

MR. MUNTZING: I am going to tell you about the International Risk Governance Council, located in Switzerland.

I was invited to give a speech in 2002, on how to address risk issues on a global basis. As a lawyer, I focused on structure and procedures and thus proposed the establishment of an international organization that would consider risk around the world. The chair of the Swiss meeting was Wolfgang Kroger, who agreed, and with the help of others, organized meetings to discuss how this should proceed.

The Swiss government, this is good news for everybody, announced the support for the concept and pledged financial resources, a charter - I mean substantial. A charter was drafted in 2003, stating the following purposes of the organization. Now, the charter has been distributed, it is in the chairs around here for your use.

The IRGC aims to support governments, business and other organizations and to foster public confidence in risk governance and in related decision-making by reflecting different views and practices, providing independent authoritative information, improving the understanding and the assessment of important risk, issues and the ambiguities included and designing innovative, efficient and balanced governing strategies.

In order to implement these purposes an organization was created that included the board, the scientific and technical council, advisory committee, secretary and external auditors. It has worked as evidenced by the publications

that include the following; one is an introduction to the IRGC risk governance framework. I have a few copies of those if anybody would like to see them later; two, risk governance guidelines for bio-energy policies; three, appropriate risk governance strategies for nano applications in food and cosmetics; fourth, regulation of a carbon capture and storage.

This one is just one of them and you can see what they sort of look like. These are just a few of the documents that have been prepared by experts throughout the world with insistence on accuracy and a determination to subject them to conflicting opinions in order to achieve an objective result. I will provide some copies of these documents, as well as, a charter of the IRGC, which has been passed out, which provides additional information about IRGC. In addition, you can check the website at www.irgc.org or contact headquarters by email if necessary.

However, IRGC is never static, but searching for enhanced means to deal with global risk. Thus, we approved at our most recent board meeting, the concept of global risk networking, whereby, we could work with governments consistent with their countries laws and regulations so that the results are enhanced throughout the world. Is this a challenge? It definitely is but we are determined to make it work.

Now, in addition, to the charter which you have and the structure, the people who are involved, will make a program succeed or fail. IRGC has been fortunate enough to have outstanding leaders who have worked hard and have been imaginative. I would invite you to examine the people who provided a

leadership through the years and continue to do so. That is another handout that you have which has pictures on it that looks sort of like this.

Donald Johnston, from Canada, is the current Chairman of the Board and prior to this responsibility was Secretary General of OECD. Mariano Gago from Portugal was the first Chairman of the IAGC board and is currently Administrator for Science, Technology and Higher Education in Portugal. Christian Mumenthaler is the current Vice-Chairman, and is a member of the Board of Swiss Reinsurance Company in Switzerland. Pierre Beroux is Senior Vice President and Risk Group Controller for Electricite de France in Paris. John Drzik is Chief Executive Officer of Oliver Wyman in New York.

Switzerland has three state secretaries who manage the Swiss government affairs and two serve on the IAGC Board. Walter Fustis is a Former Head of the Swiss Development Corporation and Charles Kleiber is Former State Secretary for Education and Research. C. Boyden Gray from the United States was formally the US President's Spokesman for US Supreme Court Nominees and served as US Ambassador to the European Union. Wolfgang Kroger from Switzerland was Director of the Swiss Laboratory for Safety Analysis and Founding Director for IRGC. Liu Yanhua, from China, was the Former Vice Minister for Science and Technology in the People's Republic of China. I served as President of four international nuclear organizations and helped to start nine others, including the IRGC. Then, Rajendra Pachauri, from India served as Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and was Director General of the Energy and Resources Institute in India.

In addition to the board members, IRGC has an official advisor from OECD, a scientific and technical counsel chaired by Granger Morgan from Carnegie Mellon University of distinguished senior people from around the world and an experienced full-time staff headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. These people are important to the success of IRGC, not only for their knowledge, but for their dedication and enthusiasm. They take the IRGC Charter Objectives and make them happen. Thank you very much.