

UNDERWAY ON NUCLEAR POWER: A RETROSPECTIVE-PANEL

Session Organizer: Eric O'Quinn (U.T., Knoxville)

"Underway on Nuclear Power" was first transmitted by flashing light at 11:00 am on January 17, 1955, by the submarine USS Nautilus (SSN-571) as she made history as the first seagoing vessel of any kind to be successfully powered by a nuclear reactor. This panel session provides a rare opportunity to hear from the ever-smaller group of people who actually knew and worked with two of the early leaders in nuclear power: Admiral Hyman G. Rickover and Vice Admiral Eugene P. "Dennis" Wilkinson. Their commitment to the highest standards of operating excellence were major contributors to the Navy's safe and reliable nuclear propulsion program. Wilkinson later was the first CEO of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) and led its early contributions to the commercial nuclear power industry.

Panelists: Paul Cantonwine (*author of "The Never-Ending Challenge of Engineering: Admiral H. G. Rickover in His Own Words"*)
Ann Winters (*author of "Underway on Nuclear Power: The Man Behind the Words, Vice Admiral Eugene P. 'Dennis' Wilkinson USN"*)
Captain Richard A. Claytor (*US Navy, retired*)
Joe Colvin (*President Emeritus of Nuclear Energy Institute*)