20th ICRP Dialogue - Dec 15-16, 2018

After Fukushima Nuclear accident: preserve memory, share experience and go toward the future

Summary report
Introduction : Why a 20th Dialogue?

• Explained by Ryoko Ando (EiF)
  – Reminding of the 2 first series of Dialogues (1-12, 13-19)
  – Reflection about the future
  – Wish of several local people to continue
• Need to transmit the memory, to tell the story
  – To young people
  – To people who don’t know the situation
  – To other generations
  – Individual and collective responsibility
• To build something positive for the future
Testimonies

• Woman from Minamisoma
  – Affected as a wife and a mother
  – By the earthquake, the tsunami and the nuclear accident
  – Some answers from other affected people (Minamata)
  – Became a ferrywoman

• Two buddies associated to grow flowers
  – One from Futaba, the other from Kawamata
  – Who met thanks to Dialogues
  – Solidarity between affected people

• Alpine affected as a company
  – Concerns from employees, families, customers
  – Need to be proactive, in cooperation with experts and authorities

• A young passionate drummer
  – Upset by the accident
  – Refused to stop performances (hospitals, kindergartens...)
  – Learnt from old generation, transmission to next generation
3 working groups

• Japanese people as facilitators and secretaries
  – WG1: Futaba – Ohkuma
  – WG2: Yamakiya – Kawauchi
  – WG3: Iwaki - Minamisoma

• Why and what should we share?
  – What to share and with who?
  – What should we pass on to the next generation?
  – How can we preserve the memory?
Some answers (1)

• What to share?
  – Emotions, facts, lessons
  – Are not the same for everyone (not only one story)
  – Are not the same all the time (evolutionary)

• Why?
  – It is a duty
  – To be better prepared in case of...
  – To maintain our humanity, by using words
Some answers (2)

• With who?
  – Intergenerational (young/seniors; rebuild families)
  – Citizen/experts/authorities
  – Inside/outside the prefecture
  – Inside/outside the country
  – Connection Chernobyl/Fukushima

• Some key words
  – Speak frankly, tell your true
  – To put an end to the fears
  – Reconnect people, rebuild relationship
  – Rebuild trust, confidence
Structured dialogue

• X panel members
• Facilitation: ICRP
• 2 rounds of expression:
  – In turn participants gave their views
  – After listening his/her counterparts, each participant gave his/her view
• Main lessons were summarized by a rapporteur from ICRP followed by a general discussion
Issues raised by panelists

- Historical context with radiation: atomic bombs
- Misunderstanding, Discrimination
- We had to understand the situation
- Difficult to get information and to share
- Need first to exchange ourselves together
- We had to put our feelings into words
- Some people are reluctant
- It is crucial to have places to share our feelings
- It took time to think about pass on memory
- Those staying and evacuees are both victims
- Lack of young people in affected areas
- Many thinks happened at the same time
Summary: What to share?

- Emotions, facts, lessons
- We want to share reality
- Are not the same for everybody (not only one story)
- Are not the same all the time (evolutionary)
- More difficult to pass emotions on
- But can be powerful
Summary: Why to share?

- It is a duty
- To be better prepared in case of...
- To maintain our humanity, by using words
- To put an end to the fears
- Try to have a mutual understanding
- Try to avoid misinformation, false rumours
- Reconnect people, rebuild relationship
- Rebuild trust, confidence
Summary: With who to share?

• Intergenerational (young/seniors; rebuild families)
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Summary: What to archive?
What kind of data?

- Papers, newspapers, books, TV, photographs, interviews, testimonials...
- 20 Dialogues, many opinions expressed, a lot of data; should remain available
- Scientific data
- Human data
- Individual stories and feelings
- Collective story
Summary: What to archive? What kind of information?

- Practical information
- Changes of our landscapes
- Decontamination work
- State of the contamination, mapping, hotspots
- Waste management, steps
- Global context of the prefecture, not only the story of some villages
- Experience in radiological risk management
- The ways for rehabilitation, for reconstruction of communities
- Experience from other affected countries was useful, the mothers from Chernobyl, Norway
- Traditional culture
Summary : What to archive?

How to exploit?

• Keep traceability of different positions
• Archive elements of context
• Why thinks have been done
• Put data easy to understand
• Involve historians, sociologists…
• Media should be involved
• Avoid to be complaisant
• Some people need to see to understand
Summary: How to transfer to future generations?

• Education and transmission are important
• From adults to children
• From adults to adults
• Importance of ferrymen
• From children and students to others
• Exchanges inside families, intergeneration
• Also a matter of gender (not the same perception)
• Family education also important