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Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness Recognizes 5 Years of Young Professional Outreach

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) is celebrating five years of outreach to young professionals in the nuclear industry.

In 2018, CNTA launched a committee to promote interest among the under-40 generation in CNTA's mission: to educate the public by providing objective information on the value of nuclear technology with respect to our health, economy, environment, and national security. The Young Professionals Committee recruits and engages CNTA's young professional members by providing them with mentorship and professional development opportunities and raising money to support free membership for those under 40. Fundraising events, such as an annual oyster roast, help cover the cost of CNTA memberships for young professionals.

To help spark interest, the Young Professional Committee began its "Tap Into Nuclear" series in 2018 and has held dozens of these events since. This professional development series gives young professionals a chance to interact with each other and CNTA's senior members in a group mentoring setting, according to Sally Bartelmo, CNTA young professional committee chair.

"CNTA's Tap Into Nuclear is often our most popular networking event," Bartelmo said. "One-on-one mentoring often arises from these group events. Topics covered have ranged from 'Deciding Between a Technical or Management Career Path,' to 'You Won't be CEO Tomorrow.' I believe it is crucially important to engage the younger generation of professionals to get involved in the future of nuclear advancement."

Tap Into Nuclear events are typically held every other month on the fourth Thursday at various locations throughout the Aiken/Augusta area. Past locations have included SRP Park and Aiken Brewing Company. Admission is free and is open to CNTA members and non-members alike.

The first Tap Into Nuclear event for this year will be held March 30, 5:30 p.m., at Café Scientifique, 203 Laurens St SW, Aiken, S.C.

Interested in learning more or joining CNTA? Find out more at www.cntaware.org.

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues.

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Caption: Young Professionals network before a Tap Into Nuclear Event at Café Scientifique.