



Young Professionals Congress

Saturday, November 9, 2013

*Engaging Our History and Creating Our Future –
Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Fission*

Mark your calendar to attend the Young Professional Congress (YPC), held in conjunction with the 2013 ANS Winter Meeting.

The American Nuclear Society (ANS) Young Members Group (YMG) and the North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN) designed this one-day program to provide a unique opportunity for young professionals in the nuclear industry. The sessions will provide actionable skills development and broad networking opportunities for all attendees.

When: *Saturday, November 9, 2013*

Where: *Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.*

Registration: <https://ssl.ans.org/meetings/winter/registration/>

Members of the ANS and the NAYGN are encouraged to attend. Please note that attendance for the full ANS meeting is not required to attend the YPC. The schedule is below.

Start	End	Title	Session Description
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Exchanging Ideas: How to Communicate Effectively	People new to the nuclear industry come from many different fields and have different backgrounds. Effective communication skills are essential to ensure that no ideas are lost between exchanges, and to determine the best solutions to problems. This session includes both panel presentations and brainstorming.
9:15 AM	10:15 AM	Work-Life Balance	This session will be geared toward providing young professional with experiences for having a strong work-life balance, and still achieving your career goals.
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Must be the Money	Does the idea of approaching your manager for approval to attend a conference or training course make you queasy? Although it may seem like it's determined by random chance, getting company approval to further your professional development is within your control. This session will show you how to make your case.

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1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Project Management - It's Just Common Sense, Right?	You've been assigned as a technical lead or coordinator on a project. Surprise! You're now a project manager. You have two options - learn it the hard way, or get yourself some PM training. This session will cover the basics, help you apply the knowledge at work and home, and will provide information on professional licensure.
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Going It Alone: The Path to an Independent Energy Policy	Do you watch the news and shake your head at the "independent energy solutions" thrust upon us by politicians and lobbyists? Do you think to yourself, "I could do so much better than that"? Well now is your chance. Come join the National Energy Policy Panel Discussion at YPC 2013 and let your voice be heard.
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	First Steps: A Management Crash Course	Are you interested in becoming a manager, or a new manager looking to make some improvements? This session covers "everything I wish knew before I became a manager."
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	There and back again	New graduates and people just starting in the industry often have ideas on how to handle projects differently than what is traditional in the nuclear industry. Also there are often very good reasons why traditional approaches are used. In the approach of these issues there are many lessons that can be shared between organizations with how these issues are approached.
3:15 PM	4:45 PM	Getting the Most Out of ANS	ANS meetings can be very large and busy. As a young professional it can be daunting showing up at your first ANS meeting, or even your 5th. This session will go over the organizational structure of ANS, what typically happens at an ANS meeting and how you can get the most out of attending an ANS conference.
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Voice of the Young Generation	This session is an open ended brainstorming session, culminating in a report provided to YMG & NA-YGN. Will include a plus/delta discussion for the YPC event.

You are also invited to participate in the YMG-sponsored Hill Visit on Thursday, November 14. To prepare participants for this event, a Communicating Effectively with Your Representative prep session will take place Wednesday, November 13.

YPC-only registration is **only \$35 for ANS members and \$75 for non-members**. It is complimentary if you register for the full ANS Winter Meeting. Register here: <https://ssl.ans.org/meetings/winter/registration/>

Please note that the YPC only attendance option checkbox is at the bottom of the registration form. In addition, please note your intent to attend YPC on [this form](#). Note that this will not register you for the session. For more information, please visit the YPC webpage: <http://ymg.ans.org/ypc/>