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2004 WIN AWARD

The 2004 WIN Award has been presented to Professor Ying-Chun Hsieh of the Taiwan National Chengchi University.

A non-nuclear professional, Professor Ying-chun Hsieh was recognized for her outstanding achievements in promoting science for almost thirty years - including nuclear energy – by communicating with the general public using plain, easy to understand language, and for her strong, persistent and outspoken support of nuclear power.



WIN Global President Junko Ogawa and Win Award Recipient Ying-Chung Hsieh

As well as having a successful academic career, she served on the advisory board of many nuclear related committees dealing with reactor safety, emergency preparedness and legislation for waste management. She also trained NPP workers how to communicate with local residents. She takes every opportunity to teach students of journalism how to understand and report nuclear news.

Professor Hsieh became a member of WIN Taiwan a few years ago when she was invited to give a speech on "Public Communications and Nuclear Development in Taiwan – Stubborn Audience" at the 2000 WIN Taiwan Annual Meeting.

WIN Global President Junko Ogawa and a delegation of WIN Japan travelled to Taipei for the award ceremony which took place on 1 October at Taipower's headquarters. In attendance were WIN Taiwan members, the Vice President and some employees of Taipower, the Secretary General and other representatives of Chung-Hwa Nuclear Society.

Professor Hsieh's mother, colleagues and students. The ceremony was followed by a panel discussion on "Communication of Nuclear Issues and Public Education".

The event was covered by "The Liberty Times" – one of the country's top three daily newspapers. One article was headed "Highest Honor of Global Women in Nuclear Awarded to Professor of Journalism". The second article focused on the meeting of Ogawa and her delegation with Dr Mine-shen Ouyang, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Council. During this meeting Ogawa stressed the importance of continuous and persistent communication, and suggested that WIN Taiwan should take an active role in communicating with residents near nuclear facilities and serve as a bridge between these residents, anti-nuclear groups and the government.

The Japanese delegation also used the opportunity to visit the nuclear power plant construction site at Lungmen.

There are three operating NPPs in Taiwan. Planning of the 4th NPP (two ABWRs) started in 1980. The first budget was approved by legislators in 1994, and completion of reactor 1 was due in 2006, reactor 2 in 2007. But construction is now behind schedule, due to a 3 1/2 month suspension after a reevaluation in late 2000 and continuing concerns of anti-nuclear activists in Taiwan.



Note:

Many WIN members will remember that in 1998 WIN Taiwan organized an excellent first WIN Global Annual Meeting outside Europe.

WIN Global much appreciates the eagerness and efforts of WIN Taiwan and its members for making the 2004 WIN Award ceremony and related events a truly memorable experience.

2004 WIN KOREA 2004 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NUCLEAR WITH WOMEN

The above was held on 7th September at the Leaders' Club, Diplomatic Center, in Seoul/Korea. About 250 experts participated, including delegates from the Korea National Congress, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Commerce Industry and Energy, Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Company, NGO groups, as well as WIN-Korea members.

Dr. Sung-Woon Hong, President of WIN-Korea, opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and emphasizing the importance of the role of women in the nuclear field.

Three distinguished international speakers were scheduled in Session I - "International Nuclear Experiences": Dr. Annick Carnino (former President of WIN Global) talked about the 'Safety of Nuclear Facilities'; Dr Ingeborg Hagenlocher (President of the Nuclear Society of Switzerland) reported on 'Nuclear Waste in Switzerland'; and Dr Burton Bennett, (President of the Radiation Effects Research Foundation/RERF, Hiroshima-Nagasaki/Japan) made a presentation on 'Hiroshima, 60 years after the Atomic Bombing'.



Keynote speeches were made by Ms Hee-Jung Kim, a member of the Korea National Congress, “Nuclear Energy with Women”, and also Dr Jae-In Shin, President of the Korea Fusion Industry and Technology Association, on “The Role of Women Scientists and Social Perception

Following the Symposium, Dr Carnino and Dr Hagenlocher were invited to attend the 10th Nuclear Safety Day Ceremony.

In 1995 the Korean Government designated the 10th of September as “Nuclear Safety Day”, with the aim to promote public awareness of nuclear safety and to create a working environment that made safety a top priority. During the annual ceremony the Ministry of Science and Technology commends individuals and organizations for outstanding achievements and service.



At the 2004 event, held on 8 September at the Daejeon Science Museum Hall, Dr. Hong, President of WIN-Korea, was awarded with the Presidential Award. Dr. Se-Moon Park, Vice-President of WIN-Korea, was given an award by the Minister of Science and Technology.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:
WIN GLOBAL 2005
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Monday 4 April	Registration, Board and Executive Meetings
Tuesday 5 April	Welcome Addresses, Gen Assembly, Country Reports
Wednesday 6 April	Plenary Sessions Breakout Sessions: <i>Communication</i> <i>Waste Management</i> <i>Radiological Protection, Health & Environment</i>
Thursday 7 April	Technical Tours: <i>Temelin NPP</i> <i>Radioactive Waste Repository Richard</i> <i>Radon Health Spa Jachymov</i>
Friday 8 April	Optional Tour: Prague

FULL DETAILS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WIN WEBSITE IN EARLY JANUARY 2005.



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AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR**