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Please pass this information on to other colleagues in your organization that may not have received this notice, as we would like to have a large and diverse participation at our conference. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Kirk Foggie, Office of International Programs, on 301-415-2238 or via email: kxf@nrc.gov, or Betzy Oliveto, NRR, on 301-415-1099 or via e-mail: richelpdesk@nrc.gov.

We look forward to meeting you at the RIC.

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