



Press release

AIFEN, with the support of 4 member associations (PFCE, PFME, PNB, GIIN*) and with the support of the French Atomic Energy Commission and the British Nuclear Industry Association, launches the World Nuclear Exhibition (WNE)

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At a press conference in the presence of Nicole Bricq, the French Foreign Trade Minister, Arnaud Montebourg, the Minister for Productive Recovery, Henri Proglio, the Chairman and CEO of EDF, Luc Oursel, the President and CEO of AREVA, and Gérard Kottmann, AIFEN President and COO of Valinox Nucléaire (Vallourec Group), the French Nuclear Industry Association (*Association des Industriels Français Exportateurs du Nucléaire* - AIFEN) presented the **World Nuclear Exhibition (WNE)**, the first international nuclear trade fair, which will take place at the Bourget site near Paris from October 13 - 16, 2014.

To promote the event, AIFEN has signed partnership agreements with the French Atomic Energy Commission (*Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique* - CEA) and the British Nuclear Industry Association (NIA). As part of these agreements, the CEA will make the network of nuclear attachés abroad available to AIFEN, and the NIA will mobilize all its members, which include more than 260 companies in the British nuclear industry.

This biennial event will give nuclear suppliers from around the world the chance to showcase their products and services through exhibitions and conferences covering all activities related to nuclear power programs: **the fuel cycle, reactor technology, fleet maintenance, dismantling, safety, radiological protection and civil engineering, as well as training and career opportunities in this cutting-edge industry**. In this way, it is hoped that the exhibition will reach a wide audience including nuclear operators, constructors and investors.

AIFEN was set up under France's Strategic Committee for the Nuclear Industry (*Comité Stratégique de Filière Nucléaire* - CSFN). It brings together the main players in the French nuclear industry and four associations (PFCE, PFME, PNB, GIIN*) to promote France's nuclear expertise and offerings internationally.

The French nuclear industry comprises 2,500 companies and almost 220,000 employees. It generates a turnover of 46 billion euros, of which 5.6 billion euros comes from exports. With 1.8 billion euros in R&D investment, it is France's 4th most



innovative industry and is expected to undertake a huge recruitment drive: **an estimated 110,000 new jobs by 2020.**

For further information: www.world-nuclear-exhibition.com

Registration is now officially open

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PFME = French Global Electricity Partnership (*Partenariat France Monde Electricité*)

PNB = Bourgogne Nuclear Business Cluster (*Pole Nucléaire Bourgogne*)

GIIN = French Nuclear Suppliers Association (*Groupement Intersyndical des Industries du Nucléaire*)