



25 YEARS OF NORM SYMPOSIA

FUTURE: RESIDUES APPLIED IN A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



Dear colleagues,

The series of international NORM symposia started in 1997 with an International Symposium on Radiological Problems with Natural Radioactivity in the Non-Nuclear Industry at Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Since 1998, NORM radiation protection professionals from all over the world have met regularly every 3 years at such an international NORM symposium. The Dutch Society for Radiation Protection (NVS) is pleased to host the next symposium in this series. To celebrate 25 years of international NORM symposia, the 10th international NORM symposium (NORM X) is scheduled to take place from May 9th till 13th, 2022 in the city of Utrecht.

The city of Utrecht is the beating heart of the Netherlands and it can be described as a vibrant, but cosy ancient university town. The city is known for the famous Dom Tower and the wharf cellars along the canals housing pubs, restaurants and terraces near the water. The historical city of Utrecht is not only centrally located in the Netherlands, but is also famous for its variety of musea e.g. museum speelklok (incl. street organs), railway museum, Nijntje (Miffy) museum.

With the theme “25 years of NORM Symposia - Future: Residues Applied in a Circular Economy”, NORM X aims to provide a forum for the industrial, technical, scientific, and regulatory communities involved in the management of NORM and to disseminate the results of scientific information, research and knowledge. The theme implies a special focus on challenges to apply residues with elevated levels of natural radioactivity in a circular economy, but contributions showing the latest developments within their country or industry related to any NORM issues from cradle to grave will also be accepted. The goal is to harmonize issues and methods of addressing proper management of NORM residues with guidance on applications including practical case studies. Next to this special focus, NORM X will also provide the opportunity to review the progress that have been achieved since NORM IX in disposal, radiation protection, management, research, etc. The targeted audience of this symposium is a variety of stakeholders including various NORM industry sectors, transport, NORM disposal facilities, etc., as well as researchers and regulators.

The core committees organising the scientific, technical and social programme of the congress started their work earlier in 2019. We are grateful for the support of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The IAEA is one of the main contributors for the organisation of NORM symposia and has a leading technical role from NORM IV onwards. Besides this we intend to cooperate with more international organisations, e.g. European NORM Association (ENA), European Commission, neighbouring fellow associate societies of the International Radiation Protection Association.

The five day programme of the symposium will offer us a whole range of plenary, parallel and poster sessions on all relevant scientific and operational topics in NORM radiation protection, as well as plenty of opportunities for exhibitors. More importantly, the symposium offers NORM radiation protection professionals the opportunity to interact and exchange experiences among each other, thereby contributing to the theme of our congress.

I really do hope that you will be able to disseminate the announcement of this symposium as widely as possible and that you will also be able to attend and contribute to the success of the NORM X symposium!



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