

An international perspective

SNN Romania returns to its leadership role within COG

Societatea Nationala Nuclearelectrica (SNN Romania) rejoined the Chemistry, Materials and Components (CM&C) and Fuel Channel research programs at the end of 2019 and in doing so, returns to its long-standing leadership role as part of the COG Board of Directors.



SNN Romania's Sorin Ghelbereu brings an international perspective to COG's Board of Directors.

With SNN re-joining the research programs, after a temporary departure in 2016, R&D gains both additional financial contributions and the knowledge of the SNN participants.

In addition, COG is pleased to welcome back Sorin Ghelbereu,

Engineering Director as the company's representative on the COG Board of Directors. Ghelbereu's first COG board meeting is scheduled for July.

"SNN has played an important role in COG over many years. The international perspective they bring to the Board and to the committees on which they participate helps strengthen our understanding of the needs of the C6 fleet and provides important insight to our programs," says COG President and CEO Fred Dermakar.

"This is an exciting time for SNN at Cernavoda as they work toward refurbishment and the possible completion of more CANDU units at the Cernavoda site. The COG collaboration model can provide an important resource as SNN moves forward with those projects," adds Dermakar.

In addition to his roles with SNN and the COG board, Ghelbereu also serves as CANDU 6 Fleet Steering Committee Chair. During Ghelbereu's tenure as chair, the committee has worked to strengthen the value of C6 collaborative initiatives.

SNN secondee leaves her mark on COG

A budding relationship between an SNN secondee to COG and her colleagues in Canada was cut short due to COVID-19, this spring, but Corina Mocanu left her mark on COG in the short time she worked at COG's Toronto office.

The SNN Romania secondee joined COG in November 2019. In early March, Mocanu returned home to Romania, on vacation, with the intention of coming back to Toronto. However, due to international COVID-19 travel restrictions, she was not able to return to Canada. She resumed her regular duties at the Cernavoda Nuclear Plant in late March.

Mocanu had been serving as a member of the Information Exchange team while at COG, but contributed to many COG areas and represented SNN and Romania with pride and a high level of commitment to collaboration.

"Corina's contributions to workshops, weekly screening and peer team meetings were beneficial," says IE Director John Sowagi. "She was helpful in reaching back into SNN to get status updates on potential and existing projects. Her attendance at project meetings was also welcomed, especially with her broad components and equipment background."

Mocanu also contributed significantly to COG's R&D

Work-in-Kind initiative, by connecting Cernavoda site staff with technical experts at ICN Pitesti, and helped to produce an effective statement of requirements that was supported by the Health Safety and Environment Technical Committee.

Post-pandemic, COG looks forward to welcoming Mocanu back to Canada.



SNN secondee Corina Mocanu with her COG colleagues at COG's holiday celebration in December 2019.