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# Happy Autumn!

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As the weather changes and the leaves turn many colors here in East Tennessee, we wanted to give you a picture of the beautiful Fall foliage found along the Appalachian Mountains on the east



coast of the U.S. This photo is from our book editor, Arjun Banerjee, taken last year in the state of New Hampshire.

#### **Call for Survey Participants**

By Rachel Brooks, Principal Investigator of the research project and Davis Fellow/Associate Editor at IJNS

I am writing to ask you to participate in a survey study for a thesis project about English language usage in English language publications in the nuclear security field. The goal of this study is to better understand the English languagerelated elements that reviewers in this field look for in manuscripts submitted for publication. If you have reviewed a manuscript for the International Journal of Nuclear Security or other similar journals, I would appreciate your response to these survey questions. The survey should take no more than 20 minutes to complete. Please read carefully the Informed Consent section at the beginning of the survey. I am the current Davis Editorial Fellow for the *International* Journal of Nuclear Security, but this research is occurring outside my role with the journal. The survey is entirely anonymous, and so I will not be able to identify any participants. Participation in this survey will not affect your relationship to IJNS in any way. The journal manager of IJNS, Dr. Russel Hirst, has kindly allowed me to put this request in our bimonthly newsletter for this personal thesis project. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Rachel Brooks (rbrook31@vols.utk.edu) and Tanita Saenkhum (tsaenkhum@utk.edu). Thank you for participating in this survey study!

Survey link:

https://utk.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 6ScILaBFo7pKjB

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This newsletter is designed to keep students, staff, and journal supporters up-to-date on how the journal is impacting global efforts to encourage diversity in theoretical foundations, research methods, and approaches.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November 8-19: IAEA International Training Course on Essential Elements of Nuclear Security for Nuclear and Other Radioactive Material out of Regulatory Control; Argonne, IL, USA
- November 8-12: IAEA International Conference on a Decade of Progress after Fukushima-Daiichi: Building on the Lessons Learned to Further Strengthen Nuclear Safety; Vienna, Austria
- November 9: Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists Conversations Before Midnight: 2021 Virtual Annual Event; 5:00 pm CST, Virtual
- December 8-9: CSIS PONI Winter Conference: Virtual

# IJNS at 2021 Conference of the International Nuclear Security Education Network

By Ashley Humphrey, CNSC Associate Editor and Editorial Liaison for the Special Issue on Women in Nuclear Security

This past summer, IAEA Education Officer Dr. Oum Keltoum Hakam, and INSEN chair Dr. Akila Frahi-Amroun, invited me and Dr. Hirst to join the 2021 INSEN virtual conference to brief attendees on IJNS developments. Since I am managing the IJNS Special Issue on Women in Nuclear Security, I presented a status update on that issue. I was delighted to report that we are at the stage of formatting manuscripts for final assembly, performing quality check, and getting ready to launch the publication. There will be a limited number of hardcopies; if you would like one, please let me know.

At the conference, I thanked all those who have contributed to the special issue, whether as authors, editors, reviewers, or promoters of the effort. What a pleasure it was to see, even online, the faces of so many nuclear security professionals I've had the honor of collaborating with these past two years. Such events bring much-needed human connection to the work. —And just in case you helped with the special issue but couldn't attend the INSEN conference, let me say it again right here: *Thank you*.

Also at the conference, Dr. Hirst announced to members that IJNS is now listed in Scopus, an Elsevier abstract-and-citation database of particular importance to INSEN academics. Our listing in Scopus is an overdue step ensuring we meet the requirements of universities worldwide for academic authors to receive publication credit. Thus, Dr. Hirst's announcement met with general rejoicing! Dr. Hirst also reminded members about last year's publication of the IJNS special issue celebrating INSEN's 10-year anniversary. He thanked past INSEN chairs and all contributors, as well as guest editor Dr. Matteo Gerlini and the

IJNS Davis Editorial Associate, Ms. Rachel Brooks, who did an amazing job of managing the issue. In closing his remarks, Dr. Hirst added a pitch about collaboration needed for his Global Communication class, and **INSEN** members graciously responded this semester, sending many manuscripts for students to edit as they hone their skills in international communication. We are grateful to all INSEN members, and to IAEA, for supporting IJNS. The journal is volunteer-based and could not function without collaboration from our international colleagues and friends—especially amidst a pandemic. We highly value opportunities like speaking at the annual conference of INSEN, and we look forward to our association with INSEN and IAEA for many years to come.



Pictured here at the virtual conference are former INSEN Chair Dr. Şebnem Udum (top left); current INSEN Chair Dr. Akila Frahi-Amroun (top right); AFRICSIS Director, Senior Research Scientist, and frequent consultant for IJNS Mr. Hubert Foy (lower left); and IJNS Associate Editor and Editorial Liaison, Ashley Humphrey (lower right).