

World Nuclear University School of Uranium Production: Eight years' experience

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The World Nuclear University School of Uranium Production was established by DIAMO, state enterprise in 2006 year under the auspices of the World Nuclear University in London in partnership with international nuclear organizations – OECD/NEA and IAEA. Using the expertise and infrastructure of DIAMO State Enterprise, in conjunction with national and international universities, scientific institutions, regulatory authorities and other individual experts, the “school” covers its mission with the aim to provide world-class training on all aspects of uranium production cycle to equip operators, regulators and executives with the knowledge and expertise needed to provide expanded, environmentally-sound uranium mining throughout the world.

- to educate students on all aspects of uranium production cycle including exploration, planning, development, operation, remediation and closure of uranium production facilities
- to improve the state of the art of uranium exploration, mining and mine remediation through research and development
- to provide a forum for the exchange of information on the latest uranium mining technologies and experiences – best practices.

All “school” activities are opened to all organizations and individuals interested in the tasks of the uranium mining life cycle. On principle there are two main accesses for application:

- Direct commercial contract
- Fellowship or scientific visit based on TC Project between IAEA and counterpart countries or regions

Beside these two basic approaches any other cooperation can be implemented based on national or multinational activities, workshops or technical meetings.

Seventy-nine participants within the framework of the IAEA technical cooperation projects and 153 participants on commercial contracts, from a total from 18 countries, successfully passed 27 different training programmes of all uranium mining life cycle aspects up until January 2014.