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EURATOM GETS LARGE-SCALE NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER

WASHINGTON, July 20 -- Some 500 nuclear scientists from throughout the six nations of the European Community will start moving to Ispra on the shore of Lake Maggiore in Northern Italy in the next days to staff Euratom's first nuclear research center, it was reported here from Brussels today.

The new center at Ispra is the site of atomic laboratories belonging to Italy's National Committee for Nuclear Research. Under terms of an agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community and the Italian Government which was ratified by the Italian Parliament yesterday, Euratom will share facilities at Ispra and spend \$40 million for new equipment and installations to speed Europe's power reactor technology, instrument research, research in the field of raw and processed materials, and the training of nuclear scientists. A program now under way at Ispra by the Italian Government will continue to concentrate on neutron and solid state physics, metallurgy, and reactor performance measurement.

One of the new installations at Ispra will be a high performance computer center for joint use by the Italian atomic program and by Euratom. Euratom will also build a European School at Ispra modeled along the lines of those already in existence in Luxembourg and Brussels.

Ispra is one of four joint research establishments being set up by Euratom. Others will be at Petten, the Netherlands; the Transuranic Elements Institute of Karlsruhe, the Federal Republic of Germany; and the Central Nuclear Measurements Bureau at Mol, Belgium.