



OBRA Workshop: Trial Information Package Switzerland, 7th - 9th April 2008 PROGRAMME

Workshop Objective

The **OBRA project** within the EU FP6 programme is assessing the feasibility of creating an Observatory for long-term governance on radioactive waste management in Europe. If an Observatory is established after the OBRA project is completed, it will contribute to the better governance of radioactive waste by providing mechanisms for all stakeholders to have access to the knowledge that has been generated by successive EU programmes, and in the wider international context, in both the scientific and social sciences fields.

One objective of OBRA is to evaluate ways of providing access to information for communities that are, or might be, affected by radioactive waste management projects. This workshop is intended to act as a trial of two mechanisms for providing you with access to information and experience, using geological disposal of radioactive waste as the basis:

- a 'classical' approach to technical information, based upon what we hope will be regarded as accessible documentation and presentations, backed up by access to experts who can answer all types of question about every aspect of geological disposal in an informal context;
- a role-play exercise that puts you in the place of different stakeholders faced with responding to a proposed geological disposal project and endeavouring to find a solution.

Workshop Structure

The workshop lasts for two full days. Day 1 will act as a trial for the Information Package on geological disposal. There will be some short presentations, followed by an informal panel session where you can explore any issue to do with geological disposal (or other radioactive wastes, nuclear power, etc). Day 2 will be devoted to a role-play exercise on siting a geological repository, set in the imaginary country of Erewhon.

Two documents are being provided to you with this programme: the Information Package for Day 1 and the background to the role-play exercise for Day 2.

Your Preparation for the Workshop

You should look into the Information Package document to see whether it answers the kind of questions that you have about geological disposal, in a suitable format. You should be prepared to ask questions and join in discussions on geological disposal and to complete a questionnaire on the usefulness of the Package.

You should also read thoroughly the short role-play background document so that you are familiar with and have views on the siting of the Erewhon repository. This will allow us to move quickly into the exercise.

Finally, you should be prepared to introduce your own concerns and experiences: there will be an informal session at the end of Day 1 where you can describe your situation and join in discussion on shared experiences. We do NOT expect presentations from you: this will be a round-the-table session.

Arrival and Departure

You should plan on arriving on Sunday afternoon. Although the workshop will finish on Tuesday evening, it will be difficult to get home that day so you should plan to leave the following morning. There will be an OBRA project meeting on Wednesday morning that will discuss the future of the observatory and you are also very welcome to attend this and leave after lunch.



Sunday April 6 th		
Afternoon	Arrival	
1800	Welcome Apéro	
1900	Dinner	
Monday April 7 th		
0900 – 0930	Orientation Participants introduce themselves	N. Chapman, ITC All
0930 – 1000	The OBRA Project: present and future	M. Martell, Amphos
1000 – 1015	COFFEE	
1015 – 1045	Introduction to the Information Package	N. Chapman
1045 – 1230	Panel Discussion on Repository Siting issues: General problems and stakeholder roles What are stakeholders and what is their role (Information Package Part 2) (20 min) Some national experiences (20 min) Discussion (65 min)	N. Chapman , Ch. McCombie, ITC M. Martell B. Neerdael, IAEA M. Martell Ch. McCombie All
1230 – 1400	LUNCH	
1400 - 1530	Technical Basis of Geological Disposal: information package Part1 Origin of radioactive wastes, hazard of radioactive wastes, options for waste management, deep geological disposal (design, construction & operation), siting criteria	N. Chapman
1530 – 1600	COFFEE	
1600 – 1730	Panel discussion on technical siting issues Informal panel of three technical experts answer <u>any</u> questions	N. Chapman, Ch. McCombie B. Neerdael All
1730 – 1800	Break	
1800 – 1930	Informal evening session: Participant's Issues leading to a general discussion Each participant (or group) explains what their situation is and what their chief problems and concerns are <i>Note: presentations are NOT expected from participants</i>	All
1930	DINNER	
Tuesday April 8 th		
0900 – 1000	Siting a Geological Repository	N. Chapman, P. Blaser, ITC



	Beginning of the role-play exercise Break into three stakeholder groups – implementer, local community and concerned environmental group – and begin to site a deep repository that uses an imaginary country	
1000 – 1015	COFFEE	
1015 – 1230	Siting a Geological Repository Continue the exercise	N. Chapman, P. Blaser
1230 – 1400	LUNCH	
1400 – 1530	Siting a Geological Repository Continue and complete the exercise Each group presents their findings	N. Chapman, P. Blaser All
1530 – 1600	COFFEE	
1600 – 1730	Siting a Geological Repository Analysis of exercise results by mock 'hearings' with organisational stakeholders to explore the sensitivities of decisions, sticking-points and options	All
1730 - 1830	Workshop Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How useful were the material and the approaches? • How participants plan to use what they have learned and maintain contacts and build upon the workshop 	All
1930	DINNER	
Wednesday April 9th		
OBRA Project Meeting (all workshop participants are welcome to attend)		
0900 – 1000	Current Status of Work Packages Final plans for reporting and project completion: project partner reports	M. Martell
1000 – 1030	OBRA II: Discussion of Possible Follow-on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of a European Observatory • Services that could be offered by the Observatory • Location and staffing • How the observatory would be funded 	All
1030 – 1100	COFFEE	
1100 – 1200	OBRA II: Discussion continued and wrap-up	
1200	LUNCH	
Afternoon	Departure	