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# Dan Prentice

Meet Dan Prentice, driving value for members and participants. Dan joined Conexus in 2019, bringing 20 years of nuclear sector experience to strengthen Conexus's procurement practices, playing a pivotal role in standardizing terms and conditions, and enhancing intellectual property requirements and contractual standards.

As the second generation in his family to pursue a career in CANDU, Dan is passionate about de-mystifying and sharing the benefits of nuclear power. He gets great satisfaction from collaborating with members, helping to ensure the success of Conexus projects from the start, and contributing to the safe, successful and sustained operation of member facilities in Canada and around the world.

Participating in Conexus's 2023 Collaboration Week is a recent point of pride as it provided the opportunity to meet and work with Conexus members and participants face to face and see the reach of Conexus's collaboration framework in action.

**–Senior Manager , Procurement**

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# Thanuja Janathasing

Meet Thanuja Janathasing, driving excellence in project management at Conexus. A valued member of the Conexus team since 2017, Thanuja applies her education in Materials Science and Engineering and her decade of experience as a research scientist to her role as Conexus's Technical Lead and SME of Fuel Channels.

Thanuja is passionate about program success and plays a key role working with Conexus members and vendors to enhance reactor longevity, supporting Conexus members in efficiently and effectively providing essential power to the public.

Thanuja continues to take on additional accountabilities in materials surveillance, demonstrating her commitment to delivering excellence through collaboration. Outside of work, Thanuja enjoys gardening and spending time with her kids.

**–Technical Lead SME Fuel Channels**



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# Macit Cobanoglu

Meet Macit Cobanoglu, a champion of collaborative excellence at Conexus. A valued member of the Conexus team since 2014, Macit has been a driving force in the nuclear industry for decades, with experience spanning marketing, business development, customer relationship management, and project & program management.

Before joining Conexus, Macit held senior roles at AECL and AECON, where he won numerous awards for his contributions. He first joined Conexus as Director of Joint Projects and Services and believes the fuel channel life management program is one of the most significant and impactful collaborations he has contributed to. He currently manages Conexus's Refurbishment Forum and Supplier Participant Program, which has grown significantly under his leadership.

Macit is passionate about strengthening the CANDU industry and helping young professionals fulfill their potential. Beyond work, Macit enjoys cycling, golf, reading, and scuba diving.

–Program Manager, SPP

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# Sonia Iqbal

Meet Sonia Iqbal, driving excellence through collaboration 'beyond CANDU.' Sonia joined Conexus as Program Manager, Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) in 2021. She plays a key role in supporting Conexus members, SMR vendors and partner organizations in sharing information, pooling resources, and working together to develop and deploy advanced nuclear technologies in support of climate change goals.

Sonia leads Conexus's Small and Medium Size Reactor Technology Forum (SMRTF), associated task teams, and the SMR Vendor Participant Program (SMR VPP). As a facilitator for pan-Canadian teams, Sonia collaborates on critical focus areas in the adoption of new nuclear technologies. She takes pride in Conexus's central role in fostering a 'Team Canada' approach while supporting international initiatives with organizations including OECD Nuclear Energy Agency, Nuclear Energy Institute, and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

**-Program Manager, SMR**



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# Miranda Kinkead

Meet Miranda Kinkead – Conexus’s Event Coordinator extraordinaire! Miranda joined Conexus in 2022 and is responsible for enhancing and furthering collaboration by planning engaging and high-quality events, workshops and learning opportunities for our members. Miranda is passionate about delivering functional and effective events and ensuring that participants have a fulfilling experience. Her proudest achievement is the successful planning and execution of Conexus’s 2023 Conexus Collaboration Week (CCW). She worked closely with Conexus Project Manager [John Gierlach](#) to coordinate a five-day event for industry leaders and technical experts to learn from one another, network and collaborate. Bringing over 400 participants from Canada and around the world together for a jam-packed schedule of events is no small feat, but thanks to Miranda’s skills, dedication and teamwork the event received very positive feedback from attendees. Outside of work, Miranda enjoys painting, music, and staying active at the gym. Miranda's commitment to collaboration shines through in her work!

**–Events Specialist**





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# Kerry Clemen

Kerry Clemen is a strategic leader driving excellence and collaboration within Conexus as Program Manager, Information Exchange. Kerry's journey with Conexus began in 2012, initially as a part-time Project Manager and facilitator. Leveraging his background in team building and management from his time working at OPG, Kerry played a vital role in enhancing Conexus's facilitated teams, programs, training, leading him to his role as Program Manager.

Kerry's passion extends to managing Conexus's membership on behalf of its members and partners in the @Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) program. His instrumental role in fostering strong ties with EPRI has led to the development of a program that not only strengthens relationships but also leverages substantial R&D benefits for Conexus members.

It reflects his overall goal of building strong relationships and delivering exceptional value to members and contributing to the ongoing success of Conexus.

**–Program Manager, Information Exchange**





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# Krish Krishnan

Meet Krish Krishnan, whose decades of experience in the nuclear industry have supported excellence at Conexus since 2009. With over 40 years of experience in the nuclear sector, Krish applies his substantial education and experience to his role as Project Manager, Nuclear Safety and Environmental Affairs, where he plays a key role facilitating peer groups and task teams, and managing joint projects.

Passionate about the interactive nature of his role, Krish thrives on engaging with Conexus members. He previously served as Conexus's Member Relationship Manager to the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), strengthening the relationship between both organizations and facilitating international collaboration. He particularly enjoys the challenges and rewards of safety-related initiatives and joint projects, such as managing a whole-site risk assessment project, which contributed to the successful license extension for one of Conexus's member utilities.

Krish's commitment to the success of the nuclear industry extends to his endeavors outside of Conexus. He is a current member and former President of the Canadian Nuclear Society (2000-2001) and was an Adjunct professor at McMaster University,

**Project Manager, NSEA**