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Dear WIN members,

Let's build the bridge between the public and WIN

I am the new WIN president, Junko OGAWA, taking over from Dr. Annick Carnino. I am very much honoured to be appointed to this important position, and feel thrilled to be involved in world-wide duties.

I have been working in the public acceptance field for nuclear energy since the year of the Chernobyl accident. Through my daily routine I think it is essential that we, the people who are involved in communication should be bridges between the public and the technical professionals.

There are a plethora of members with various professional backgrounds. Therefore we can be mutually productive to achieve our goal, namely educating the public - especially women - to understand nuclear energy and radiation utilization factually.

I would like you to join me in this effort.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Ogawa". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Junko Ogawa
President WIN Global

Extract of President's 2004 report

By Annick Carnino, outgoing President WIN Global

Membership and development

The Canadian chapter is being revived under the leadership of Susanne Brissette of Bruce Power.

Some 58 countries are now members of WIN Global and we hope that this number will be increased to over 60 in 2005.

Election of new President

The new process, integrated last year, for selecting the WIN Global President was followed and unanimously resulted in the proposal of Dr Junko Ogawa for all her active and continuous support of WIN Global, and for the remarkable success of WIN Japan and for her wonderful career in nuclear activities. The election process took place during the annual General Assembly.

National reports

National reports were presented during the General Assembly after the President's report. From those I already read, I must say that the activities run by the WIN national chapters are impressive and perfectly meet the objectives set up for WIN Global.

There was a special request presented this year: to address in the national reports the WIN impact towards the audiences of women. I hope that next year the newly elected president will report on WIN contributions towards the audience of females.

Web site and special reports

All regional offices are requested to cooperate with the WIN Administrative office in London to establish weblinks.

WIN Award

Arrangements are being made to present the 2004 WIN Global Award to Dr Ying-Chun Hsieh of Taiwan for her contribution to the nuclear industry.

A full version of the President's 2004 report and the country reports will be posted on the WIN website.

WIN Global 2004 meets in Tokyo

WIN Global extends their sincere thanks to the Japanese hosts for their generous hospitality and their superb arrangements.

The 12th WIN Global meeting took place from 17-22 May 2004 in Japan. Some 170 participants from Australia, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Philippines, UK, USA and Vietnam joined the local delegation.



Three days of administrative meetings, lectures and sessions ended with a panel discussion at Tokyo's Keidanren Hall to which members of the public were invited. Panellists included Dr Annick Carnino (outgoing WIN Global President) representing Europe, Ms Anneli Nikula (TVO) representing Finland, Ms Junko Ogawa (JAPC, incoming WIN Global President) representing Japan, Dr Byung-Joo Min (KAERI) representing Korea, Ms Ellen Ginsberg (NEI) representing the USA and Dr Seiichi Kanise representing the Japanese Press.



A Carnino, E Ginsberg, Moderator N Kimoto



S Kanise, B-J Min, A Nikula, J Ogawa



Audience, Keidanren hall



Ogawa & Carnino, laying a wreath at Peace Memorial

The Panel discussion at Keidanren Hall was well attended – over 450 – and ended with a lively discussion between panellists and the audience.

On Thursday 54 of the delegates visited TEPCO'S Kashiwazaki-Kariwa site on the west coast of Japan – the largest nuclear power station in the world.

WIN Global finished with a 2-day trip to Hiroshima. Sites visited included the Radiation Effects Research Foundation and the Peace Memorial Museum with the A-Bomb Dome.

WIN Global 2005
will be held 4-8 April
In Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic