

## Press release

### **Lessons of Fukushima Still to Be Learned – International Nuclear Risk Assessment Group “INRAG” Founded**

At the occasion of the third anniversary of the Fukushima accident, a group of independent international experts in nuclear matters has been founded in Vienna under the name “INRAG” (International Nuclear Risk Assessment Group).

Their first message: the main lessons from Fukushima are still not learnt.

#### INRAG

- ....notes that the situation at the Fukushima site in Japan is far from under control.
- ....recalls that major contributing factors triggering the disaster were a closed nuclear community consisting of operators, government and authorities and therefore the lack of independent oversight.
- .....recognizes that major accidents - also as consequence of the same structural principles - can occur in any nuclear facility in the world.
- ....stresses the urgent need for reliable, independent information on nuclear risks.

INRAG is an interdisciplinary expertise network that will facilitate cooperation of its members. It is prepared to inform and advise decision-makers and organizations of civil society on nuclear matters. It intends to improve the accessibility of reliable information to the public and to contribute to a higher degree of understandability. It will foster scientific research on nuclear risks and provide a comprehensive knowledge-base on nuclear risks.

Members of the group include academics, former members and heads of nuclear authorities, members of technical support organizations, independent scientists and experts. They work in countries such as Austria, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Sweden, the UK and the USA. INRAG shall be expanded to a comprehensive worldwide net. The initiative of establishing INRAG originates from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU) which is currently its host.

