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**CIRA and IAEA sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)  
to strengthen global cooperation in the fields  
of Tracers and radiation Applications in Industry and Environment**

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The China Isotope and Radiation Association (CIRA) was formed to promote the Chinese isotope and radiation processing industry and to support the development of the social economy of China. CIRA is the first industry organization in the field of nuclear technology applications in China.

The International Society for Tracers and Radiation Applications (ISTRA) and the China Isotope and Radiation Association (CIRA) have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking a new chapter in collaborative efforts to advance the science and applications of Tracers and Radiation Applications in Industry and Environment (RTM) worldwide.

The signing ceremony took place during the International Conference on Applications of Radiation Science and Technology (ICARST-2025), attended by senior representatives from both organizations.

The MoU was signed by Dr GUO LILI (secretary General), on behalf of the CIRA and Dr Tor Bjornstad President of ISTRA, on behalf of the International Society for Tracers and Radiation Applications.

Dr SHEN Lixin (general manager, Department of Business development and International Cooperation, China National Nuclear Corporation) expressed strong support for the collaboration and stated she is looking forward to the joint activities ahead. He extended her appreciation to ISTRA for leading this cooperative initiative, emphasizing its importance in enhancing Environmental Protection and Industrial Efficiency and safety through the use

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of radiation technologies such as Tracers and Nucleonic Measurement Systems, applying various methods globally.



*Figure 1. Dr GUO Lili CIRA Secretary General, (right), and Dr Tor Bjornstad, ISTR A President, exchange the MoU.*

Speaking on behalf of ISTR A, Dr Bjornstad remarked: "This agreement represents a significant step forward in our shared mission to promote the safe, effective and innovative use of radiation Technologies globally. The partnership provides a framework for capacity building, training, and knowledge exchange, crucial pillars for ensuring quality, safety and resilience across sectors."

The MoU signify a united commitment to furthering RTM as a vital tool for sustainable development, public safety and the long-term safety and efficiency of environmental and industrial systems.

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