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Biography of Dana Drábová, Chairperson of WENRA

In her present position, Ms. Drábová is the chief nuclear safety and radiation protection regulator in the Czech Republic. She was appointed as the Chairperson of the State Office for Nuclear Safety (SÚJB) by the Czech government in 1999. She joined the SÚJB as the head of Emergency Response Centre (1995-1996).

Prior to this appointment she worked in the National Radiation Protection Institute (NRPI) in Prague as health physicist, since 1996 was the director of the NRPI.

Between the years 1985-1995 Ms. Drábová worked at the Centre of Radiation Hygiene, National Public Health Institute as scientist where later promoted to deputy head of National Reference Laboratory for Internal Contamination and deputy head of the Centre of Radiation Monitoring Network.

Ms. Drábová is a graduate from the Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering of the Czech Technical University, Department of Dosimetry and Applications of Ionizing Radiation (1980-1985). She has the PhD. in nuclear engineering .

Ms. Drábová has participated in several IAEA expert missions in the field of upgrading radiation protection infrastructure in developing countries (Armenia, Moldova, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Jordan) and since 2004 has been a member of the Commission on Safety Standards appointed by the Director General of the IAEA.

In November 2006 she took up the Chair of the Western European Nuclear Regulators Association.