There are several organizational changes to report across the CANDU fleet.

SNN, Romania announced, on Sept. 23, Valentin Nae’s appointment as Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO) and Site Vice President at Cernavoda Nuclear Plant. Nae has more than 35 years of experience and has worked in various areas at Cernavoda including health physics, radiation control and plant operations. Most recently, Nae served as SNN’s Chief Operating Officer before being appointed to his new role.

Ontario Power Generation

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) announced Sean Granville will take on the role of Chief Operations Officer, adding to his current responsibilities as Chief Nuclear Officer to lead OPG’s new Enterprise Operations (EO) organization. Granville was appointed OPG CNO in May 2018 after two-and-a-half years as Deputy CNO. The EO team will focus on the safe and reliable operations of the renewable generation (RG) and nuclear stations.

The EO organization will be led by the following individuals:
- Nicolle Butcher, SVP, RG & Power Marketing;
- Jon Franke, SVP, Pickering;
- Steve Gregoris, SVP, Darlington;
- Jane Travers, VP, Integrated Fleet Management; and
- Mark Knutson, SVP, Enterprise Engineering and Chief Nuclear Engineer.

Franke joined OPG on Sept. 8 after 30 years in various leadership roles for three different power generation utilities supporting the operation of four different nuclear sites. He has worked in a number of areas including: station engineering, maintenance, major projects, as senior leader directing shift operations and as station vice president at two different stations similar to OPG’s RG fleet. Meanwhile, Gregoris will continue in his capacity as Darlington Site Vice President.

As well, Knutson will lead the newly formed Enterprise Engineering team and Dominique Minière will move into the role of Chief Strategic Officer and lead OPG’s new Enterprise Strategy organization.

Bruce Power

In April, Chris Mudrick was named Executive Vice-President and Chief Nuclear Officer at Bruce Power taking over for Len Clewett. Mudrick, who brings 33 years of nuclear industry experience to Bruce Power’s leadership team, previously served as Senior Vice-President, East Operations at Exelon Nuclear as well as Chief Operating Officer, Constellation Energy Nuclear Group. Mudrick was responsible for 10 of Exelon’s 21 nuclear reactors at six different sites in the United States.

Below is the full list of CNOs (or organizational equivalent) of COG’s member organizations.

Bruce Power: Chris Mudrick
Canadian Nuclear Laboratories: Phillip Boyle
New Brunswick Power: Brett Plummer
OPG: Sean Granville
CHNO, China: Yongxiang Zheng

KHNP, Korea: Nam-Woo Choi
NA-SA, Argentina: Osvaldo Pennacchietti
NPCIL, India: Satish Kumar Sharma
PAEC, Pakistan: Muhammad Asif Rajput
SNN, Romania: Valentin Nae