



The World Organisation for NDT

Annual Report 2013

ICNDT is formally registered as a legal association in Vienna in accordance with the Austrian Corporations Act and has a bank account to conduct financial business transactions.

The constitution meets the requirements of the Austrian Corporations Act.

As an incorporated body, ICNDT is required to submit its Annual Report and audited Financial Report to the relevant Austrian authorities.

This is the Annual Report for 2013.

Meetings

The ICNDT Executive Committee (IEC), chaired by Mike Farley (ICNDT Chairman), met four times in 2013 by teleconference and held two physical meetings, one during the AINDT meeting in Perth on 12 March 2013 and one on 17 November 2013 in Mumbai, India. The Policy and General Purpose Committee (PGPC), met on 17 November 2013, just prior to the 14th Asia-Pacific Conference on NDT (APCNDT). These meetings played an important role in the governance of the ICNDT in a year during which significant progress has been made.

The new ICNDT CEC (Certification Executive Committee) had a physical meeting in Zagreb under the chairmanship of Patrick Fallouey, and Dr. Robin Shipp was confirmed as the new ICEC secretary. IEC approved the appointment. Gratitude was extended to Mr John Thompson for carrying out an excellent job over the years.

The activities of Working Group 1 (WG1: Qualification and Certification), chaired by Alexander Mullin, were also prominent during 2013, with remote discussions and physical meetings held at the 14th APCNDT.

Two physical meetings of Working Group 2 (WG2: NDT Education and Research) were held, co-chaired by Dr Manfred Johannes, in Baltimore at QNDE and in Mumbai during the 14th APCNDT.

Dr Farley attended three meetings involving ICNDT alongside QNDE: an Education & Research Working Group meeting, a meeting with World Federation of NDE Centres (WFNDEC) and a conference special session on NDT Education (see below).

In 2014 there will be ICNDT General Assembly and PGP meetings during the 11th ECNDT conference in Prague, 6-10 October.

Strategic Planning

The Strategic Plan was available in ICNDT website, updated on 24 April 2013. During the year the primary focus of the IEC was on delivering the actions of the strategic plan. On-going reviews on the progress of the resulting action plans were held at each IEC meeting. The main initiatives of the Strategic Plan are:

- Support for NDT societies

After the success of the Durban Workshop on support for societies, it was decided a similar workshop will be held at regional conferences. The next is planned for ECNDT 2014 in Prague. Jim Guild was appointed as champion to enhance the membership in Middle East region. A meeting with fledgling NDT Societies from former Soviet Union countries was held in Zagreb, at the suggestion of Patrick Brisset and Isaac Einav representing IAEA.

- An Operating Procedure was developed to recognise the support of volunteers to ICNDT.
- Promote the importance of NDT and establish links with external bodies
- ICNDT established liaison with IAW, IAEA, and QNDE/WFNDECs
- ICNDT was appointed a liaison member of ISO TC 108, and continues its activity as a Liaison Member of ISO TC135, TC135 SC7, and TC135 SC7 WG9
- ICNDT will closely support and actively participate in IAEA funded projects. IAEA reports on Training Series will be reviewed by WG1 and posted on our website.

- Qualification and Certification

ICNDT CEC (ICEC) manages the MRA & PCB assessment system and Examination Question Bank.

ICEC together with WG1 played a significant role in building the ICNDT MRA system. Currently there are 26 signatories of the ICNDT MRA. Australia, China, Brazil, India, Malaysia, Russia, Ukraine, Korea, Singapore were the first signatories. Then Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, South Africa, SAIW, Spain, and the UK signed at Zagreb, including 12 EFNDT members, following the EFNDT recommendation to back the ICNDT MRA. Poland signed in December. The signatories agree to commit to the pursuance of the objectives of the MRA:

- promote the recognition and acceptance of the certification issued by PCBs registered under the MRA;
- assist other interested parties by giving a clear overview of the NDT personnel certification activities in its own country;
- provide other parties with non-confidential information on the certification scheme(s) operated by PCB registered under this Agreement,
- consult with and seek membership of the scheme and technical committees of NDT PCBs in its own country,
- indemnify ICNDT against liability for the party's use or misuse of this MRA.
- The first PCB to apply for recognition (Ukraine: The Ukrainian Scientific Research Institute for NDT (UkrSRINDT)) has been registered by ICNDT and several other registrations are being finalised, including PCBs in Russia, Portugal, Finland and Poland.

- The ICNDT Examination Question bank is now available at an all-in price of 7500€ plus 750€/year for on-going support. The ICNDT Examination Question Bank will be an important platform for harmonisation. It is available in English and Spanish with improved management software. There are 7000+ selected questions at three levels (L1, L2, and L3) in seven methods complying with ISO TR25107 (plus radiation safety and TOFD). The questions are classified by industrial sector and can be combined for multisector examinations. The first Certification Bodies to purchase the ICNDT EQB are Argentina (IAEA project), Korea and South Africa. The four PCBs which

purchased the old EFNDT EQB are being offered the ICNDT EQB at a purchase price of €2250 which includes support for 3 years.

- ICNDT WG1 is developing recommendations for applications of ISO 9712:2012; the recommendations will serve as an interpretation document to the standard.

- NDT Research and Education

An education workshop was held at 14th APCNDT following the successful event in Baltimore, and the next is to follow at ECNDT. ICNDT will publish a guide "ICNDT Guide to Education in NDT".

- Radiation Protection and security
- Provide advices to relevant bodies on radiation protection, task led by Dr. Matthias Purschke
- ICNDT Management & Administration
- Draft document was prepared to clarify the responsibilities of officers
- Operating procedures for the position of annual meetings is available
- a four-year timeline to assist management of actions has been completed
- Review and updating of operating procedures is on-going
- Professional liability insurance arranged for ICNDT, including cover related to MRA, PCBA and EQB.

Membership

A total of 41 members (39 full members and 2 associate members) had paid their fees by the end of the year, thereby retaining their voting status. ICNDT also had a successful year with regard to gaining new members; currently we have 62 full members and 9 associate members.

Operating Procedures

The following operating procedures were produced and/or modified during the year:

OP 18: ICNDT Certification Executive Committee; OP19: ICNDT Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MRA) System Documents, OP20: ICNDT Personnel Certification Body approval (PCBA) System Documents; OP22: Recognition of Voluntary Effort in NDT OP23 ICNDT Management of ICNDT Examination Question Bank.

These operating procedures have been approved by the ICNDT IEC and PGPC.

Website/Journal/Publications

The ICNDT Secretariat has continued to make incremental improvements to the services provided to members through the website and journal, which have been consistently of a high standard thanks to the efforts of Sharon Bond (CINDE) and Corinne Mackle, Zoe White and David Gilbert from the Publishing Department of The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing.

The German Society, DGZfP, has continued to provide the platform for the ICNDT website, which now also includes the facility for member societies that do not have the resources to set up their own website to take advantage of a shell scheme within the ICNDT site framework, enabling them to establish a web presence.

19th WCNDT – Munich – Germany

The 19th World Conference on Non-Destructive Testing is to take place in Munich, Germany, 13-17 June 2016. On behalf of the ICNDT, the event will be hosted and organised by the German Society for Non-Destructive Testing (DGZfP). Contracts have been signed with the ICM - International Congress Center Munich and necessary advanced payments have been made. The first announcement has been published and detailed planning for the exhibition continues. Four WCNDT Vice-Presidents have been nominated to support the promotion of the conference: Dr Gerd Dobmann, Dr Anton Erhard, Dr Marc Kreuzbruck and Dr Martin Spies. The Scientific Committee and the topic specific Programme Committees with experts from all over the world are already established. Two social events are already planned. Contracts with sponsors are being signed. For deadlines and any further information visit www.wcndt2016.com

Finance

The audited financial report for 2013 is appended to this document.

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Dr Mike Farley, Chairman, ICNDT

Financial Report - Balance status at 31/12/2013

	2013 €	2013 €
	Income	Expenditure
Opening balance (carryover from 2012; Nr.: 290-317-995/00)	79,092.54	
WCNDT - Durban	750,00	
Donation from Austrian Chamber of Commerce	500.00	
Fees including pre-payments	12,950.00	
PCB CA service	83.33	
MRA service	-	
EQB Product – <i>purchase fees</i>	2500.00	
Bank account <i>Nr: 290-317-995/01 – interest</i>	84.21	
Meeting expenses		-
Bank account cost <i>Nr: 290-317-995/01</i>		275.10
Bank expenditures – <i>incoming fees</i>		205.40
Printing cost <i>(NDT Guideline, ICNDT Journal, etc)</i>		-
Office cost		-
PCB CA service cost (<i>system administration, insurance, auditor payment</i>)		3,991.65
MRA service cost (<i>administration and overheads, insurance</i>)		-
EQB service cost (<i>administration and overheads, contingencies</i>)		11,363.76
Professional service		6,206.34
Preparation of ICNDT Monographs		-
Supplies (<i>ICNDT badges, flags, etc</i>)		852.90
Miscellaneous <i>(shipping, conference calls)</i>		-
Total	95,960.08	22,895.15
Allocation to reserves	73,064.93	

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