

# President's Report FQ2

*Collaboration begins with relationships:  
COG strengthens partnerships  
internationally, in academia and amongst  
members to further nuclear innovation*



In COG's Fiscal Q2 (July - September, 2018), we gained strong momentum on several of COG's current business plan strategic initiatives (see list below). In particular, we saw exciting developments in **Enhanced International Engagement**.

COG and the OECD-Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) co-hosted a workshop in September to further strengthen international collaboration in R&D of CANDU / Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors. The event brought together representatives from member governments, national labs and utilities. This collaboration has the potential to enhance the capabilities of national laboratories and to generate R&D that will be of benefit to all COG members. *See the R&D report for more event details.*

COG has also increased its international partnership efforts with organizations such as IAEA, WANO, UAE, CGN and Fujing Nuclear on specific initiatives to advance COG and member goals. We have seen progress on a number of other strategic fronts, including SMRs and Knowledge Management business development.

By example, COG is working with WANO to promote its training workshops to both CANDU and non-CANDU utilities internationally. COG also took part in an IAEA consultancy meeting to support innovation geared to supporting sustainability at nuclear plants worldwide in mid-November. Watch for our Q3 report for more on that.

The COG CANDU 6 Fleet Committee has stepped up its engagement, committing to hold more face-to-face meetings, including one that took place in China at the end of September. Romania's Sorin Ghelbereu has taken on the role of chair and has set an aggressive agenda. Another face-to-face meeting takes place at the COG Collaboration Week meeting in December.

Other strategic developments in COG's business plan during the quarter included:

- COG and the University Network of Excellence in Nuclear Engineering (UNENE) have signed an MOU to foster stronger collaboration between UNENE, its university members, COG and its members;
- COG members are forming more JPs in several line of business areas including traditional project research but also in IE and NSEA with help from new, more streamlined processes.

Read more on our FQ2 on the pages that follow. We are moving fast toward the new year, when COG will celebrate 35 years of collaboration for innovation. It has been an exciting year at COG and I believe 2019 promises to be at least equally as exciting. I wish the best to you and yours.

## 2018-2019 Strategic Business Initiatives

- Enhanced International Engagement including:
  - Increased international R&D
  - Enhanced C6 fleet engagement
  - Expanded international Supplier Participant program
- Strategic R&D and Federal S&T Program Engagement
- Collaborative Procurement and Obsolescence Management
- Refurbishment
- SMR Program
- Waste and Decommissioning development
- Operational Efficiency (Collaborative Continuous Improvement Visit Pilot)
- Knowledge Management Expansion