

Voice of experts for the future

Nuclear energy is the fastest growing among the major primary energy sectors in the world. Although we are not building many new nuclear power plants, we are able to permanently increase our most important final product, electrical energy.

We are doing it by the excellence of our work: by keeping our units online longer, by increasing their power, by reducing the number of incidents and by avoiding accidents. Nuclear technologies are also successfully contributing to the quality of life in other sectors of the modern society. And all this is going on in a quite negative atmosphere in general public toward anything connected with radiation. In our everyday life we are exposed to numerous risks, many of them much more serious than anything radioactive, but still the word “nuclear” is heard as the biggest menace.

Non-governmental organizations like ENS have important roles to play in our world. More and more economical driving forces are left to the open market. Life is getting tougher, but the benefits are supposed to be higher. In this dynamic, challenging world nuclear technologies also have to find their role. In the past it was the wisdom of governments who initiated and developed the use of nuclear.

The investments were high, the implementation periods very long, but the benefits for society were also high and very long-term. Today we are leaving the decision about the future of energy supply completely to industry but with a very clear mandate – it has to achieve the highest profit in the shortest time.

Why invest today in something which may not offer a return on the capital investment until after 10 years? Why try to convince the general public about the technology, which they don't like, if money could be earned elsewhere with less risk?

This is where non-governmental societies must have a very loud voice. ENS is an association of people with one thing in common: we all believe that the use of nuclear technologies is very beneficial for the world. We believe that use of these technologies can make this world better not only tomorrow, but also 20, 30 or 50 years from now. And no politician, no investor, likes to think so far in advance.

We have to raise our voice today, to make the world better for our long-term future. We have to create a good environment for our creative work. We have to inform people about the facts of our technology, about the science behind it, about the long-term perspectives, about its sustainability.



We have to help create a public environment, which will be ready to seriously and responsibly consider our ideas and create conditions for their implementation.

The task is not easy, it is not short-term, but it is very important and very challenging. And we have to do it – that is our responsibility.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Stritar".

Andrej Stritar, President ENS