

Report on ENC 2016

The European Nuclear Conference (ENC) took place from the 9th – 12th October in Warsaw and a number of UK YGN members were in attendance. You can read a full write up of the event in the next Nuclear Future edition but here are some of the highlights....

The conference began with a welcome reception where the winner of the Jan Runermark award was announced as the UK's very own John Eldridge who is Chief Engineer at Cammell Laird. The prestigious Jan Runermark award is given out on behalf of the European Nuclear Society Young Generation to someone who has gone above and beyond in their support of the next generation of young nuclear professionals. Sadly John was unable to attend the event and Alys Gardner, UK YGN chair, said a few words about why he was such a worthy recipient.

The formal conference element of the event began on the Monday with a plenary session which covered a broad range of presentations covering the topics of challenges and issues for nuclear new build as well as current and future reactor technologies.

On the Monday night, a Young Generation networking event had been kindly arranged by the ENS YGN and took place in a Bier Halle close to the conference venue. This was an extremely popular event with over 50 people in attendance and it was great to see a combination of young and more senior nuclear professionals enjoying the beer together!

In addition to further plenary sessions, Tuesday and Wednesday saw parallel sessions being run; these sessions were held throughout the conference and featured a small number of presenters who gave interesting and thought-provoking talks with the opportunity for questions and discussion afterwards.

The parallel session topic areas ranged from plant operations to public engagement and were well attended and very informative.

The conference was a great opportunity to meet people from the international nuclear community and to learn and share knowledge. It also provided a great opportunity for the UK YGN representatives to spread the word about the ENYGF in 2017!

The ENC takes place every second year and is organised by the European Nuclear Society; a free YGN reporter place is offered at the event which is a fantastic development opportunity. For more information go to <http://euronuclear.org/events/enc/enc2016/index.htm>



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