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Meet Dan Prentice, driving value for members and participants. Dan joined COG in 2019, bringing 20 years of nuclear sector experience to strengthen COG's procurement practices, playing a pivotal role in standardizing terms and conditions, and enhancing intellectual property requirements and contractual standards.

As the second generation in his family to pursue a career in CANDU, Dan is passionate about de-mystifying and sharing the benefits of nuclear power. He gets great satisfaction from collaborating with members, helping to ensure the success of COG projects from the start, and contributing to the safe, successful and sustained operation of member facilities in Canada and around the world.

Participating in COG's 2023 Collaboration Week is a recent point of pride as it provided the opportunity to meet and work with COG members and participants face to face and see the reach of COG's collaboration framework in action. Outside of work, Dan enjoys curling, coaching his kids' softball teams, and rebuilding antique automobiles.



DAN PRENTICE

**Senior Manager,
Sourcing &
Procurement**

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Meet Amir Taheri, who joined COG in 2022. As a Project Manager in Joint Projects & Services, he excels in delivering value for COG members by effectively defining cost and schedule parameters for joint projects.

Amir's role is focused on initiating projects and ensuring seamless management within set schedules and budgets, while maintaining the highest quality standards. In addition, Amir supports COG's joint procurement initiative, which enables utility members to secure materials at better prices through bulk discounts.

Amir is passionate about supporting the clean energy movement in Canada and globally. Beyond work, he enjoys soccer, reading, and travel. Amir's dedication and expertise make him an asset to COG's collaborative endeavours!



AMIR TAHERI
Senior Project Manager,
Joint Projects &
Services

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Meet Thanuja Janathasing, driving excellence in project management at COG. A valued member of the COG team since 2017, Thanuja applies her education in Materials Science and Engineering and her decade of experience as a research scientist to her role as COG's Project Manager, Fuel Channels.

Thanuja is passionate about program success and plays a key role working with COG members and vendors to enhance reactor longevity, supporting COG members in efficiently and effectively providing essential power to the public.

Thanuja continues to take on additional accountabilities in materials surveillance, demonstrating her commitment to delivering excellence through collaboration. Outside of work, Thanuja enjoys gardening and spending time with her kids.

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**THANUJA
JANATHASING**

**Project Manager,
Fuel Channels**

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Meet Macit Cobanoglu, a champion of collaborative excellence at COG. A valued member of the COG team since 2014, Macit has been a driving force in the nuclear industry for decades, with experience spanning marketing, business development, customer relationship management, and project & program management.

Before joining COG, Macit held senior roles at AECL and AECON, where he won numerous awards for his contributions. He first joined COG as Director of Joint Projects and Services and believes the fuel channel life management program is one of the most significant and impactful collaborations he has contributed to. He currently manages COG's Refurbishment Forum and Supplier Participant Program, which has grown significantly under his leadership.

Macit is passionate about strengthening the CANDU industry and helping young professionals fulfill their potential. Beyond work, Macit enjoys cycling, golf, reading, and scuba diving.



**MACIT
COBANOGLU**
Program Manager,
Supplier Participant

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Meet Sonia Iqbal, driving excellence through collaboration 'beyond CANDU.' Sonia joined COG as Program Manager, Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) in 2021. She plays a key role in supporting COG members, SMR vendors and partner organizations in sharing information, pooling resources, and working together to develop and deploy advanced nuclear technologies in support of climate change goals.

Sonia leads COG's Small and Medium Size Reactor Technology Forum (SMRTF), associated task teams, and the SMR Vendor Participant Program (SMR VPP). As a facilitator for pan-Canadian teams, Sonia collaborates on critical focus areas in the adoption of new nuclear technologies. She takes pride in COG's central role in fostering a 'Team Canada' approach while supporting international initiatives with organizations including OECD Nuclear Energy Agency, Nuclear Energy Institute, and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Beyond her professional endeavors, Sonia finds joy in reading and spending quality time with her family.



SONIA IQBAL

**Program Manager,
Small Modular Reactors**

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Kerry Clemen is a strategic leader driving excellence and collaboration within COG as Program Manager, Information Exchange. Kerry's journey with COG began in 2012, initially as a part-time Project Manager and facilitator. Leveraging his background in team building and management from his time working at OPG, Kerry played a vital role in enhancing COG's facilitated teams, programs, training, leading him to his role as Program Manager.

Kerry's passion extends to managing COG's membership on behalf of its members and partners in the @Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) program. His instrumental role in fostering strong ties with EPRI has led to the development of a program that not only strengthens relationships but also leverages substantial R&D benefits for COG members.

It reflects his overall goal of building strong relationships and delivering exceptional value to members and contributing to the ongoing success of COG.



KERRY CLEMEN

**Program Manager,
Information Exchange**

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Meet Miranda Kinkead – COG’s Event Coordinator extraordinaire! Miranda joined COG in 2022 and is responsible for enhancing and furthering collaboration by planning engaging and high-quality events, workshops and learning opportunities for our members. Miranda is passionate about delivering functional and effective events and ensuring that participants have a fulfilling experience. Her proudest achievement is the successful planning and execution of COG’s 2023 COG Collaboration Week (CCW). She worked closely with COG Project Manager John Gierlach to coordinate a five-day event for industry leaders and technical experts to learn from one another, network and collaborate. Bringing over 400 participants from Canada and around the world together for a jam-packed schedule of events is no small feat, but thanks to Miranda’s skills, dedication and teamwork the event received very positive feedback from attendees. Outside of work, Miranda enjoys painting, music, and staying active at the gym. Miranda's commitment to collaboration shines through in her work!



**MIRANDA
KINKEAD**

Event Coordinator

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Meet Nidhi Gaudani, fostering impactful international collaboration at COG for 17 years. As Program Manager, JP&S, Nidhi oversees and develops joint projects to address COG member needs in the areas of engineering, operations and maintenance, nuclear safety, and supply chain. Her work includes leading COG's CANIAC program, which provides quality assurance auditing services to nuclear suppliers, and facilitating COG's CANDU-6 fleet initiative. In addition, she is Vice Chair of the Nuclear Utility Obsolescence Group Steering Committee.

Nidhi first joined COG in 2006, and credits COG with providing numerous opportunities to build her planning, organization and project management skills. Nidhi has contributed to, established and led several key initiatives and events at COG, and is passionate about doing her part to contribute to the safe, reliable operation of nuclear technology to help address climate change.

Nidhi appreciates the dynamic nature of her work and finds it satisfying to learn about issues and opportunities in different technical areas, allowing her to see how all the work done across COG fits together. #OURPEOPLE



NIDHI GAUDANI

**Program Manager,
Joint Projects and
Services**

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Meet Steve Julius, a champion of organizational efficiency. Steve joined COG in 2023, in the role of Procurement Coordinator, where he plays an essential role ensuring and implementing procurement best practices across the organization. As the single point of contact who oversees the initiation and review of purchase orders for all COG projects, Steve applies his several years of experience in procurement to help internal teams lock down pricing and delivery schedules for members and projects in alignment with COG governance. New to the nuclear industry, Steve sees each day as a learning opportunity, and an opportunity for continuous improvement in COG practices. Steve takes pride in his focus on action and execution, and enjoys working with internal teams to support consistent, efficient processes. Outside of work he enjoys playing soccer, gaming, and playing guitar



STEVE JULIUS

**Procurement
Coordinator**

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Meet Krish Krishnan, driving excellence in project management at COG since 2009. With over 40 years of experience in the nuclear sector –Krish applies his education and experience at COG as a Project Manager, Nuclear Safety and Environmental Affairs. He plays a key role overseeing peer groups, task teams, and joint projects within NSEA, showcasing his versatility.

Passionate about the interactive nature of his role, Krish thrives on engaging with numerous members, both domestic and international. He served as a COG Member Relationship Manager to NPCIL for four years strengthening the relation between both organizations. Krish takes pride in the diverse range of projects he has undertaken, with a particular emphasis on the challenges and rewards of safety-related initiatives and joint projects, all which contribute to COG's success. An example of successful collaboration was completing a whole-site risk assessment project, which secured the license extension for Pickering in 2016. This accomplishment not only highlights Krish's technical expertise but also emphasizes the collaborations with COG members over the years.

Krish's passion to strengthen the nuclear industry shows even in his endeavors outside of COG. From being a current member and former President of the Canadian Nuclear Society (2000-2001) to being an Adjunct professor at McMaster University guiding research student in the field of nuclear engineering, his commitment to excellence in collaboration is evident. Outside of work, Krish dedicates his time to volunteer tutoring for high school students. #OURPEOPLE



**KRISH
KRISHNAN**
**Project Manager,
NSEA**