

Introduction

Thanks to its thorough experience in the field of peaceful applications of nuclear science, the Belgian Nuclear Research Centre SCK•CEN is reputed to be an outstanding centre of research and of training and education. Within the Expert Group "Communication, Education and Knowledge Management", education and training (E&T) projects are managed and initiated and contributions to related activities on national and international level are carried out.

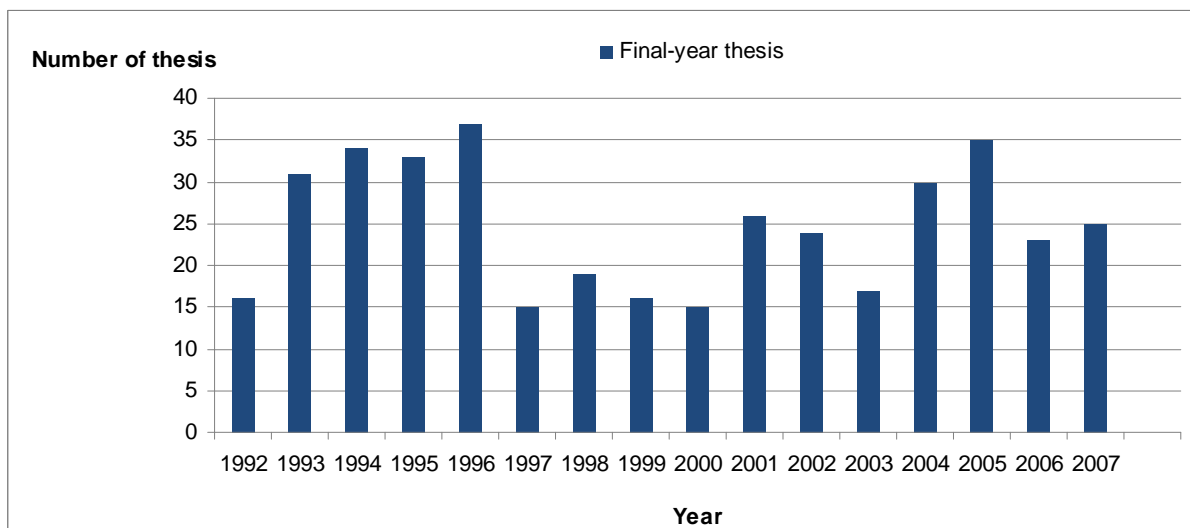
The E&T activities of SCK•CEN cover:

- Guidance for young researchers in the preparation of their thesis;
- Coordination and organisation of training and education programmes;
- Policy support with regard to applied education and training on a national and international level;
- Research on transdisciplinary aspects of education and training.

Guidance for young researchers in the preparation of their thesis

SCK•CEN offers students the possibility to perform their research work at its laboratories.

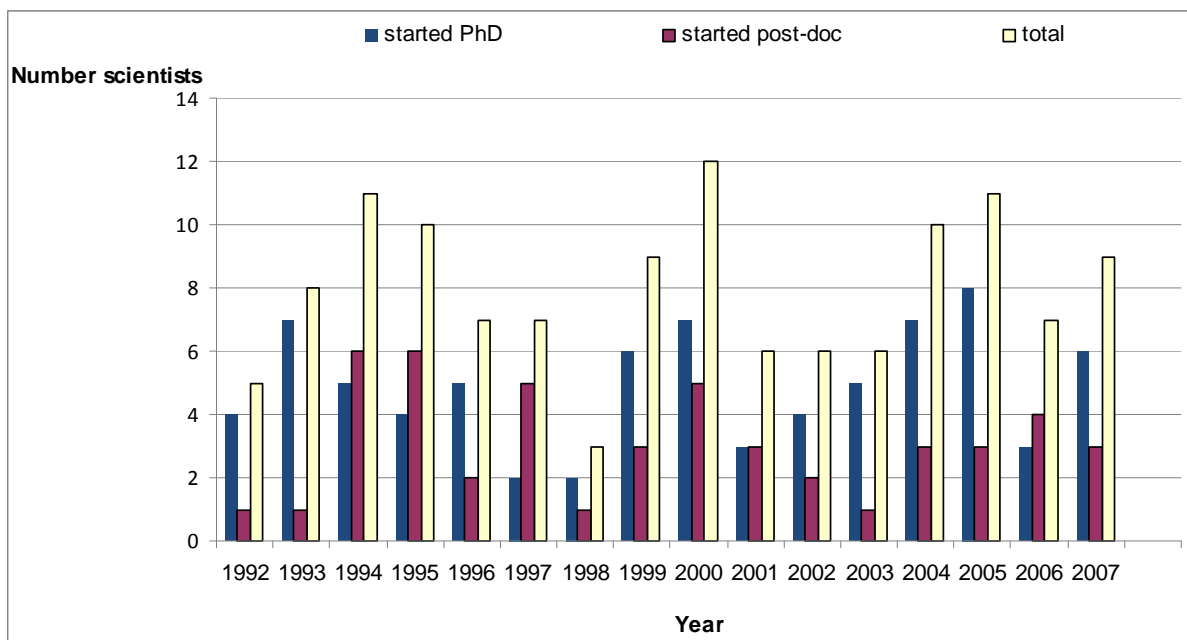
On a regular basis, final-year Bachelor or Master students visit SCK•CEN and are guided by our researchers in their dissertation work. Each year, SCK•CEN awards the best Bachelor and Master thesis with a grant of respectively 1000 and 1500 euro.



In a conscious desire to increase its pool of highly specialised young researchers and to tighten its cooperation with the universities, SCK•CEN embarked in 1992 on a bold programme to hire every year about 10 PhD candidates or post-doctoral researchers. These early-stage researchers are recruited in research domains that reflect the priority programmes and R&D topics of our institute.

Today, about 30 young scientists are enrolled in this programme. It is our aim to attract more PhD and post-doc researchers in the future and to work closer together with industry and national institutes such as FWO (Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek) and FNRS (Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique).

Preparing a thesis at SCK•CEN offers students the best of both worlds: they stay in close contact with the academic world and they enjoy a unique international research environment. Thesis topics and information about the SCK•CEN procedures and selection dates can be found on <http://www.sckcen.be/en/About-SCK-CEN/Career-opportunities/Young-scientific-researchers>.



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