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The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States of the Asia and the Pacific region and has the honour to draw attention to the *IAEA Nobel Prize Special Event on Human Resources Development in Radiation Oncology in the Context of Cancer Control Programmes*. The Event will take place in Bangkok, Thailand, from 4 to 8 December 2006. Permanent Missions are invited to inform the appropriate Governmental and non-Governmental health authorities (including Ministerial level officials where relevant) of the Event.

The IAEA Nobel Cancer and Nutrition Fund was created to use the IAEA's share of the Nobel Peace Prize 2005 for capacity building in the priority areas of cancer and childhood nutrition. The Fund is being used to support among other activities one Special Event in the Asia and the Pacific region. This Event is expected to further promote the need for comprehensive cancer control and treatment programmes which is being pursued through the IAEA's Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT). It will consist of a two-day high level meeting focused on cancer control planning, followed by a three day workshop on the latest techniques in cancer diagnosis and treatment for heads of radiotherapy centres and radiation oncologists, as shown on the attached agenda.

The Secretariat looks forward to the participation of the Governments of the Asia and the Pacific region in the above *two-day high level meeting*. Permanent Missions are requested to inform the Secretariat by 15 October 2006 of their official nominee(s) for the meeting. The IAEA will cover the expenses related to travel and accommodation of up to three nominees per country (high level official from the health ministry, head of a major radiotherapy centre, radiation oncologist).

The Secretariat of the IAEA avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States of the Asia and the Pacific region the assurance of its highest consideration.



Attachment

**IAEA Nobel Prize Special Event on Human Resources Development
in Radiation Oncology in the Context of Cancer Control Programmes**

Bangkok 4-8 December, 2006

Agenda

(Speakers to be determined)

DAY 1- MONDAY 4 DECEMBER
Recognizing the Neglected Epidemic: the Cancer Problem in Asia
Monday Morning
<u>9:00 – 11:00 Opening Ceremony</u>
<u>11:00 – 12:00 Press Conference</u>
Press Conference with Opening Ceremony Speakers
Monday Afternoon
<u>14:00 – 14:45 Cancer Burden and Current Programmes in Asia</u>
<u>14:45 – 15:30 WHO Cancer Control Guidelines and Comprehensive Cancer Control: Creating Regional Capacity</u>
<u>15:45 –16:30 IAEA'S Involvement in Cancer Treatment Through its Technical Cooperation Programme</u>
<u>16:30 – 17:15 PACT Initiative for Interagency Collaboration to Support National and Regional Cancer Capacity Building</u>
DAY 2 -TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER
Introduction to Comprehensive Cancer Control
Tuesday Morning
<u>09:00- 10:00 Considerations in Building Regional Cancer Prevention Capacity</u>
<u>10:00 – 11:00 Considerations in Building Early Detection and Screening Programmes for Cancer</u>
<u>11:15- 12:15 The Critical Role of Civil Cancer Societies In Advancing Cancer Control Systems</u>
Tuesday Afternoon
<u>14:15- 15:15 Regional Palliative Care Training Centres</u>
<u>15:15- 16:15 Cancer Data Collection and Outcomes Research</u>
<u>16:30- 17:45 Vision for Multidisciplinary Regional Cancer Training Networks</u>

DAYS 3-5 -WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER – FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

Trends in higher education and practical training for radiation oncologists

There will be sessions devoted to the following important topics for senior policy makers and professionals with a relevant background in radiation oncology. The invited external and local/regional speakers will address, through lectures and discussions, the topics with respect to the existing and new teaching materials available e.g. textbooks, handbooks, IAEA distance learning material in the Applied Sciences of Oncology, which can be used in addition to practical hands-on training.

- **Comprehensive cancer control:** the need for programmes in prevention, early detection, treatment, palliation and cancer data collection and their positive effect on cancer treatment and survival rates.
- **Evidence-based radiation oncology:** the optimal treatment of common cancers in the continent will be described using cost effective modalities.
- **Clinical research:** the methodology of clinical research and in particular its implementation in developing countries with limited resources, with an emphasis on creating sustainable research programmes:
- **Education and training:** developments in hands-on education and training of professionals in radiation oncology i.e. radiation oncologists, medical physicists, radiation therapy technologists and nurses.
- **Emerging techniques in radiotherapy planning and delivery:** newer and developing techniques, their advantages and disadvantages, cost-benefit considerations, and their implementation.