Prague Appeal", and according to their abilities to participate in the "project"*

Hereby we submit you our appeal – to join the process, whose main goal is to transfer the unique and unrepeatable knowledge and skills of the "generation of nuclear veterans". The formal steps to join the Prague Appeal and share in the existence and operation of the "Prague Appeal Platform" will be gradually presented at www.jaderniveterani.cz.