SALZBURG CONFERENCE FOR A NON-NUCLEAR FUTURE

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On Behalf of the sponsoring organizations, I would like to invite you to participate in the Salzburg Conference, an international meeting of non-governmental experts and activists concerned about nuclear energy, scheduled for April 29 - May 1, 1977, in Salzburg, Austria.

The debate over nuclear energy is global in dimension. The growing controversy in different nations often focuses on the same questions, including nuclear weapons proliferation, economics of nuclear power, alternative energy sources, nuclear power plant safety and siting, reprocessing, radioactive waste disposal, and the development of the breeder and other advanced reactors. Closer cooperation and coordination are needed if concerned citizens around the world are to address these issues responsibly and effectively.

Invitations to the Conference are being sent to a limited number of individual experts and national activist organizations, which are asked to send no more than two representatives. Participants at the Conference will number only about 100 people in order to permit full discussion. I would appreciate any suggestions you have as to experts and activists who should be invited.

A detailed program for the Conference will be sent to you shortly. We will arrange for a number of speakers and panelists to lead sessions of the Conference. Such "resource persons" will include Amory Lovins, Dean Abrahamson, Walter Patterson, and others of similar stature.

Attached to this invitations is an information sheet further detailing the arrangements for the meeting and a reservation request. I do hope you will be able to join us at this important meeting.

Sincerely,

Peter Weish
Central Coordinator

Vienna, 31. März 1977
Time, Place and Purpose

An international conference of nongovernmental organizations and experts involved in the debate over nuclear energy has been scheduled for Friday, April 29th, through Sunday, May 1st, 1977, in Salzburg, Austria. The meeting will bring together from more than a dozen nations public interest activists and scientists, who share a concern about the risks that nuclear energy poses to international security, the health and safety of the public and the natural environment. From this concern flows a common position that other energy futures besides nuclear must be considered in local, national and international decisions on energy issues. There is as well a belief that the public must be able to participate fully in such decisionmaking.

AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the NNF Conference is set out below. We expect to add other names to the list of speakers at a number of the sessions.

**Friday, April 29, 1977**

9:00 - 9:30 Welcome - Keynote Speaker

9:30 - 12:30 Review of National Debates

Moderator: Dean Abrahamson, Prof. of Public Affairs, Univ. of Minnesota

Representatives from each nation will be given an opportunity (10 minutes per nation) to describe briefly the debate about energy issues in their country.

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:30 The Spread of Nuclear Energy and the Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: International and National Responses

Brian Johnson, Senior Fellow, Int. Inst. for Environm. & Development
Paul Leventhal, former Counsel to US Senate Govmt. Ops Committee, expert on US nuclear exports legislation

15:45 - 17:45 The Economics of Nuclear Energy

David Comey, Executive Director, Citizens for a Better Environment, Chicago, Ill.
Bert de Vries, Afdeling Vrije Studierichting, Chemistry Dept. Univ. of Groningen, The Netherlands

**Saturday, April 30, 1977**

9:00 - 12:00 Alternative Energy Futures

Amory Lovins, Physicist, British Repres. Friends of the Earth, Inc.
Amulyah Reddy, Indian Institute of Science
Joe Camilleri, Lecturer in Politics, La Trobe Univ., Melbourne; Spokesman, Uranium Moratorium, Australia
Dr. Atsushi Tsuchida, Researcher, Institute of Physical and Chemical Research, Japan
12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 15:00 Radioactive Waste Disposal
- Dean Abrahamson, Univ. of Minnesota
- Konradin Kreuzer, Forum for the Responsible Application of Science, Basel, Switzerland
- Klarissa Nienhuys, Vrije Studierichting, Chemistry Dept. University of Groningen, The Netherlands

15:15 - 17:15 Plutonium Reprocessing and the Breeder: Risks to Workers Health, Public Safety and the Environment
- Thomas B. Cochran, Physicist, National Resources Defense Council, USA
- Bernard Laponne, Trade Unionist, CFDT, France
- Walter Patterson, Physicist, Friends of the Earth, U.K.

Sunday, May 1, 1977

9:00 - 11:00 Nuclear Power Plants: Health, Safety and Environmental Risks
- Dr. Sadao Ichikawa, Labor. of Genetics, Fac.of Agriculture, Kyoto
- Prof. Shu Ono, Inst.of Physics, University of Tokyo

11:15 - 12:00 Public Participation in Energy Decision-Making: NGO Tactics and Strategies
- Thomas Burke, Director, Friends of the Earth, U.K.
- Brice Lalonde, Les Amis de la Terre, France
- Helmut Wüstenhagen, Bundesverb. Bürgerinitiativen Umweltschutz, e.V. BDU

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:00 Public Participation in Energy Decision-Making: NGO Tactics and Strategies (continued)

14:00 - 16:00 Review of the Meeting

16:00 Adjournment

NOTE: The preparation of the agenda and pre-Conference documentation is being coordinated by the Natural Resources Defense Council. If you have further questions or suggestions about the programme, please contact S. Jacob Scherr, NRDC, 917 Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005