

Dr. Haug's speech at the opening of RRFM, Sofia (Bulgaria)
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Good morning; ladies and gentlemen and welcome again to Sofia for this tenth **International Topical Meeting on Research Reactor Fuel Management (RRFM)** organised by the **European Nuclear Society**.

Last night, during my welcome address during the dinner at the **National Archaeological Museum**, I took some time for thanking all those involved in making this conference happen. Therefore; I do not have to do this again. Let us just start and open this conference, now !

Our first two speakers will make us more familiar with the actual situation, here in Bulgaria, which is on its way to join the European Union, most probably next January.

A Welcome Address will first be given by Mr. Stamenov. He is the Director of the Institute for Nuclear Research and Nuclear Energy, here in Sofia.

After him, we are looking forward to an Opening Address by Mrs. Illieva, the President of the Bulgarian Nuclear Society, also here in Sofia.

Mr. Stamenov, you have the floor.