ABSTRACT

THE "G.R.R.I.N.S." AND THE INFORMATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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The "Groupe Régional de Reflexion et d'Information sur le Nucléaire et la Santé " (Régional Group of Reflexion and Information about Nuclear energy and health) is a working party created after Tchernobyl disaster in order to provide the framework for a pluridisciplinary reflection about the risks induced by the development of Nuclear technology on health and to carry out informing actions towards professionnal working in health services.

(Association law 1901)

The public preoccupation on the sanitary incidence of the ionisant radiations have to induce health professions to be able to answer theirs patients interrogations. Experience shows that practitioners are not sufficiently informed and we have to propose them correct informations outwards all the polemics. All this is done in a health worry. This is the GRRINS goal fixed to itself.

MEMBERS:

Those taking place in the working party: Doctors from occupational medecine or Nuclear medicine, biologists, physicists, hygienists, radio toxicologists, chemists and radiologists.

AIMS:

- Training students, doctors, chemists.
- Informing medical professionnals, newspapers, decision makers.
- Contributing to the actions of local information committees close to energy plants and other publis structures (department board for hygiene).

PLACE OF SETTLEMENT:

South of France (Rhône Valley), region with a large nuclear establishment.

ACTION:

- Investigation towards 13 000 practitioners, doctors, chemists, dentists, vets from Vaucluse, Gard, Hérault, Aude, Lozère and Pyrénées Orientales.
- Spreading of educational documents (films, video films, lectures, slides, books) produced under the aegis of learned companies.
- Participation in various teaching (post graduate and ordinary degrees, dissertations, training courses).
- Publication of a report "the GRRINS'Letter" with a circulation of 10 000.
- Yearly organisation of a day's work on a particular subject entitled "the Lascours Talks":
 - * 1990 : Ionizing radiances in daily life.
 - * 1991: Medical radiation (diagnosis and therapy).
 - * 1992 : Ionization of food products.
 - * 1993 : Are there more cancers around Nuclear centers ?
 - * 1994 : Radioactive waste : which risks for health ?
 - * 1995 : The domestic radon.