



Sharing information, strengthening connections

Carmen Trandafir started on a one-month contract in 1999. Today, she is one of COG's longest serving employees. It's an uncommon story in IT to stay at a single organization so long but the challenges and collaboration have kept her coming back.

"It's been a long journey but a happy one," says Carmen Trandafir, who serves as COG's Manager, Information Technology and CIO as well as Member Relationship Manager for Romania's Societatea Nationala Nuclearelectrica (SNN).

As one of COG's most tenured staff members, Carmen has seen a great deal of change in her nearly 20 years with the organization.

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Particularly, when it comes to the rapidly evolving technology she and her IT team have implemented in order to ensure safe, secure and enhanced access to COG's OPEX and knowledge management systems, for members and suppliers.

"I feel a great sense of pride in the big projects our team has contributed to over the last 20 years," says Carmen. "From the launch of the OPEX database and making that available to all members, to the evolution of COGonline, and our work during Fukushima to bring all our members together using video conferencing technology. These were extremely challenging but also extremely rewarding initiatives because we were able to provide great service to our members."

Carmen says that the evolution of web-based technologies marked the beginning of a new period in COG's existence. SNN, as an example, has benefited

greatly from the connectivity that COG technology offers to its international members.

"When we look at Romania, as the only CANDU plant in Europe, they would be more isolated without the engagement COG offers, both technologically and in terms of the regular meetings through which we collaborate. SNN has expressed appreciation for COG's engagement."

Carmen, who is of Romanian heritage, began serving as COG's SNN relationship manager in 2013. Thanks to her dual roles, she has witnessed how COG collaboration been strengthened by advances in technology and by its committed people.

"As COG has grown, we have shown that good collaboration makes everyone's lives easier. I am one of the lucky ones because I have been able to make a difference alongside amazing people."



Carmen Trandafir (far right) at a site visit to Cernavoda Nuclear Plant in Oct. 2012. Also pictured: Bob Morrison, former COG President and CEO, Alexandra Tudor and Sorin Ghelbereu of SNN Romania, and the late Barry Collingwood, former COG Operations Manager and JP&S Program Director.

This story is one of an on-going series about COG employees; a diverse group in expertise, gender, age and nationality. Our team reflects the diversity and strengths of our Members and the COG community. Their skills help create the best in collaboration for nuclear innovation. Through COG, our Members and the nuclear community worldwide achieve results that contribute to the highest standard of safety, efficiency and environmental performance. Together we create Excellence Through Collaboration.