

WM2009 Conference Panel Report

Panel Session 35: International Youth Congress/ Student Activities

Panel Reporter – Robert O. Berry, Foxfire Scientific, Inc.

This panel provided a platform to discuss YGN activities in the United States as well as the DOE Program at FIU, student outreach and activities at Texas A&M University and the founding of the new Nuclear Eng. Program at Colorado School of Mines.

Panellists included:

- Dr. John Poston Sr. – Texas A&M University
- Desi Crouther – DOE Headquarters
- Denisse Arranda – Florida International University
- Collin Donohoue – Colorado School of Mines

Co – Chairs: Robert O. Berry – Foxfire Scientific, Inc.
Leonel Lagos – Florida International University

Robert O. Berry, Foxfire Scientific, Inc welcomed the audience and gave a brief talk about the activities of the Young Generation Nuclear (YGN) and its organizational structure in both the United States and England.

Denisse Arranda, Florida International University, discussed the DOE program at FIU for both graduate and undergraduate students and FIU outreach program to local area schools.

Desi Crouther, DOE Headquarters EM Office, gave an overview of the DOE Scholarship programs and the EM programs in particular. He also of talked of new programs that were being discussed in Headquarters concerning future manning needs at the next generation of nuclear plants.

Collin Donohoue, Graduate Student, Colorado School of Mines, detailed the efforts being made of School of Mines to establish the newest Department of Nuclear Engineering in the United States.

John W. Poston Sr., Texas A&M University, discussed the efforts of Texas A&M University to recruit students to the department and keep them in the program till graduation. He talked of the strong student chapter of both the Health Physics Society and American Nuclear Society and student mentoring within the societies. Also he detailed an outreach program involving professors and graduate students travelling to high school all over the state of Texas as well as Science Teacher workshops that are coordinated with professional nuclear societies all over the state.