



50th Anniversary Remembrances

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What a privilege and honor to be asked to contribute to the *Journal of Nuclear Materials Management*. I have been a member of INMM since 1972, which makes me a newcomer by many standards, but nevertheless I have seen the Institute grow in national and international stature, in membership, in technical papers to include content and number of papers, in outreach programs, and in general nuclear materials management influence.

What amazes and delights me the most are the new and exciting directions the INMM has taken. One direction that particularly pleases me is the increased participation of women in the INMM. One reason for this growth is, of course, more women are in the work force now than there were fifty years ago. Another reason is more women are choosing careers in science, engineering, mathematics, accounting, and other disciplines pertinent to nuclear materials control than there were fifty years ago. The INMM can be proud of its early realization that this new stratum of “woman power” could and should be tapped and incorporated into the Institute. Women are now contributing in all phases of the workings of the INMM. They’re officers, Executive Committee members, standing and ad hoc committee chairs, and all manner of

responsibility. Their involvement is also felt in INMM’s many chapters. Their talents and contributions have been and continue to be vital to the excellent management and growth of the INMM.

Another direction that is pleasantly overwhelming for me to see and experience is the increasing number of marvelous young men and women who are responding to the nuclear materials management call. For example, in the 1970s our student paper competition program was going strong, but it lacked interested students because, for the most part, their advisors did not encourage them to participate. At that time the nuclear industry was not high on the list of suitable and important topics in academia and we had difficulty in drawing student competitors. The INMM prevailed, I’m proud to say, so that to date at the INMM annual meeting, we have as many as thirty-two student papers, some of which are presented by students competing for the J. D. Williams Student Paper Award and some presented by students who have been encouraged by their advisor to participate in the INMM Technical Program. This growth in participation is due in large part to the enthusiasm and perseverance of Mark Killinger, the INMM’s first recipient of a Student Paper Award in 1979 and

Mark Leek, chair of the Student Activity Committee.

I could go on forever about the wonderful growth paths I have seen since 1972 such as (listed in no particular order) the student member mentor program; the formation and organization of six technical divisions; the continual improvement in the exhibits especially the superb exhibit dedicated to the students during the 2008 INMM annual meeting; the increase in the number of sustaining members; the always helpful and courteous headquarters staff; the twenty chapters, which include eight international chapters and six student chapters, and so many more.

The INMM holds a dear and warm place in my heart for assisting me to mature in my career, introducing me to many influential people in the several and diverse fields which comprise nuclear materials management, providing some beautiful and professionally friendly venues for our meetings, and always lending a helping hand when requested. As the INMM Mission Statement says, *inter alia*, “The Institute of Nuclear Materials Management was formed in 1958 to encourage: The advancement of nuclear materials management in all its aspects.” The INMM does exactly that.