

Subject: Re: News release on research paper being presented by Revankar at a conference in Europe
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Dear Jay,

I understand that Shripad does not want to be quoted or interviewed for a press release about his paper (this is not Rusi's paper)! I fail to see the point of a press release in such a case, and particularly since there are serious and highly problematic issues surrounding the sonofusion work. (There is another press release about Shripad's work with Solomon and Ryan Latta on nuclear fuels; nothing earth shattering, actually rather low level research, but I encouraged Emil to contact the PIs and try to showcase their work, they agreed and he did a great job.)

Shripad's paper on sonofusion is a follow up to the paper by Xu and Butt (Nuclear Engineering Design, May 2005) in which actually Rusi is the principal author although in a surreptitious manner; he is a ghost writer; his name does not appear anywhere. **There are very serious doubts about the authenticity, ethics and validity of the paper published in the Journal of Nuclear Engineering Design. At least one of the authors had nothing to do with it and his name was put on the paper literally in the last minute.** He now wants to leave Rusi's lab!

As to motivation: Several people around the world were aware that Purdue was independently trying to reproduce the experiment. The papers in the Journal of Nuclear Engineering Design and in Nureth-11 try to create the impression that the independent Purdue efforts to duplicate Rusi's experiment were successful. Unfortunately this is not the case and there are serious questions about both process and ethics in this case.

I am currently on travel but would be happy to discuss this with you at any time (765-404-9911 is my cell). In my opinion, and most regrettably, this may hurt Purdue's reputation beyond anyone's imagination. But of course these are my reservations. If you feel otherwise, and wish to facilitate the release of the press announcement please do so.

Best.

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