



IGORR

International Group on Research Reactors

35 Years of Success

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Charter of IGORR

International Group on Research Reactors

(Situation in inauguration year 1989)

- Many organizations, in several countries, were planning or implementing new or upgraded research reactor projects, but there was no organized forum devoted entirely to discussion and exchange of information in this field.
- The International Group on Research Reactors (IGORR) was formed to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and experience among those institutions and individuals who were actively working to design, build and promote new research reactors or to make significant upgrades to existing facilities. (Proceedings of the first meeting, 03/1990)
- IGORR will continue to seek interaction with other organizations representing research reactor operators and users, including university reactors, the IAEA, and generally the research reactor community as well as its industrial partners.

Founding fathers of IGORR

- **Colin West**,
Director of the
Advanced Neutron
Source Project at ORNL
- **Klaus Böning**,
Project Leader of the
FRM II Project at TUM





FRM II, Germany

Hanaro, Korea

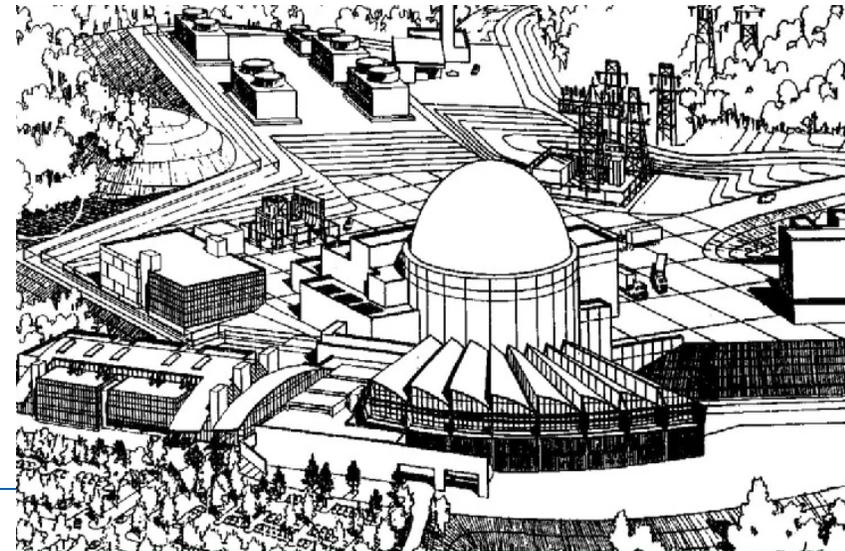


In 1989 there were several **new research reactors** proposed.



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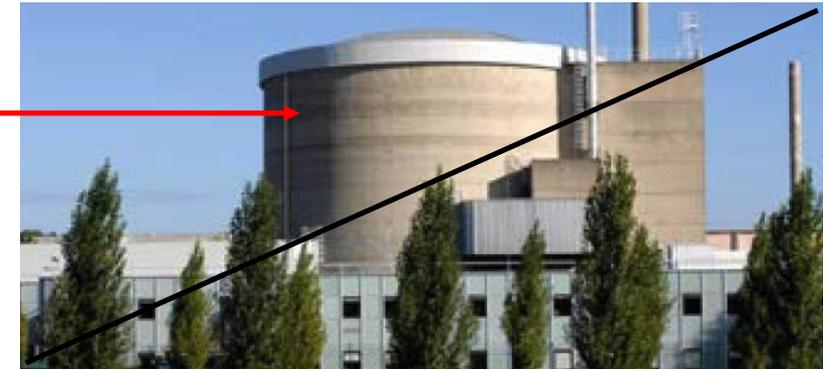
ANS, USA





In 1989, there were several **major upgrades ongoing** or being planned:

- First cold source at NIST (D₂O ice)
- Major upgrade in BER II completing
- Major upgrade in Petten completed
- Major upgrade in Orphée considered
- Rebuilt of JRR-3 almost complete



Status 2025

23 reactors planned or under construction in 18 countries

| Facility Name | Country | City | Type | Power [kW] | Status |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| MYRRHA | Belgium | Mol | FAST | 85000 | PLANNED |
| RMB | Brazil | Iperó | POOL | 30000 | PLANNED |
| TMSR-SF1 | China | Shanghai | EXPERIMENTAL | 10000 | PLANNED |
| TMSR-LF1 | China | Shanghai | EXPERIMENTAL | 2000 | PLANNED |
| TFHR Thorium Pebble Bed | China | Shanghai | EXPERIMENTAL | 2000 | PLANNED |
| High Flux RR | India | Visakhapatnam | POOL | 40000 | PLANNED |
| Thermal RR | India | Visakhapatnam | POOL | 125000 | PLANNED |
| Research Reactor | Mongolia | Ulaanbaatar | POOL | 5000 | PLANNED |
| PALLAS | Netherlands | Petten | NA | 0 | PLANNED |
| Multipurpose RR | Nigeria | Abuja | POOL | 10000 | PLANNED |
| SUT MNSR | Thailand | Nakorn Ratchasima | MNSR | 45 | PLANNED |
| Multipurpose RR | Ukraine | Kiev | POOL | 20000 | PLANNED |
| Multipurpose RR | Viet Nam | Da Lat | POOL, IRT | 15000 | PLANNED |
| RA-10 | Argentina | Buenos Aires | POOL | 30000 | UNDER CONSTRUCTION |
| RB-01 | Bolivia | El Alto | POOL | 200 | UNDER CONSTRUCTION |
| RJH | France | Saint-Paul-les-Durance | TANK IN POOL | 100000 | UNDER CONSTRUCTION |
| KHRR | Iran | Khondab | HEAVY WATER | 20000 | UNDER CONSTRUCTION |
| IRR-10 | Iran | Isfahan | POOL | 10000 | UNDER CONSTRUCTION |
| KJRR | Korea, Republic of | Busan | POOL | 15000 | UNDER CONSTRUCTION |
| MBIR | Russian Federation | Dimitrovgrad | FAST, POWER | 150000 | UNDER CONSTRUCTION |
| LPRR | Saudi Arabia | Riyadh | POOL | 30 | UNDER CONSTRUCTION |
| Argus-FTI | Tajikistan | Dushanbe | HOMOG (L) | 50 | UNDER CONSTRUCTION |
| KIPT Expt. Neutron Source | Ukraine | Kharkov | SUBCRIT | 0.19 | UNDER CONSTRUCTION |

– and there are more projects we will learn about the next days!



IGORR – some technicalities

- IGORR has no permanent structure, the organisation of the chairman is hosting the website
 - Support of local organisers is necessary and highly appreciated. Thank you!
- A conference is organised every 18 months to 2 years
- The conference venue is rotating between the Americas, Europe and Australasia
- When in Europe, it is organised jointly with the RRFM conference (ENS). Next IGORR routinely should be in Europe again.
- Last IGORR was with TRTR in MD, USA.
- The conference is regularly organised with the IAEA (embedded technical meeting).
- This IGORR relies substantially on JAEA.



The last 10 IGORR conferences

1. June 2023 – College Park (MD), USA, in collaboration with TRTR
2. June 2021 – fully remote (→ Covid), in collaboration with the IAEA
3. March 2019 – Jordan, dead sea, in collaboration with RRFM and IAEA, hosted by JAEC
4. December 2017 – Sydney, Australia, in collaboration with IAEA, hosted by ANSTO
5. March 2016 – Berlin, Germany, in collaboration with RRFM, ENS
6. November 2014 – Bariloche, Argentina, in collaboration with IAEA, hosted by CNEA/INVAP
7. October 2013 – Daejeon, Korea, in collaboration with the IAEA, hosted by KAERI
8. March 2012 – Prague, Czech Republic, in collaboration with RRFM and IAEA, with support of CVR/UJV
9. September 2010 – Knoxville (TN), USA, in collaboration with TRTR, hosted by ORNL
10. October 2009 – Beijing, China, hosted by CIAE

IGORR 2023 with TRTR in College Park, MD, USA





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the International Group on Research Reactors
(IGORR-III)*



September 30 ~ October 1, 1993
Naka Research Establishment, JAERI, Naka, Ibaraki, Japan

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IGORR III in Japan

1993, IGORR-III (more than 30 years ago) in Naka, Ibaraki, Japan.

So it was more than time to go back to Japan!

Important developments in the RR field in Japan ongoing.

- Thank you Japan
- Thank you JAEA
- Thank you Mito
- Thank you IAEA
- Thank you to all the organizers

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Some changes due during this conference – steering committee meeting (members and future members: today, 18:00 h Special Conference Room 310 at Mito Civic Center



IGORR Chairmen

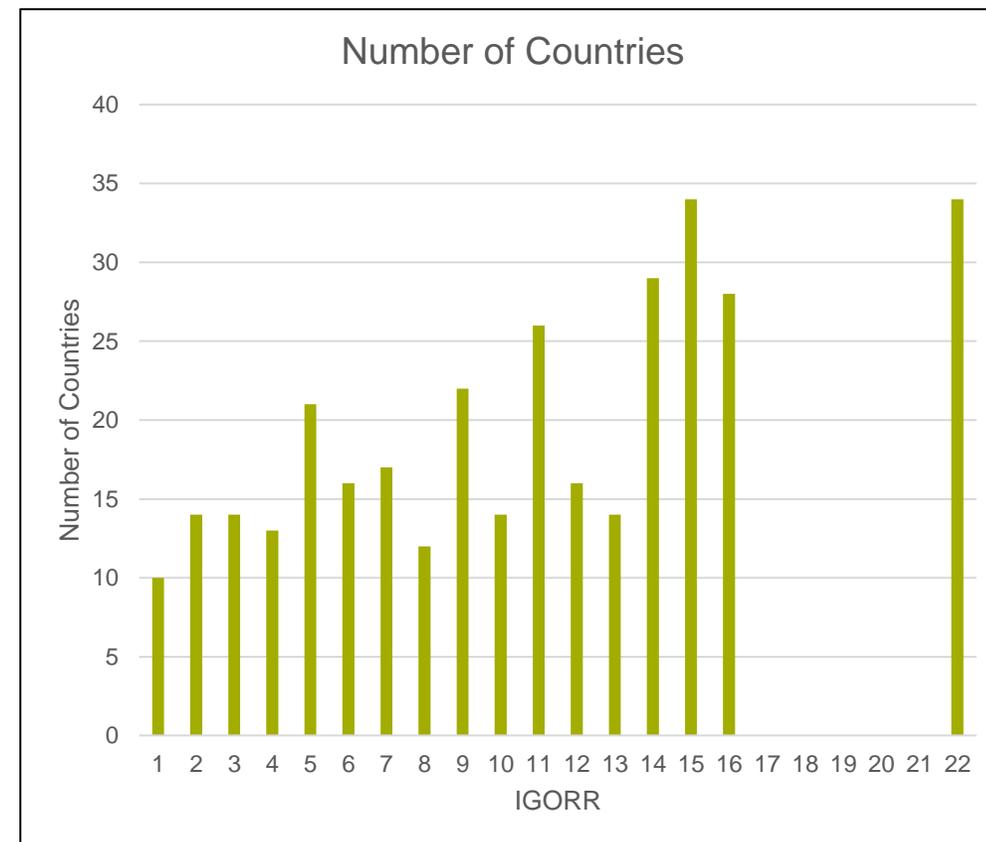
- Colin D. WEST, 1989 – 1996, ORNL (USA)
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- Joel GUIDEZ, 2006 – 2009, CEA (France)
- Gilles BIGNAN 2009 – 2023, CEA (France)
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IGORR 22 – This Conference



Statistics

- 34 countries + IAEA
- 128 participants
- 16 topics
- 71 oral presentations
- 29 poster presentations



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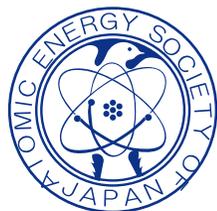
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June 15-19, 2025

MITO CITY CIVIC CENTER



Successful Conference For All!

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