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**Third annual forum offers unique opportunities for nuclear researchers**

IDAHO FALLS — Word is getting out that the INL Advanced Test Reactor National Scientific User Facility (ATR NSUF) provides a valuable opportunity for nuclear students and researchers from across the country.

A record-breaking number of participants — more than 160 — will gather for the third annual Idaho National Laboratory ATR NSUF Users Week from June 6-10 at University Place in Idaho Falls.

The weeklong INL-sponsored event brings together students, faculty and top industry and national laboratory researchers from 32 universities, various DOE laboratories and private industry. Participants have the opportunity to network, share their research and learn about the latest techniques and capabilities in nuclear science and engineering.

"Users Week gives researchers a firsthand look at the unique nuclear research facilities available through the ATR NSUF," said User Facility Scientific Director Todd Allen. "We're pleased that more and more people are taking advantage of this singular opportunity."

Topics at this year's session will cover nuclear materials, fuels, post-irradiation examination and reactor-based technology development. Users Week begins with a half-day workshop introducing the unique capabilities of the ATR NSUF. A research forum will let participants learn about current research projects being conducted at the User Facility. This forum will include a facilitated discussion on potential university/laboratory/industry collaborations.

This year's Users Week is a joint event with the Center for Materials Science and Nuclear Fuels Summer School — a four-and-a-half-day course on how microstructural defects evolve and impact materials inside nuclear reactors.

Participants also will have the opportunity to tour INL's unique nuclear facilities to see the advanced research capabilities the ATR NSUF has to offer. A poster session will let attendees share their research and learn about the research of fellow participants. They'll also be treated to an art display featuring Nuclear Artist Suzanne Hobbs of Pop Atomic speaking on "Art as a Transformative Educational Tool."

For more information on Users Week or the ATR NSUF, please visit <http://atrnsl.inl.gov>.

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