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**1. ANS JLS Report for ANS Local Section Committee, November 2023**

ANS and Atomic Energy Society of Japan (AESJ) have established a bilateral agreement in 1999 to provide a mutual cooperation and since then AESJ is one of the so-called “sister-societies” of ANS.

**2. Activities of ANS Japan Section FY2023 (April 2023- November 2023)**

The ANS Japan Section is managed by the International Nuclear Information Network (ININ) of AESJ. The ININ has approximately 110 members including 11 officers.

Major activities in FY2023 until October are as follows;

- Semi-annual Members’ General Meetings are held twice a year, in autumn and spring. The autumn meeting was held in September 2023 face-to-face, the spring meeting will be held in March 2024.
- Executive Committee Meetings are held about four to six times a year and planned six times this fiscal year. Four ones were held in April, June, July, August 2023, and the other two ones are planned in mid-November 2023, and February 2024.
- Workshops are usually planned four times a year with invited lecturers. This fiscal year, two ones were held as follows, while additional two ones are scheduled to be held in December 2023 and March 2024:
  - ✓ “How ANS is advancing nuclear science and technology and how you can help” presented by Dr. Steven A. Arndt, the former president of ANS, on June 1, 2023. Highly appreciated with more than 50 participants from the ININ and the other AESJ members. Such workshop by ANS would be greatly appreciated next year, too.
  - ✓ “R&D of next-generation nuclear reactors and international cooperation in JAEA” presented by Dr. Shuji Ohno, Director, Sector of Fast Reactor and Advanced Reactor Research and Development, JAEA and Mr. Yukio Tachibana, Group Leader, HTGR Project Management Office, JAEA on September 6, 2023.
  - ✓ “A Japanese Nuclear power Policy – Focusing on International Trends on Innovative Reactor Development” presented by Mr. Satoru Yasuraoka, Director for International Affairs, Nuclear Energy Policy Division, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, METI, to be held on December 12, 2023.
  - ✓ "New nuclear trends and achievements in France, paving the way for the next decade and beyond", Mr. Vincent Dufour, Region Executive Director, Japan and Korea, EDF International Division in March 2024.

Also, the ANS Japan Section has other communication opportunities to the section members through e-mail, Web and Annual Newsletter.