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## New NKS web site

For a period NKS has worked with a new web site at [www.nks.org](http://www.nks.org). We have improved contents, workability and design and we like to invite you to visit the new site. If you have any comments to the site - or problems viewing it, please contact the secretariat at [nks@nks.org](mailto:nks@nks.org).

Please find links to the new site below:

## Announcement of Call for Proposals 2009

The NKS invites proposals for activities to be supported (up to 50% of total cost) in 2009 under the NKS-R and NKS-B programs. No specific priorities have been identified with this call, but proposals must address at least one of the research areas as described in the respective NKS-R and NKS-B frameworks. Further details are available on the NKS web site [www.nks.org](http://www.nks.org)

R Program: [http://www.nks.org/dk/r\\_programmet/call\\_for\\_proposals/](http://www.nks.org/dk/r_programmet/call_for_proposals/)

B Program: [http://www.nks.org/dk/b\\_programmet/call\\_for\\_proposals/](http://www.nks.org/dk/b_programmet/call_for_proposals/)

**Please note that the deadline for submitting proposals is 1st October 2008 (for both NKS-R and NKS-B).**

## Seminars

**NKS-B FOREST seminar - Towards improved understanding of radionuclide transfer in forests and preparedness to handle contaminated forests**, Helsinki, Finland

**7-8 October, 2008**

**Registration deadline is Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2008**

Organised by Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority, Finland; Finnish Forest Research Institute; the Swedish Defence Research Agency and Institute for Energy Technology, Norway.

The FOREST seminar will provide a forum for sharing updated information on radionuclides in forests and on methods for mitigation of harms from radionuclide contamination to forestry. The seminar participants are also invited to discuss future collaborative approaches covering forest radioecology and forest management and other topics as agreed.

The seminar programme will provide knowledge for understanding the effects of management on the radionuclide distribution in forests. Topics of the seminar will cover:

- Research on radioecology of forests in the Nordic countries
- Risk to the public from radionuclides in forests; potential need for intervention
- Management of contaminated forests and evaluation of methods for remediation of forests
- Forest biofuel concepts and their radiological impact
- Sampling in forests, including a presentation of the NKS-B FOREST Sampling guide for open commenting by the audience.

Invited speakers will also contribute to the seminar.

Proposals for presentations within the scope of the seminar are very welcome. Abstracts should be sent to Aino Rantavaara ([aino.rantavaara@stuk.fi](mailto:aino.rantavaara@stuk.fi)) by 22nd of August 2008. Extended abstracts of presentations will be included in the summary report of the seminar.

More information on this seminar can be downloaded [here](#).

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### **NKS-B NordThreat seminar - Emergency preparedness seminar to highlight similarities and differences between national threat assessments, Oslo, Norway**

**30-31 October, 2008** (Please note that the date has been changed)

Organised by the Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority, Finland; the Swedish Radiation Safety Authority and the Icelandic Radiation Protection Institute

The seminar will facilitate the exchange of information and opinions and provide a basis for enhancing networks, especially between research communities and emergency preparedness communities.

Topics to be covered include:

- Threat assessments
- Potential sources
- Experience from previous case histories
- Public perception to nuclear threats

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## **[New publications](#)**

Please go the web site to download the latest reports from NKS-R ([http://www.nks.org/dk/r\\_programmet/rapporter/](http://www.nks.org/dk/r_programmet/rapporter/)) and NKS-B ([http://www.nks.org/dk/b\\_programmet/rapporter/](http://www.nks.org/dk/b_programmet/rapporter/))

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