

## **WiNFO Contribution by WiN Indonesia and WiN IAEA**

In September 2011, the President of WiN Indonesia, Ms Tri Murni Soedyartomo, sent a letter to the IAEA's DG, Mr Yukiya Amano, inviting WiN IAEA members Gabi Voigt and Eva Gyane to participate as lecturers in the conference entitled "Improving the quality of human resources in nuclear sciences" in the cities of Jakarta and Yogyakarta, Indonesia, from 16 to 20 January 2012. Indonesia is one of several Asian countries considering the introduction of nuclear energy. The objectives of the conference were to demonstrate the benefits of the peaceful uses of nuclear technologies, to present safeguards aspects related to nuclear energy programmes and to further develop the competence of WiN Indonesia. Mr Amano acknowledged WiN Indonesia's initiative as a very important and timely awareness raising campaign and approved Gabi's and Eva's participation in the conference.

The first two days of the conference took place at the MEDCO Energi Building and BAPETEN (Indonesia's regulatory body) in Jakarta. The sessions were attended by WiN Indonesia, Government agencies, various NGOs, representatives from BATAN and BAPETEN, national safeguards inspectors, several universities, the business community, and the press. The key note speeches and lectures comprised topics such as the non-proliferation regime, international nuclear safeguards, in general and during the different life-cycle phases, and non-energy nuclear applications. BAPETEN's gender equality efforts are particularly commendable: half of the inspectorate are women!

The rest of the week was spent in Yogyakarta, located in Central Java at the foot of Merapi volcano, which had erupted just more than a year ago. The lectures and presentations were conducted at BATAN, where a small research reactor and several R&D facilities are located, and the University of Gajah Mada, which runs a nuclear engineering programme. They were related to strengthened IAEA safeguards, the IAEA's safeguards analytical services and capabilities (nuclear and environmental samples), and the IAEA's activities in different non-Safeguards programmatic areas. It is also noteworthy that about half of the about 80 nuclear engineering students who attended the conference were female. Other activities included the taking of samples from volcanic sand for elemental and radio analysis as well as technical and cultural visits.

Gabi's and Eva's participation in the conference was well received by WiN Indonesia and the other stakeholders, and has offered an excellent opportunity for furthering the advancement of women in the nuclear field across borders. WiN Indonesia and WiN IAEA are grateful for this opportunity of interaction, which has been to the benefit of all concerned.



Key note speakers, moderator and WiN Indonesia at MEDCO Energi Building



After lectures at BAPETEN





Visit to BATAN, Yogyakarta



Taking of Merapi volcano sand samples



Bonding between WiN Indonesia and WiN IAEA