



Student Chapter Opening Ceremony

Featuring **Eugene S. Grecheck**
President of American Nuclear Society

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The American Nuclear Society (ANS) has approved the establishment of an ANS Student Section at Florida International University (FIU). FIU's Applied Research Center cordially invites the FIU community to a special Student Chapter Presentation Ceremony with ANS president, Mr. Eugene "Gene" Grecheck. The ceremony will take place on January 28, 2016 at 2:30 pm at the College of Engineering Panther Pit. Tours of ARC laboratories will follow for all those interested.

Founded in December 1954, ANS is an international scientific and educational organization with a membership of approximately 11,000 engineers, scientists, administrators, and educators. Mr. Grecheck, elected ANS president in 2015, has 40 years of experience in commercial nuclear power generation, including operations, engineering, licensing, training, security and emergency planning, new plant development, and nuclear safety review. Mr. Grecheck's career spanned over 38 years with Dominion Resources, where he held positions including Nuclear Station Manager, Site Vice President at two different stations, and Vice President over nuclear services and nuclear engineering.

Nuclear Research at FIU: Since 1995, the Applied Research Center (ARC) at FIU has provided critical support to the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM) mission of accelerated risk reduction and cleanup of the environmental legacy of the nation's nuclear weapons program. ARC's research is performed under the DOE-FIU Cooperative Agreement and provides technical support to DOE EM in the areas of environmental remediation (<https://doeresearch.fiu.edu>) and STEM workforce development, a program known as the DOE Fellows program (<http://fellows.fiu.edu>).

Based on the nuclear expertise of FIU's faculty and research staff in the Department of Chemistry, Physics Department, School of Medicine, Biomedical Engineering and the Applied Research Center, the Interdisciplinary Nuclear Research Program (INRP) was established in January 2012. As a first step, the Nuclear Board of Advisors for Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NBASEM) was established. This board, chaired by Dr. Nils Diaz, former Chair of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), was chartered to advise FIU on the wisdom of developing new nuclear research and academic programs at FIU. This board of 15 world-class nuclear experts from industry, government, and academia agreed that FIU should establish a new multidisciplinary Applied Radiological Science (ARS) degree program after it had first established a new PhD Radiochemistry track (launched Sept. 2015) and a Health Physics Specialty B.S. (expected to be approved and launched in Sept. 2016). The INRP has achieved an impressive number of milestones this past year and is growing in membership and expertise.