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The IAEA is an independent organization established in 1957 related to the United Nations (UN) by special agreement to promote the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technologies and is the world's center of cooperation in the radiation area.



# International Atomic Energy Agency

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# Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology

The Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology (INCT) was established in Warsaw in 1983 and was formerly operating since 1955 as the Chemistry Division of the Institute of Nuclear Research.



# Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology

The INCT is multi-disciplinary and is composed of three centers: Centre of Radiation Research and Technology, Centre of Radiochemistry and Nuclear Chemistry, Centre of Radiobiology and Biological Dosimetry and has a staff of 236 professionals and support personnel and is governed by a Science Council.



# Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology

The Institute has four pilot plants equipped in six electron accelerators: for radiation sterilization of medical devices and tissue graft, for radiation modification of polymers, for removal of  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  from flue gases and for food hygenization.



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**In May 2010, the IAEA Division of Physical and Chemical Sciences announced the formation of a Collaborating Center for Radiation Processing and Industrial Dosimetry at INCT in Poland.**

**The IAEA has 18 such collaborating centers with member states in various disciplines throughout the world.**





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**"The new Collaborating Centre 'RAPID' (from Radiation Processing and Industrial Dosimetry) is an important addition to the IAEA's resources in further serving Member States in feasibility assessment of emerging applications of radiation processing to facilitate adoption and industrial dosimetry intercomparison exercise, vital for effective and efficient application of the technology."**



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# IAEA Technical Cooperation Project RER/8/010: 2005-2009

## Quality Control Methods and Procedures for Radiation Technology



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## Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparison Studies

Within the IAEA Technical Cooperation Project RER/8/010, *Quality Control Methods and Procedures for Radiation Technology*, two dosimetry inter-comparison studies were conducted: one in 2005-2006, the other in 2007-2008.

Both studies were organized according to the same protocol: the participating laboratories sent their own dosimeters for irradiation at the INCT reference laboratory and then read their dosimeters when returned to them.

The accredited Laboratory for Measurements of Technological Doses (LMTD) of the Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology (INCT) in Warsaw, Poland was the reference laboratory.



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## Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparison Studies

2005-2006 and 2007-2008 studies:

To check the ability of laboratories to make measurements using different dosimeters.

All irradiations were done at INCT to specified doses.

The laboratories reported back their readings on different dosimeters.



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## Calibration of dosimeters:

Absorbed dose-to-water and dosimeter response calibrated with gamma emitting cobalt-60 source.

Dosimeters: Alanine pellets, ECB, PMMA, dosimeter films, etc.





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**2010 gamma cell from India  
cobalt-60 supplied by BARC**



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# Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparison Studies

| Study     | Laboratories<br>Participating           | Dosimeters<br>Evaluated  |
|-----------|---|--|
| 2005-2006 | 7                                       | Alanine pellets<br>ECB<br>PMMA<br>Dosimetric films<br>(Sunna, FWT 600) |
| 2007-2008 | 9<br>(4 taking part<br>in both studies) | Alanine pellets<br>ECB<br>Sugar-UV<br>Bipolar transistors              |





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# Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparisons - 1

Dosimeters used in the first inter-comparison study  
Warsaw, 2006

3 laboratories used EPR to read alanine pellet response

3 laboratories read the optical density of dosimeter films

1 laboratory used a PMMA plate

1 laboratory used ethanol-chlorobenzene ampules (ECB)

(two sets of dosimeters were irradiated at different dose levels and used with each laboratory)



# Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparisons - 1

## Results of the 2006 inter-comparison study

Per cent difference between readings at the reference laboratory (INCT) and at the participants' laboratories (%) at two different dose levels:

|                  |        |       |        |        |       |       |
|------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Alanine pellets: | +1.0;  | +0.5; | -2.6;  | -1.5;  | +1.5; | +0.7  |
| Dosimeter films: | -5.3;  | +2.0; | +40.8; | +12.9; | +0.3; | -11.0 |
| PMMA plate:      | +16.8; | +17.9 |        |        |       |       |
| ECB ampules:     | -1.0;  | -0.8  |        |        |       |       |

Green = accredited laboratory

Yellow = lack of traceability



## Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparisons -1

Factors having a negative influence on the inference of dose in the 2006 inter-comparison study:

1. Lack of traceability
2. Use of film and/or plate dosimeters

Factors having a positive influence on the inference of dose in the 2006 inter-comparison study:

1. Accreditation of the dosimetry laboratory ( $\Delta \leq 1\%$ )
2. Traceability ( $\Delta$  from +2.0 % to -11%)
3. Use of standard dosimetry systems: EPR/alanine dosimetry ( $\Delta$  from +1.5% to -2.6%) and ECB liquid dosimeters ( $\Delta \leq 1\%$ )



# Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparisons - 2

Conducted in 2008

1. 9 participants delivered 11 packets (9-12 dosimeters each) for irradiation with a reference dose at INCT.
2. There were 5 packets with alanine pellets and 4 with ECB ampules (both standard systems) and additionally 2 with the other dosimetry systems in this study (PMMA and films).
3. EPR-alanine system gave very good results for both a low (0.7 to 7 kGy) and a high dose range (17 to 45 kGy).
4. ECB gave slightly poorer, but still good results for the low dose range and was still acceptable for the high dose range.



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## Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparisons - 2

Conducted in 2008

5. Technical parameters of both alanine and ECB dosimeters allow them to be used as the transfer dosimeters. IATA restrictions practically exclude ECB ampoules as transfer dosimeters because they cannot be shipped by air.
6. The highest deviation between a participant's and the reference laboratory (11%) was observed for one packet from a laboratory that did not check the traceability of the dosimetry system. Nevertheless, even in this case, the result was inside the established uncertainty range.
7. Taking into account the mean values of all results, 72% of the results differed from the reference values by less than 2%<sub>21</sub>



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# **IAEA Technical Cooperation Regional Project RER/8/017: 2009-2011**

## **Enhancing Quality Control Methods and Procedures for Radiation Technology**

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## Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparisons

Within the IAEA Technical Cooperation Project RER/8/017, *Enhancing Quality Control Methods and Procedures for Radiation Technology*, a dosimetry inter-comparison study is being conducted in 2009-2010.

The study was organized according to the following protocol: the reference laboratory (INCT) sent standard transfer dosimeters (alanine pellets) for irradiation at 11 participating laboratories which were then read when the dosimeters were returned to the reference laboratory. 9 facilities irradiated the alanine pellets in Co-60 gamma sources, 2 facilities irradiated dosimeters with an electron beam.



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## Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparison Studies

2009-2010 studies:

To check the ability of laboratories to irradiate alanine pellets to specified doses, 10 kGy and 25 kGy.

All irradiations were done at the participating laboratories.

All alanine readings were done at INCT.





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# Middle European Dosimetry Inter-comparisons

Conducted in 2009-2010

Because of delays due to the slowness in participants returning dosimeters to the reference laboratory (INCT), the results are still being compiled.

However, the first estimations show that results may be very similar to those obtained in the 2008 study.



## Meetings held in Poland

| Topic  | Dates              | Participants                             |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Quality Control Methods<br>and Procedures for<br>Radiation Technology                                  | 21-25 Feb.<br>2005 | 19<br>2 IAEA<br>4 experts<br>3 observers |
| Application of Monte Carlo<br>Modeling Methods for<br>Dosimetry Calculation<br>in Radiation Processing | 3-7 April<br>2006  | 17<br>2 IAEA<br>4 experts                |
| Validation and Process<br>Control for Electron Beam<br>Radiation Processing                            | 3-7 Dec.<br>2007   | 13<br>2 experts                          |



## Meetings held in other countries

1. Regional Training Course on Economical and Social Benefit of Radiation Processing; Standardization and Legislation Issues Regarding Radiation Processing Implementation in Europe at Eger, Hungary
2. Regional Workshop on Harmonization, Implementation and Use of Quality Assurance & Control Methods at Bran, Romania
3. Regional Training Course on the Use of Simulation methods for Quality Control of Gamma and X-Ray Processing at Kharkov, Ukraine
4. Regional Training Course on IAEA Validation and Process Control for Gamma Radiation Processing at Budapest, Hungary



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# INCT Radiation Capabilities

## Basic research

Pulsed radiolysis  
Code validation

## Technology transfer

Pilot plant studies  
Wire and cable irradiation  
Medical device sterilization  
Food hygenization  
Stack gas irradiation

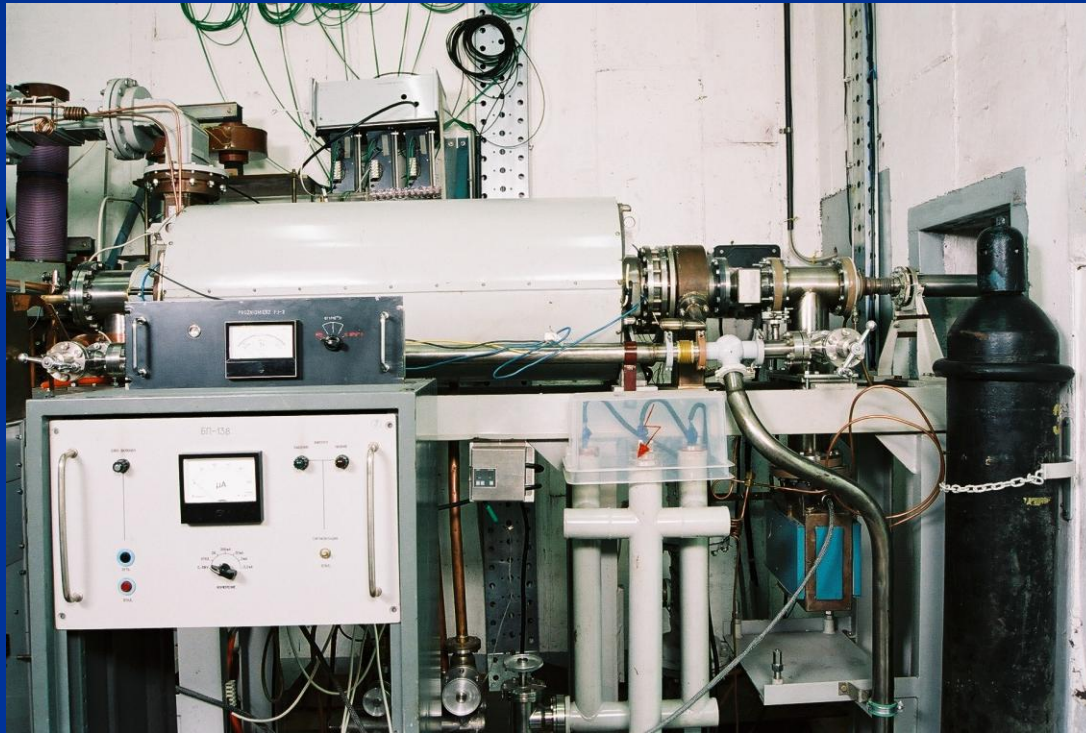


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# Centre of Radiation Research and Technology Pulse Radiolysis Laboratory (PulsLab)

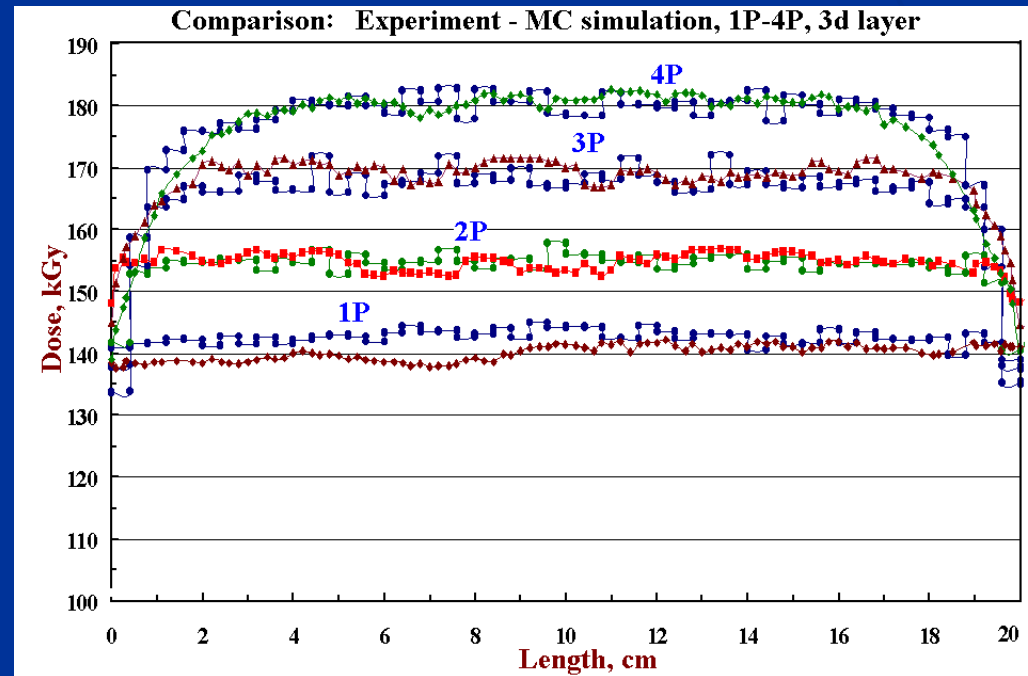
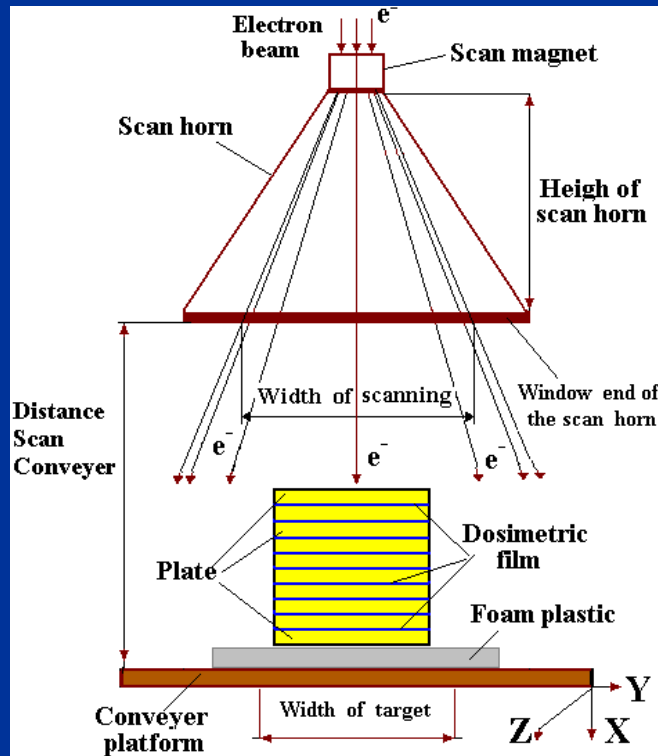


LAE 10 = 10 MeV linac, pulse duration 10 to 100 ns



# Code Validation

## Benchmarking of Software ModeStEB for Simulation of EB Processing

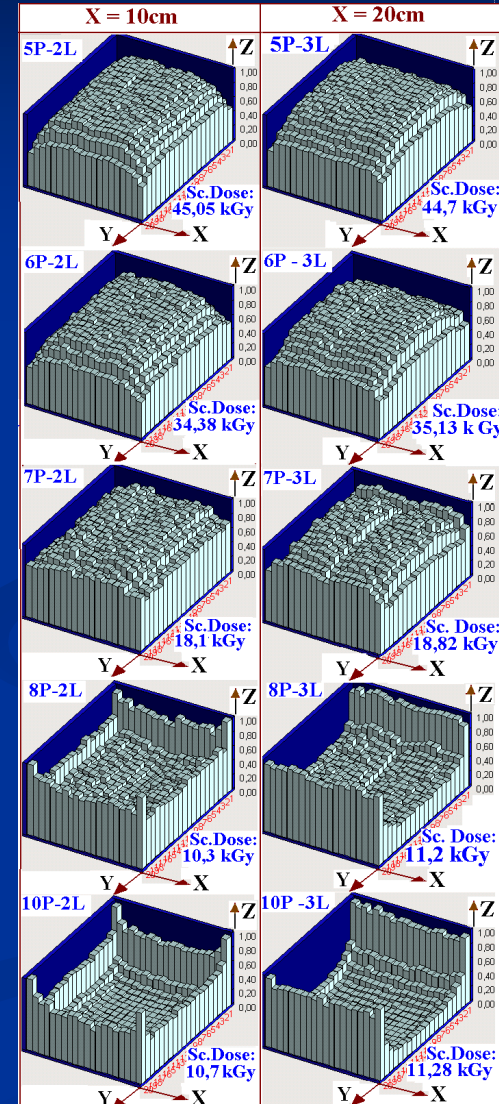






# Code Validation

Benchmarking of  
Windows Compatible  
Software RT Office Code  
for Simulation of EB  
Processing





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## Pilot Plant Facility

**ILU 6**  
electron accelerator  
provided by IAEA  
for pilot plant facility

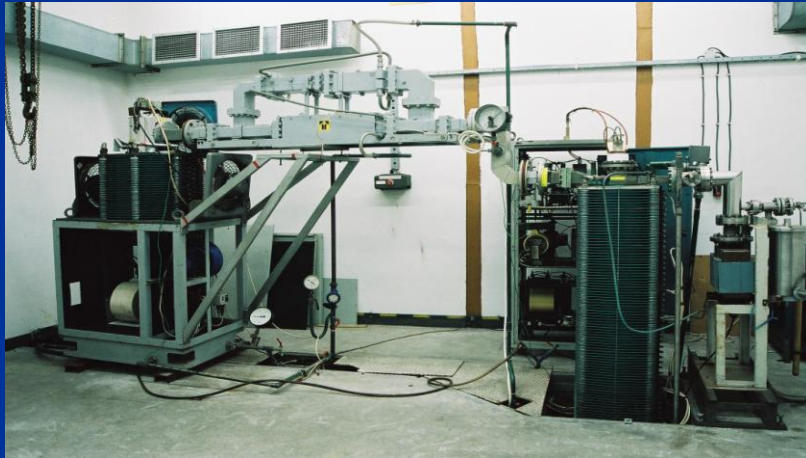
**1.2 to 2.5 MeV**  
**20 kW linac**







## Medical Device Sterilization



**Elektronika 10/10**  
**10 MeV, 15 kW**  
**65 cm scan, 120 kVA**  
**conveyor 0.3 to 7 m/minute**



**Building 1814 m<sup>2</sup> surface**  
**Building 9230 m<sup>3</sup> capacity**  
**Productivity 10,000 kg kGy/h**



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of medical devices**

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Warsaw, 2010-05-11

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**TADEUSZ GLAZER**

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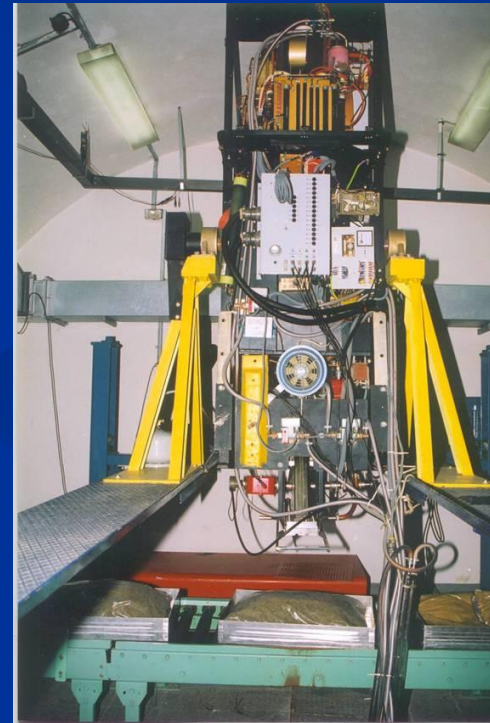


# Radiation Hygenization of Foodstuffs

## Pilot Plant for EB Irradiation of Food



Conveyor system with  
prepacked spices in boxes



Elektronika U-003  
10 MeV, 10 kW linac



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## Accredited Laboratories at the INCT

- + Laboratory for Detection of Irradiated Foods
- + Laboratory for Measurement of Technological Doses (LMTD)





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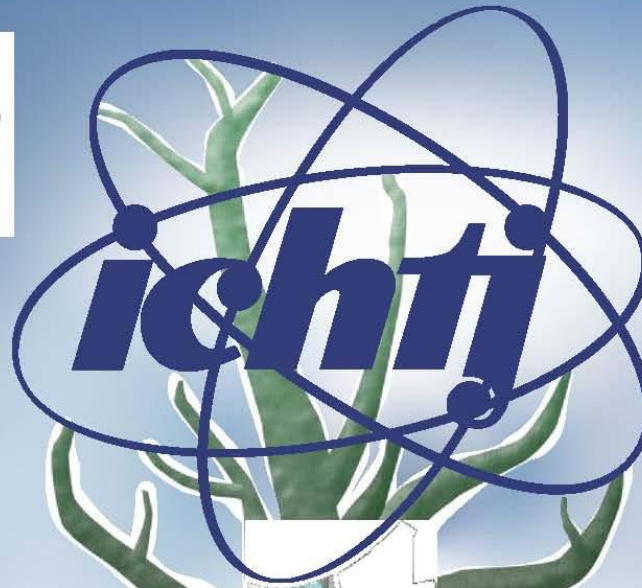
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**Radiation curing: coating and composites (Berejka et al. Nukleonika 2010 vol. 55 no. 1)**



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