

## Information Note 1/2020 (2020-06-09) for the members of the IAEA/WHO SSDL Network

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### Calibration work and COVID-19

Many of us have had special work arrangements due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The IAEA staff has been working remotely since 16 March but during this time, urgent activities were continued in the IAEA Dosimetry Laboratory. After 15 May, we have restarted all services. Since many activities were delayed due to this situation, we are expecting a greater need for calibration and comparison services toward the end of the year. Therefore, we encourage you to send us your [calibration](#) and [comparison](#) requests as soon as possible in order to book a time slot for you. When you send us the request, please inform us of the urgency so that we can take this into account in the planning.

Please remember to take some precautions when you return to the laboratory after a break. We recommend performing some quality control checks before you continue with the routine work. Please also remember that systems with X-ray tubes require regular use. If the system was not used for some time, you should consider performing a very slow warm-up procedure. Please consult the manufacturer if you are unsure on how to proceed.

### Annual reporting

Annual reporting is one of the duties of the SSDL Network members. We have finally opened the annual reporting system through the Dosimetry Laboratory Network database ([DOLNET](#)). We have requested you to provide us the Nucleus account name which will be linked with your SSDL. We are currently doing the last pilot studies with some SSDLs to make the final adjustments and then it will be opened for all of you. You will get an invitation and detailed guidance on how to do your annual reporting through DOLNET.

### SSDL Newsletters 2020

The last SSDL Newsletter was published in April 2020. Please note that there were some typos and it has been revised. The updated version can be found from our [Publications website](#). The next SSDL Newsletter Issue 72 will be dedicated to the report of the SSDL Scientific Committee meeting we had in March. In addition, the plan is to publish one more SSDL Newsletter within this year (Issue 73), which will be dedicated to the SSDL Network. The idea is to have one page for each laboratory and therefore, I invite you to submit a short story (max. 2700 Characters with spaces) to be included in this special issue.

The following content is proposed:

- The SSDL name, country and city
- Introduction, historical overview
- Organization, staffing
- Resources of the SSDL
- Services provided
- A high-quality photo (staff/facility)
- Reference, publications, web pages...

The deadline for the submission is in the end of August 2020. Please send your story to [ssdl@iaea.org](mailto:ssdl@iaea.org). I encourage all labs to use this opportunity to present their laboratory.

### Open vacancies

You might have noticed that the SSDL Officer position was advertised some time ago. The selection process is ongoing, and I hope there are good candidates for this amazing position.

The Dosimetry [Laboratory Head vacancy](#) notice is published and closes the end of June. If you fulfil the requirements and want to be part of the IAEA team, I encourage you to apply for this position.

**Best regards,  
Paula Toroi, SSDL Officer**

