

Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the International Committee on Nondestructive Testing

Held during the ECNDT, Copenhagen, 27 May 1998

Present:	Austria , DGzFP:	H Theiretzbacher, A Salcher, G Aufricht
	Bangladesh, BSNDT:	Mahi U Khan, Dr Md Sana Ullah
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	Belgium, BANT:	Fr. X Deliege, J Charlieu
	Brazil, ABENDE:	Claudio Camhini, M I Gebrael
	Bulgaria, BGSNDT:	A Skordev
	Canada, CSNDT:	D J Marshall
	China	Xu Yongchang, Chengbin Guo, Xiaojun Zhou
	Croatia, CrSNDT:	V Krstelj
	Czech, CNDT:	J Obarz
	Finland	J Sillanpää
	France, COFREND:	M Poudrai
	Germany, DGzFP (NDTnet):	D Schnitger, R Diederichs
	Greece, HSNT:	I Prassianakis, M Fytos
	Holland, KINT:	J Boogaard
	Hungary, HONDT:	T Konkoly, F Fucsok
	India:	Baldev Raj
	Ireland, IIWEI:	M J Prendergast
	Italy	G Nardoni
	Japan, ISNDI:	M Tagaki, M Onoe
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	Poland, SIMP:	J Mottl
	Russia, RSIYDTTD:	V Klyuev
	Slovakia, SSNDT:	P Gabriska
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	Sweden, FOP:	J E Bohman
	Switzerland, SGZP:	T Luthi
	Tunisia, COTEND:	F Herelli
	UK, BlnstNDT:	R Dawson, M Gallagher, J M Farley
	USA, ASNT:	D L Culbertson, M Turnbow

Introduction

President Nardoni welcomed the delegates to the meeting, the first to be held between World Conferences, and gave a brief Invocation. He emphasised the importance of NDT and the world leadership role of the ICNDT. It was a great pleasure to see 30 countries represented at the meeting.

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President Nardoni introduced the team who will share responsibility for organising the next World Conference: Mr Gatti (exhibition), Mr Ghia (relation with ICNDT) and Mrs Criscuolo of Triumph (logistics).

It was emphasised that accommodation in Rome in the year 2000 will be difficult. Therefore the conference organisers through TRIUMPH have reserved a large number of hotel rooms which will have to be released if they are not booked. ICNDT delegates were therefore

strongly urged to book their accommodation EARLY and certainly by the published deadlines.

Regional Associations

President Nardoni remarked on the development in status and importance of the Regional Associations of NDT Societies, noting the European federation of NDT had been formed from the ECNDT, the Pan-American Committee with 19 members was holding the first Pan-American Conference, and the Asia-Pacific Committee with 9 members had held its last Conference in Anaheim in March.

He stated that ICNDT should have formal relations with these regional committees.

Action: *formality of relationships with Regional Associations to be considered by P&GP and recommendations to be reported to ICNDT*

Task group on expansion of ICNDT Membership

Douglas Marshall reported the discussion on the subject at the P&GP and that he had agreed to take charge of the Task Force.

Action: *D Marshall to produce a 'matrix' on requirements for Applications and publish this on the Internet.*

Use of Internet for ICNDT

Professor Onoe explained that he has created an ICNDT Home Page and used this to publish notices on WCNDT/ICNDT and minutes of meetings. It was agreed that further use could be made of the Internet to create an ICNDT Information Network with links to other NDT "Homepages".

The Task Force will comprise Professor Onoe, JSNDI - leader, R Diederich DGzFP, D Gilbert BInstNDT and a representative to be nominated of ASNT.

Task Group on Harmonisation of Certification

Dr Farley reported the activities of this group, in particular the objective to create a common framework for certification schemes which comply with ISO9712.

Action: *Task Group*

The committee recognised the value of Accreditation of certification bodies and requested that Dr Farley should write to the EAF requesting that they should extend their activities to Certifying Bodies for Personnel.

Action: *J M Farley*

President Nardoni asked the Task Group to consider producing a definitive ICNDT Guidance document which explains Standards, Accreditation, Recognition Agreements.

Action: *Task Group*

New Constitution

President Nardoni handed out a draft Revised Constitution for ICNDT.

On a proposal by Professor Schnitger, seconded by D Marshall, it was agreed unanimously that the document should be referred to the P&GP committee for review, revision and thereafter circulation to the full ICNDT at least six months before the Rome WCNDT.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the full ICNDT will be in Rome during the World Conference.

(Minutes prepared by J M Farley, ICNDT Secretary)