

# Report on IYNC 2022 (IV)

I am Larissa Noudem, a 27 y/o French radiation protection engineer. I attended IYNC 2022 on behalf of Women in nuclear (WIN) and French young generation network (YGN). Planets were best aligned for me attending IYNC Congress 2022, in Koriyama, Japan. My main goals were to launch the workshop we have set up with Women in nuclear, but also increase my knowledge on new releases related to nuclear applications.

From the opening ceremony to the closure, it was a great enjoyment to take part in this adventure. Since CoP 21, the entire world has become aware that nuclear energy will be a game changer for climate change issues within the next few years. IYNC Congress focuses on the young generation taking part in nuclear electricity demand but also all nuclear technologies developments. The Congress reassembled hundreds of nuclear aficionados from all around the world, giving the floor to the young generation, young leaders, future stakeholders, experts, communicants and many others. Students, early career professionals such as experienced professionals navigate towards presentations, leading to reflection on our contribution to nuclear industry development. This year, the Congress was paced by panels, plenary sessions, workshops, speeches, and I4N contest (innovation contest final). I really appreciated the diversity of topics and speakers, some of them particularly caught my attention, thus, I was glad that networking events gave me the opportunity to reach some of them afterwards.

A mentoring session took place on Monday afternoon, for which I was selected as a mentee. My two mentors, Ronan and Laura, had two very different perspectives, but very inspiring profiles. We had the opportunity to share our professional experiences and expectations. As I intend to have a career in a non-governmental organization someday, their advice and feedback are clues for me.

On Wednesday, I animated the workshop “dare to lead”, launched by WiN global YG. My teammate Adeline YUEGO and I worked for months to set up this workshop, focusing on leadership issues for the young generation. As we wanted the workshop to be as interactive as possible, we have chosen to put participants forward with a role’s game. Mr. Gaetan Deshais from Thomas Thor Associate was the invited speaker. He introduced the topic, then shared some leadership real-life situations he met regarding his HR position. I couldn’t imagine the workshop taking a better shape. Participants were highly participative during role games, so as the speaker intervened so that I keep memorable memories from this day.

Then came Friday, it was dedicated to technical tours. I was involved in a Fukushima Daiichi facilities tour. In addition to the accident centre, we have visited some highly innovative companies in the area. These companies took advantage of the accident to develop processes or products, improving safety as possible for nuclear facilities or citizens’ daily life. Furthermore, those technologies are aligned

with sustainability goals and create work in the Fukushima region, which suffered after the 2011 accident.

As a young nuclear engineer, this experience leads me to reflect on how I can contribute efficiently to nuclear technologies development, for peaceful uses. It's motivated me to keep involved in volunteering for nuclear advocacy. Moreover, I probably met future workmates, but also new friends, from different parts of the world, over networking. I created strong links with some participants. Therefore, I hope to take part in IYNC 2024 in the UAE. For all those good memories, I want to express my gratitude to Oakridge SAS for supporting my trip. Without this support, my journey could not take place.

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