

## **Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

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### **PATRAM2010 Symposium hosted by the Department for Transport (DfT) of the United Kingdom in cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the World Nuclear Transport Institute (WNTI)**

#### **Transmitted by the expert from the United Kingdom**

1. PATRAM symposia are the major international conferences dedicated entirely to the exchange of information on the future of packaging and transport of radioactive materials and, therefore, present a unique opportunity for the entire professional community including industry, government, inter-governmental and research organisations to look to the horizon in relation to these issues.
2. PATRAM symposia are held every three years with the venue alternating between the United States of America and the rest of the world.
3. PATRAM2010 will be the 16<sup>th</sup> symposium since it began in 1965; it will be held at the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) headquarters in London from 3 to 8 October 2010.
4. Over 400 abstracts were submitted and a number of high profile prestigious keynote speakers have been invited to address delegates which will be limited to 600.
5. The overall theme of PATRAM2010 is "looking to the future" to reflect the renaissance in the development of existing or of a new nuclear power programme in many IAEA Member States and the millions of transports that take place every year worldwide for the radiopharmaceutical and non-nuclear industry sectors.
6. The themes of the symposium will include:
  - Package technology and design, safety assessments including criticality, risk assessment, components, materials and analytical methods;
  - Package manufacture and testing for all materials, including nuclear fuel cycle materials, radioactive sources, pharmaceuticals, process and decommissioning wastes;
  - Interim storage for spent fuel and wastes including both package and transport considerations;
  - Transport operations for all modes of transport - sea, land and air - including experiences, and such issues as radiation protection, emergency preparedness;
  - Security including package and operational impacts.

7. A preliminary programme is available from the PATRAM2010 website together with details of how to register ([www.PATRAM2010.org](http://www.PATRAM2010.org)).
8. The symposium attracts delegates representing Regulatory Bodies, industry, trade associations, academia and lobbying groups from Member States and representatives from UN organizations and government officials.
9. The United Kingdom expert draws the attention of the Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to this event and hopes it attracts the interest of other delegations.

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