

14TH MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

November 22, 1979

Heard, L.S.	Australia, President
Fifer, D.	Australia
Goldfinch, T.E.	Australia
De Meester, P.	Belgium
Bowe, E.	Canada
Genevray, R.	France
Evrard, M.	France
Kopineck, H.J.	Germany
Schaper, H.	Germany
Stanger, C.H.	Great Britain
Sharpe, R.S.	Great Britain
Singhania, O.P.	India
Niwa, N.	Japan
Onoe, M.	Japan
Eering, J.	Netherlands
Drabble, J.	New Zealand
Whitehurst, J.D.	New Zealand
Walter, J.C.	Norway
Pawlowski, Z.	Poland
Mottl, J.	Poland
Holmgren, B.	Sweden
Mikheev, M.N.	U.S.S.R
Kljuev, V.V.	U.S.S.R
Kitson, W.J.	U.S.A
Bobbin, J.	U.S.A
Fertilio, A.	Yugoslavia
Bozicek, Mrs. B.	Yugoslavia

(Prof. Kopineck exercised Austria's vote)

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 13th Meeting held in Melbourne on November 18, 1979.

The minutes of the 13th Meeting were adopted without amendment.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Consideration of Membership Applications

The application from South Korea had been held over from the previous meeting because no Korean representatives were present. Mr. Choi and Mr. Kim both representing Korea were now in attendance. Mr. Choi provided additional

written information on the NDT Committee of the Korea Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc. and described the state of NDT in Korea. After a brief discussion Korea was unanimously accepted for membership of the Committee.

3.2 Consideration of proposed changes to ICNDT Terms of Reference

Decisions had been deferred to this meeting on some proposed changes considered by the 13th Meeting. The numerals and wording below refer to Sections and Clauses in the 1976 Terms of Reference.

3.2.1. Section 2.

The Committee unanimously agreed with Prof. Pawlowski's proposal to rescind the previous decision to change the Committee's name to World Committee. The major reason for reverting to International Committee was to differentiate between the initials of the International Committee (ICNDT) and World Conference (WCNDT).

3.2.2. Clause 4.2.

The Committee agreed with Mr. Stanger's view that a country may only be represented by one of its own countrymen. The following revised wording of 4.2. was unanimously agreed to:

"4.2 Each country may nominate a second representative to the International Committee, but he shall not be entitled to vote except in the absence of the first representative. If the second representative is also absent, the delegation may appoint another representative from its own country.

3.2.3. Clause 7.1.

The Committee agreed by 15 votes to 1 to the following additional duty for the President:

"He shall disseminate, at not more than 3 yearly intervals an ICNDT Handbook which should include the ICNDT history, the ICNDT Terms of Reference, a list of members of all previous ICNDT Steering Committees, a list of previous ICNDT meetings and conferences, details of Working Groups, a list of current ICNDT delegates, details of future planned Conferences."

The Working Group on Changes to Terms of Reference (Bastien, Hauk, Pawlowski and Heard) was appointed to prepare the first ICNDT Handbook. Mr. Bobbin asked that it be in an easily reproduced format.

3.2.4. Clause 9.1.

The Committee unanimously accepted, after minor amendment, the recommendation of the sub-committee appointed by the 13th Meeting (Bobbin, De Meester, Goldfinch) to draft a revision of clause 9.1. It was divided into 9.1. and 9.2. as follows:

9.1 At each conference the International Committee shall confirm the decision made in principle at the previous conference as the country which will host the next conference.

9.2 Subsequently at the conference, member countries will be encouraged to issue invitations to host successive conferences; information on official government or other backing and sufficient support for the preconference period shall be given. These invitations and supporting information will be discussed and a decision in principle for the successive host country will be

taken. Should no such invitations be received, member countries will be invited to submit proposals in writing prior to the next committee meeting.”

The existing 9.2. becomes 9.3. and the existing 9.3. becomes 9.4.

3.2.5. Section 12.

The discussion on the Working Group proposal on the official language again attracted a long discussion during which it became clear that a complete revision was required. After the luncheon adjournment the Committee unanimously agreed to the following wording drafted by Nardoni and Bobbin:

“1.2. Official Languages

Official documents of ICNDT and WCNDT shall be in English. Translation into other languages may be made.

Administration of the conference shall be in English and may be in the language of the host country.

Papers shall be submitted in English.

Presentations shall be in English or in the language of the host country.

A speaker using a language other than English shall be responsible for providing a simultaneous translation into English.

The host country or other delegations wishing to listen to papers in their own language shall be responsible for arranging for simultaneous translation from English. Facilities for such simultaneous translations shall be provided by the host country.

3.3 Place and Date of the 11th World Conference

At the 13th Meeting USA, India and Brazil had made offers for the 11th World Conference to be held in 1985. These offers were renewed and Mr. Nardoni issued an invitation from Italy. Representatives of the four countries described the financial backing and conference facilities available. The following vote on which country in principle should host the 11th WCNDT was taken by a show of hands:

USA	9 votes
Italy	8 votes
India	2 votes
Brazil	2 votes
Abstention	1 vote

A vote was then taken between USA and Italy with USA receiving 10 votes, Italy 9 votes and there were 3 abstentions.

The principle of holding the 11th Conference in USA in 1985 was thus adopted.

4. Report on Working Group on Training and Certification of NDT Personnel

Mr. Genevray advised that due to ill health, Mr. Granjon was unable to be present to comment on the report of the Working Group (see Appendix 1). Mr. Granjon would be unable to continue as a Chairman of the Working Group, but would remain the French representative.

At the President's request Mr. J.G. Young commented on the report.

He said that two distinct types of certification schemes existed, one governed by an independent body and the other employer based. Equivalence between the two types was not possible at present. However mutual recognition of individual certificates may be possible and future activity of the Working Group should try to facilitate this.

The Committee formally accepted the report and agreed that the Working Group should continue. A representative of Poland was added to the Group. Mr. Young was appointed Chairman.

Prof. Kopineck said that the German NDT Society was willing to produce a first draft of detailed technical requirements for each NDT method at three levels. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the Working Group that it accept the German offer.

5. Liaison with ISO/TC 135

Prof. Mikheev said that American National Standards Institute (ANSI) had resigned the Secretariat of ISO/TC 135. However ISO had not yet formally voted on the USSR offer to take over the Secretariat.

The Committee noted this information.

6. Certificates and Distinction

At the 12th Meeting consideration had been deferred on the proposal to award Dr. Mullins of the U.K. a Certificate of Distinction. This was because only two certificates could be awarded at a Meeting and Prof. Homes and Prof. Vaupel had received these.

Mr. Stanger said that Dr. Mullins had been a member of the ICNDT for many years and was the driving force behind the 1963 World Conference. The Committee unanimously agreed to award Dr. Mullins a Certificate of Distinction. The British Committee was asked to prepare an appropriate citation.

7. Future Activities

The Committee formally accepted the view expressed by Mr. Sharpe at the 13th meeting, that the Committee should provide a coordinating role in NDT matters concerning research and information dissemination.

The initial requirement is for collecting material from member countries:

- a) Organizations and academic institutes contributing to NDT research with brief statements of their objectives and programs.
- b) Detail of any NDT information banks established, data stores containing NDT keywords or regular listings of published NDT papers.

Mr. Sharpe agreed, on behalf of the Committee, to collate any data sent to him by delegates directly, or via the Committee Secretariat. At the next meeting of the Committee a decision could then be taken as to whether a working party should be formed to develop the activity more formally.

8. Comments on the Ninth World Conference on Nondestructive Testing

All members present joined Mr. Stanger, Mr. Havercroft and Prof. Mikheev in congratulating the Australian Organizing Committee on the most successful staging of the 9 WCNDT and the energetic maintenance of the ICNDT Secretariat during the past three years.