



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING

The World Organisation for NDT

Minutes of the ICNDT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

**Thursday, 10 June 2010
Moscow, Russia**

1. Welcome and confirmation of Quorum

Dr Mike Farley opened the meeting and thanked all for their continued participation throughout the duration of the Conference. He wished to congratulate Mr Tony Sonneveld on the award of his Order of Australia Medal (OAM).

2. Memoriam

Dr Farley recorded with regret the recent death of Dr Nadezhda Birjukova, Head of CertiNK, the Russian NDT Personnel Certification Body.

3. Membership, roll call and voting rules

Attendance List

		Voting: Yes/No
Jorge Amsler	ARGENTINA	YES
Anthony Sonneveld	AUSTRALIA	NO
David Barnett	AUSTRALIA	Gen Sec
John Maccarone	AUSTRALIA	YES
Gerhard Aufricht	AUSTRIA	YES
Hugo Eberhardt	AUSTRIA	NO
Günter Balas	AUSTRIA	NO
Sabiz Mammadov	AZERBAIJAN	NO
Nikolai Migoun	BELARUS	YES
Alexander Skoulev	BELARUS	NO
Joao Antonio Conte	BRAZIL	YES
Luiz Cesar De Almeida	BRAZIL	NO
Mitko Mihovski	BULGARIA	YES
Bojana Talakova	BULGARIA	NO
Douglas Marshall	CANADA	YES
Sharon Bond	CANADA	NO
Gongtian Shen	CHINA	YES
Vjera Krstelj	CROATIA	YES
N Krnic	CROATIA	NO
Pavel Mazal	CZECH REPUBLIC	YES
Torben Lund	DENMARK	YES
F Delfini	FRANCE	YES
P Fallouey	FRANCE	NO
Mathias Purschke	GERMANY	YES

Jutta Koehn	GERMANY	NO
Rolf Diedrichs	GERMANY	NO
Ionnis Prassianakis	GREECE	YES
Samir K Choksi	INDIA	NO
K Thambithurai	INDIA	NO
B Venkatraman	INDIA	YES
Giuseppe Nardoni	ITALY	NO
Antonello Porco	ITALY	YES
Ezio Tuberosa	ITALY	NO
T Kishi	JAPAN	YES
Hajime Hatano	JAPAN	NO (ISOTC135 rep)
Svetlana Stragnafors	KAZAKHSTAN	NO
Yermakov Yevgeniy	KAZAKHSTAN	NO
Valory Kozhazinov	LATVIA	YES
Bassam Frenn	LEBANON	NO
Tarek El-Hakim	LEBANON	YES
Abd Nassir Ibrahim	MALAYSIA	YES
Alfonso Garcia Cueto	MEXICO	YES
Adrej Tkachenko	MOLDOVA	NO
Magdalena Maj	POLAND	YES
Pedor Vilaca	PORTUGAL	YES
Vladimir Klyuev	RUSSIA	YES
Irena Pushkina	RUSSIA	NO
Sajeesh Kumar Babu	SINGAPORE	YES
Erich Eckhardt	SLOVAKIA	YES
Janez Grum	SLOVENIA	YES
Manfred Johannes	SOUTH AFRICA	YES
Emilio Romero	SPAIN	YES
Jesus Sorrano	SPAIN	NO
Ferid Herelli	TUNISIA	YES
C Hakan Gür	TURKEY	YES
Vladimir Troitskiy	UKRAINE	YES
Vitalij Radku	UKRAINE	NO
Mike Farley	UNITED KINGDOM	Chairman
John Thompson	UNITED KINGDOM	YES
David Gilbert	UNITED KINGDOM	NO - Minute Secretary
Wayne Holliday	USA	YES
Ricky L Morgan	USA	NO
Elena Azizova	UZBEKISTAN	NO

Apologies

Rong Geng	CHINA
Peter Trampus	HUNGARY
Baldev Raj	INDIA
Matt Gallagher	UNITED KINGDOM

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(Note: changes to Constitution/Terms of Reference require 6 months notice and positive vote of two-thirds of those present).

A quorum was achieved.

4. Approval of Minutes of 32nd and 33rd Meetings in Shanghai 2008 and note minutes of PGP in Yokohama

The minutes of the 32nd and 33rd meetings were approved and those of the PGP meeting that took place in Yokohama in November 2009 were not

5. Presentation and approval of the Annual Report for 2009

The General Secretary presented the 2009 Annual Report and copies were circulated. He said that a number of milestones had been achieved during the year, not least the development of a Strategic Plan. He recommended that those present approve the Annual Report and his proposal was unanimously accepted.

6. Strategic Plan

Dr Farley presented the Strategic Plan and explained the Action Plans associated with it.

7. Presentation of Financial Report for 2009

Mr Aufricht went through the financial report for 2009, presented in the Annual Report. He recorded gratitude to the Chinese Society for NDT and the Austrian Chamber of Commerce for their donations.

8. Report by the Auditors

The auditors, Messrs Delfini and Maccarone, reported that they had examined the financial report for 2009 and found it satisfactory.

9. Approval of Financial Report

The recommendation of the treasurer and auditors that those present approve the 2009 Financial Report was unanimously accepted.

10. Approval of new Operating Procedure (OP16)

Dr Farley explained the background and stated that the PGP Committee had given its approval to the introduction of membership fees commencing January 2011 as detailed in the Operating Procedure OP16. After a question with regard to lapsing was answered – re: point no. 7 in the OP:

“If any fee is not paid after two written reminders (e.g. by e-mail), the General Secretary is authorised to exclude the member from ICNDT membership”, the motion to adopt the Operating Procedure was put to the vote. The results were as follows: For – 20; Against – 0; Abstentions – 0.

The motion was passed.

11. Membership fees for 2010 and 2011

In accordance with the Operating Procedure OP16, membership fees will be introduced 1 January 2011 and the fees for 2011 will be as follows:

€250 for full members;

€100 for associate members.

12. Presentation of Budget for 2010 and 2011

Mr Aufricht presented the budgets for 2010 and 2011, the latter showing a provision for membership fees.

13. Approval of Budgets

The Chairman recommended that those present approve the Budgets and on both counts his proposal was unanimously accepted.

14. Membership

Mr Conte reported that the applications from Hungary (MAROVISZ), Singapore (NDT Society (Singapore)) and Uzbekistan were deemed acceptable in terms of the Constitution and the General Assembly thus approved these. He also mentioned that an application had been received from the Iranian Institute of Welding & NDT and this was under consideration.

The General Assembly was closed at this point and the 34th ICNDT Meeting commenced immediately.



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Minutes of the 34th MEETING of the ICNDT

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This meeting followed on immediately after the General Assembly Meeting and the Agenda items are numbered accordingly.

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Alfonso Garcia Cueto	MEXICO	YES
Adrej Tkachenko	MOLDOVA	NO
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15. Approval of new Operating Procedures OP12,13,14,15

Dr Farley stated that the new Operating Procedures OP12: Annual Report and Accounts, OP13: Use of ICNDT Logo and OP14: Preparation and Organisation of WCNDT had been accepted by the PGP Committee and his proposal to those present to approve these was unanimously accepted.

He then explained the situation with regard to OP15: Working Groups and Committees, in that there had not been unanimous acceptance of this within the PGP Committee. He reported that the Executive Committee at its meeting on 06 June 2010 in Moscow had agreed certain modifications to the Operating Procedure and a revised version would be put to PGP for its approval.

16. Introduction to reports of WGs, including reports versus Action Plans

Dr Farley introduced the reports of the Working Groups in the context of the Action Plans derived from the Strategic Plan.

17. Membership Committee

Mr Conte presented his report (appended).

18. Communications/Internet/Journal

Mr Gilbert presented his report (appended).

There was one comment, from Mr Diedrichs, who proposed better communication between ICNDT and ndt.net.

19. WG1 Qualifications and Certification

Mr Thompson presented his report (appended).

He requested approval to send out documents to ICNDT members detailing the proposed procedure for how the Multi-Lateral Agreement (MLA) will be established, a business plan for it and suggested workflows. The aim was to distribute these documents for discussion and invite comments which when received would be considered and where appropriate the documents would then be modified prior to referral to the IEC.

It was agreed that a motion was not required to send out the documents to ICNDT members.

Mr Fallouey asked if the IAF should be liaised with on the matter and Mr Thompson replied that this was indeed the case via Mr Zirnhelt.

Another point was raised that in the Asia Pacific region the IAEA is working towards and MLA and efforts should be coordinated. Mr Barnett responded by stating that 16 member countries of the IAEA Regional Cooperation Agreement (IAEA/RCA) for SE Asia are signatories to a document promoting the harmonisation of certification schemes to ISO 17024. He acknowledged the importance of maintaining dialogue between ICNDT and IAEA on these issues.

Dr Farley referred to the work being carried out within EFNDT and said that further work was required within WG1 to consider other issues such as how to deal with schemes run by governments.

Mr Holliday said that the Asia Pacific region had discussed the matter at its meeting in Yokohama.

20. WG3 Research and Education

Dr Venkataraman presented his report.

21. Confirmation of Committee/ working group Chairs/membership

Dr Farley explained the procedure for appointing WG/Committee chairs. These were appointed for 4 years with the potential for being reviewed after two years.

He proposed that all WG and Committee Chairs be re-appointed for a further 4 years subject to the above and this was unanimously approved.

22. Progress report from 18th World Conference in Durban, South Africa 16-20 April 2012

Mr Johannes presented his progress report, detailing the themes and topics. Some 1200 delegates were expected, potentially from more than 65 countries, as there were 20 countries in Africa alone. The Call for Papers was soon to be issued and the exhibition was open for bookings.

23. Opportunity for comments by Members

Dr Venkataraman suggested the WCNDT organisers consider 'Industry Meet' and 'Young Researchers' sessions similar to the ones successfully held at the New Delhi World Conference in 1996.

24. Regional Group Reports

24.1 Asia Pacific

Dr Venkataraman presented his report.

24.2 Pan America

Messrs Conte, Cueto and Holliday presented their reports.

24.3 Europe

Professor Krstelj presented her report.

24.4 Africa

Mr Herelli presented his report.

25. Associated Bodies

25.1 ISO

Prof Hajime Hatano presented his reports (appended: TC135 and TC135 WG3).

Dr Farley thanked Professor Hatano for his report and for the progress made.

Mr Fallouey agreed and expressed his wish that harmonisation of the standards happens soon.

25.2 IAEA

Dr Farley referred to the document that had been produced and discussed plans to present this to the IAEA.

25.3 IIW

In the absence of Dr Baldev Raj there was nothing to report

26. Other business and Close of Meeting

The Chairman then thanked all for attendance and he also thanked everyone for all the voluntary work carried out on behalf of ICNDT.

Mr Eberhardt, on behalf of the Austrian Society, thanked Professor Klyuev and RSNTTD for their hosting the meetings and conference.

Ms Yevgeniy from Kazakhstan introduced herself and thanked everyone for the opportunity to be present.

Finally, Dr Farley thanked Professor Klyuev and extended hearty congratulations to RSNTTD for organising a very successful 10th ECNDT. He also took the opportunity to send greetings to ICNDT members and honorary members who were unable to attend.

He then closed the meeting.



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ICNDT MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE ICNDT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MOSCOW, 9TH JUNE 2010.

WG TITLE: ICNDT Membership Committee

CHAIRMAN/CONVENER: João Antonio Conte
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WG MEMBERS:

E. Romero (AEND/Spain)
W. Holliday (ASNT/USA)
J. Maccarone (AINDT/Australia)
V.V. Klyuev (RSNTTD/Russia)

DATES & LOCATIONS OF MEETINGS HELD: No formal meetings were held

The focus of the Working Group is to develop actions to:

- a) Support the foundation of national NDT societies
- b) Attract societies or national institutions of NDT to the ICNDT
- c) Support websites creation to national societies
- d) Establish rules for members affiliation to the ICNDT
- e) Keep the ICNDT directory of national societies updated
- f) Participate on NDT events around the world, disseminating the ICNDT activities

PROGRESS REPORT

- a) Analysis of the process of affiliation of Singapore NDT Society to the ICNDT
- b) Analysis of the process of affiliation to the ICNDT of the following institutions:
 - Uzbekistan Society for NDT
 - Iranian Institute of Welding and NDT
 - Hungarian Association for NDT
- c) Elaboration of the ICNDT Operating Procedure: “Membership Rules”
- d) ICNDT NDT Society Directory update



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APPENDIX: WG# ACTION PLAN

(Developed from ICNDT approved Strategic Plan)



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ICNDT WG2 REPORT TO THE ICNDT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MOSCOW, 10TH JUNE 2010

WG TITLE

Communications

CHAIRMAN/CONVENER

David Gilbert

WG MEMBERS

Sharon Bond (Canadian Institute of NDE), Stefan Cullmann (German Society for NDT), Douglas Marshall (Canadian Institute of NDE), David Gilbert (British Institute of NDT).

DATES & LOCATIONS OF MEETINGS HELD

None to date.

PROGRESS REPORT

1. Website

The ICNDT website is the subject of continuous review. The main focus of activities at present is to make it more user-friendly and in particular to ease navigation.

This process has begun and users who have logged-in may have noticed for example that most documents are now accessible through the 'Document Store' in easily identifiable folders. All those who have not yet registered on the website will be registered in due course.

Action Plan 2 of the Strategic Plan presents details of specific areas for development. Specifically, item no. 4 in the Strategic Plan: 'Build on progress to date and establish an upgraded website, linked to members websites, to provide an intelligent NDT information portal' is the focus of our current attention.

With reference to the Strategic Plan, Action Plan 1: Support for Societies, a website shell scheme for new NDT societies is under consideration.

2. Journal

The ICNDT Journal continues to be published regularly and be well received. It is planned to publish three issues again next year, in March, June and September. The corresponding deadlines will be end-January for March, end-April for June and end-July for September.

In terms of development of the Journal and with reference to the Strategic Plan, Action Plan 1: Support for Societies, it is planned to introduce a coordinated series of articles for the Journal covering individual societies' activities and developments.



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APPENDIX: ACTION PLAN 2: PROMOTION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF NDT

- Wider promotion of existing videos (JSNDI, ASNT, BINDT....) via website
- Create award for best published case study on the value of NDT – needs discussion
- Plan more proactive involvement in key external organisations (ISO, IIW, IAEA, CEOC International) and with other groupings of NDT societies (AFNDT,).
 - ISO – seek liaison membership of TC135
 - IIW
 - IAEA – Review IAEA's activities and plans
 - CEOC International
- Build on progress to date and establish an upgraded website, linked to members websites, to provide an intelligent NDT information portal.
- Wikipedia - ensure quality input and links to “approved” sites
- English
- Other languages
- Seek volunteer “champions” via ICNDT Journal and website
- Add NDT and Diagnostic Technologies as a strap line to our letterhead – needs discussion
- Prepare a Guide on NDT for risk-based inspection - needs further discussion

REF. ACTION PLAN 1: SUPPORT NDT SOCIETIES

- Articles on Societies activities and development for ICNDT Journal
- ICNDT promotional leaflet similar to EFNDT one
- ICNDT to provide a website shell scheme for new NDT societies



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ICNDT WG1 REPORT TO THE ICNDT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MOSCOW, 9TH JUNE 2010

WG TITLE

Qualification, Certification & Accreditation

CHAIRMAN/CONVENER

John Thompson

WG MEMBERS

Mohd Maqbool Ahmed (Qatar University), Hugh Neeson (South African Institute of NDT), Sajeesh Kumar Babu (NDT Society of Singapore), Geng Rong Sheng (Chinese Society for NDT), Norikazu Ooka (Japanese Society for NDI), David Barnett (Australian Institute of NDT), Rodolfo Rodríguez (Spanish Society for NDT), Alexander Mullin (Russian Society for NDT), Gerhard Aufricht (Austrian Society for NDT), Matthias Purschke (German Society for NDT), João Rufino Teles Filho (Brazilian Society for NDT), John Zirnhelt (Canadian Institute of NDE), Ron Nisbet (American Society for NDT), Francesco Delfini (French Society for NDT) and John Thompson (British Institute of NDT).

DATES & LOCATIONS OF MEETINGS HELD

9th November 2009, Yokohama, Japan (13th APCNDT)

PROGRESS REPORT

The focus of the WG is to address all of the actions listed in Appendix 1 with a view to completing as many as possible by the time of the 18th WCNDT in Durban, Republic of South Africa, April 2012. The WG has to date held just one physical meeting, but has made considerable progress through e-mail exchanges in most items in its action plan. Noteworthy progress has been achieved in the following areas.

Establishing lines of active communication with ICNDT member societies, ISO TC135 and CEN TC138, the International accreditation Forum, ASME and ISO/CASCO, with WG members attending meetings of all organisations, making positive contributions on qualification, certification and accreditation matters.

Completing surveys of ICNDT members on the status of qualification and certification arrangements in their countries, the establishment of ICNDT question banks, multilateral agreements on recognition, and the ICNDT assessment and approval of personnel certification schemes. Development of system documentation in support of the foregoing and submitting same to the ICNDT review and approval system.

Arranging a forum on qualification and certification matters at the 10th ECNDT in Moscow.

Future WG1 meetings are scheduled for September 2010 (Vienna, Austria), and November 2010 (Houston, USA).



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APPENDIX 1: WG1 ACTION PLAN

1. Establish lines of communication with Qualification and Certification group(s) in ICNDT regions (Africa, Europe, America, Asia) with a view to co-ordination of activities.
2. Establish liaisons with ISO TC 135, the International Accreditation Forum, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and ISO/CASCO.
3. Create a directory of NDT personnel certification bodies, with scopes of compliance, numbers of persons certificated and certificates issued, etc., maintaining this up-to-date.
4. Offer guidance to developing countries seeking to establish national certification schemes – listing merits of co-operation with established Certification Bodies.
5. Plan and organise a regular (annual or biennial) forum on qualification and certification topics, inviting guest speakers with specialist knowledge/experience.
6. Provide new and interesting material on qualification and certification in order to keep the ICNDT website updated.
7. Establish process for qualification and certification of personnel when ‘introducing new NDT methods and techniques’.
8. Maintain and extend the content of the ICNDT Guide to implementation of ISO 9712.
9. Make recommendations to Standards Bodies ISO, CEN and ANSI, urging them to harmonise their standards for third party certification.
10. Share experiences on development and operation of multilateral agreements on recognition of personnel certification.
11. Survey ICNDT membership on a possible ICNDT initiative to achieve global multilateral recognition of certification through an ICNDT multilateral agreement (MLA), supported by an optional ICNDT system for peer assessment and approval of NDT personnel certification bodies.
12. Survey ICNDT members on their perception of the need for an English language question bank of multi-choice answer questions.
13. Consider whether the ISO/CEN TR25108 Training Syllabuses should be a normative reference in revised ISO 9712, as well as IAEA Techdoc and CP106, making recommendations to ISO TC135 WG.