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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING

POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE - MINUTES (UNAPPROVED) Cairo, Egypt Sunday February 12, 2006, 13:00-18:00

1. ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE/QUORUM

D.J. Marshall	ICNDT Chair - voting member - present
M. Farley	ICNDT General Secretary - voting member - present
J. Conte	PANNDT Representative - voting member - present
E. Romero	EFNDT Representative - voting member - present
M. Shafy	AFNDT Representative - voting member - present
F. Herelli	AFNDT Representative - voting member - present
S. Bond	Secretariat - non voting - present
I. Einav	IAEA Liason - Guest - present

The Quorum (5) was met with 6 voting members in attendance.

WELCOME

In the absence of G. Nardoni, D. Marshall welcomed all in attendance, followed by introductions and a thank you / congratulations to the African Federation for NDT for hosting a successful conference.

D. Marshall also extended condolences on behalf of the ICNDT on the passing of Dr. Mikio Takagi, Past President of the Japanese Society for NDT and voting delegate to ICNDT. A profile of Dr. Takagi will be included in the next issue of the ICNDT Journal.

APOLOGIES

Guiseppe Nardoni	ICNDT PGP Chair - apologies
Rong Sheng Geng	WCNDT President - apologies
Wayne Holliday	PANNDT Representative - apologies
Gerhard Aufricht	Honorary Member - apologies
Rainer Link	Elected Member - apologies
Anthony Sonneveld	Elected Member - apologies
Vjera Krstelj	EFNDT Representative - apologies
Les Dick	APCNDT Representative - apologies
S. Vahaviolos	Honorary Member - apologies
M. Onoe	Honorary Member - apologies
V. Klyuev	Honorary Member - apologies
Baldev Raj	Honorary Member - apologies

2. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15 MARCH 2005, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

The minutes of March 15, 2005 were reviewed. M. Farley motioned for approval, seconded by E. Romero. Minutes were approved as written. The following pending actions items were reviewed.

At the request of the Executive Committee, J. Thompson (BINDT) has agreed to Chair WG 1 - Certification Committee. Updating of the ICNDT Recommended Guidelines will become the responsibility of this Committee.

All past issues of the ICNDT Journal have been received from the Italian Society for NDT and are in process of being posted on the ICNDT website.

W. Holliday (ASNT) has informed the PGP Committee that he will forward the Awards Procedure once the Board of Directors approves the final version.

As no discussion by members of the Pan American Committee on NDT has taken place with regards to the naming of the NDT Education, Training and Certification Award, it was recommended and agreed that the Policy and General Purpose Committee would be given the responsibility of selecting a name if no name was provided by the next meeting.

An electronic copy of the final report of the 16th WCNDT was distributed to all PGP Committee members.

3. ICNDT WEBSITE

An update was provided on the status of the ICNDT Website. All formalities for the transfer of the ICNDT.org domain have been completed and it is expected that the website will officially be active under the German Society within the next 2 months.

PENDING

4. POSTAL BALLOTS

Two postal ballots were held since the last meeting.

The ICNDT General Assembly voted to accept the Terms of Reference to reflect that two members of the Policy and General Purpose Committee, elected by the full International Committee, would become members of the Executive Committee:

Total active members	50
Number of votes cast	26
Number of votes for adoption	25
Number of votes against	1

ICNDT Operating Procedures:

P01-Rev2
P02-Rev2
P03-Rev2
P04-Rev2
P05-Rev2
P06-Rev2
P08-Rev2
P09-Rev1
P10-Rev1

were revised and approved following a postal ballot of the Policy and General Purpose Committee. Nine (9) responses were received, all positive.

COMPLETED

5. WORLD CONFERENCE REPORTS

The 16th WCNDT is now officially closed.

All information gathered from the 16th WCNDT has been forwarded to the Chinese Society with an offer of assistance in promoting the 17th WCNDT. The 17th WCNDT currently has one major sponsor. The December issue of the ICNDT Journal will focus on the 17th WCNDT.

PENDING

6. ICNDT LEGAL INCORPORATION

Both the Austrian and German National Societies have been working together to complete the required documentation for the legal incorporation of the ICNDT. The final version of the new ICNDT Constitution will be sent to the entire ICNDT membership for comments. Once all comments have been received and any necessary changes have been made the new Constitution will once again be forwarded to the full ICNDT delegation for a postal ballot. A final vote to legalize the ICNDT will take place at the General Assembly meeting to be held in conjunction with the 9th ECNDT, September 2006.

ACTION: M. Farley/Secretariat

7. MEMBERSHIP

The Membership procedures has been rewritten for clarity with no change to the actual content. After review by the Policy and General Purpose Committee, M. Farley motioned for approval, seconded by E. Romero. All were in favor - motion carried.

Three countries are currently interested in ICNDT membership:

- Colombia;
- Mexico;
- Serbia.

There is some clarification required with regards to Mexico as there seems to be three different organizations within the country. Encouragement from the Pan American group to form one National Society in Mexico has been ongoing. Colombia has founded a National Society.

The Membership Operating Procedure will be revised to include a disassociation clause/explanation on Active vs. Non Active members. During the Pan American Conference held in 1989 there were 12 countries that attended and became members but they have had no contact with the ICNDT since that time. Several attempts have been made to communicate with no success. It is realized that it maybe difficult for some of the smaller to continually participate at meetings directly but it is understood they will be considered to remain active even if it is only through email correspondence.

ACTION: T. Sonneveld

Lithuania has formed a new Society which has applied to become a member of the EFNDT. Lithuania will be invited to join the ICNDT.

8. JOURNAL

A review of production activities for the ICNDT Journal was provided.

9. REGIONAL GROUP REPORTS

9.1 Pan American Region

J. Conte was in attendance to report on the activities of the Pan American Region. Specifically, Brazil, Argentina and Peru each hosted successful conferences throughout last year. Planning continues for the next Pan American Conference for NDT which will be held in Argentina 2007. The ISO TC 135 Committee Meeting will be scheduled in conjunction with the Pan American Conference.

ABENDE has been actively applying for the secretariat position for the SC-3 Committee, along with developing a draft proposal for the IAEA to on implementation of a national program certificate. ABENDE and the BINDT reached a cooperation agreement during the 16th WCNDT, September 2004 with regards to PED Certification as well as founding the Mutual Recognition Agreement of the EFNDT,

It was agreed that the Pan American Committee for NDT needs to be more active.

9.2 Asian Pacific Region

The next Asian Pacific Conference will be held in November 2006, New Zealand. Sponsorship was slow to start but is starting to pickup. To assist New Zealand in planning and organization, 8 countries provided New Zealand with start-up loans.

9.3 European Region

The EFNDT held their annual Board of Directors and General Assembly meeting, November 2005. E. Romero provided a detailed review of the meeting. Full details are attached as appendix 1.

The EFNDT has completed a Question Bank which is available for purchase by Certification Bodies who are members of the EFNDT Mutual Recognition Agreement for \$ 7,500 Euro. The Question Bank is available in electronic format for 7 sectors, 3 levels, in the 6 main methods of nondestructive testing. Currently the EFNDT is looking at alternatives for allowing non member Certifying Bodies to purchase the Question Bank. It was noted that this would be very beneficial to the AFRA region and would appreciate assistance from the EFNDT to coordinate the utilization of the Question Bank. Currently Croatia has purchased the Question Bank.

9.4 African Region

M. Shafy reported on the success of the 4th African Regional Conference & 1st International Exhibition on Nondestructive Testing Held February 11 - 13, 2006, Cairo, Egypt. Planning of this conference and exhibition began in February 2004, with IAEA showing support during meetings held in 2005. Organization of this conference consisted of the development of an AFNDT website and newsletter. The 5th African Regional Conference will be held in Tunisia in 2009. The Presidency of the AFNDT automatically changes to the host country for the following conference which will Mr. F. Herrelli. The PGP noted the importance of keeping the momentum going.

10. WG 1 COMMITTEE - CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

M. Farley, due to other commitments has resigned as Chair to the Certification Committee. As actioned during the Executive Committee, M. Farley drafted a list of objectives for this committee (appendix 2). J. Thompson (BINDT) has agreed to fill the position of Chair for this Committee. M. Farley will request that J. Thompson prepare an action plan.

ACTION: M. Farley

There was also discussion on the possibility of utilizing teleconferencing and web based communication to facilitate the functions of the committee.

ACTION: S. Bond

11. WG 3 - EDUCATION/RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Although not in attendance, B. Raj (Chair WG 3) submitted a powerpoint presentation (appendix 3) presented by D. Marshall. D. Marshall addressed the participation of B. Raj acknowledging his motivation.

The Committee discussed the issue of including state of the art articles in the ICNDT Journal, it was noted that during the ICNDT meetings held in conjunction with the 16th WCNDT, it was agreed that the ICNDT Journal would remain in its current state and would continue to be a non-technical forum. D. Marshall will contact B. Raj to clarify the issue of ICNDT publications vs. Monographs. Also to be discussed is the issue of following the Publications Procedure, including the need for a review by the Editorial Review Committee for all ICNDT publications.

ACTION: D. Marshall

M. Shafy expressed an interest in becoming involved with the suggestion of "NDE in Art Objects". S. Bond will pass on B. Raj's contact information to M. Shafy for his future participation.

ACTION: S. Bond

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Also reviewed was the objectives of this committee to motivate students to the world of NDT. It was noted that there was a good overlap between the WG 1 and WG 3 Committees. M. Farley will redraft the WG 3 objectives to better reflect the B. Raj proposals.

ACTION: M. Farley

After review B. Raj's presentation, future additions to the ICNDT website will include a directory of NDT Courses and locations, a database of experts to facilitate "Train the Trainers".

PENDING

A teleconference will be setup to review the Objectives/Terms of Reference of the WG 3 Committee. Participants will include D. Marshall, M. Farley, B. Raj and E. Romero.

ACTION: S. Bond

12. IAEA LIASON

I. Einav noted that a new motivational direction towards nondestructive testing has taken place within the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and that this was a more positive time to invite the IAEA to become an associate member of the ICNDT. It was also suggested that a meeting between the IAEA representatives and the Executive Committee members be coordinated. I. Einav reported that should IAEA accept the offer to become an Associate Member of the ICNDT, there may be an opportunity to receive some funding to assist in ICNDT projects. IAEA may contribute a regular paper to the ICNDT Journal. I. Einav will followup on the approval process.

ACTION: D. Marshall, I. Einav

I. Einav reported that a consultant meeting was held in July 2005 to develop a technical document on the revised ISO 9712 and to discuss the impact it will have on the standard. A draft was produced from this meeting and followup with R. Murphy (NRCan-Canada), J. Thompson (BINDT - UK), Holstein (Germany) is required to complete this project.

ACTION: D. Marshall, M. Farley, I. Einav

I. Einav responded to the membership issue of Active vs Non-active. He noted the importance of encouraging countries to form National Organizations and that communication to ensure activity should not be limited to attending meetings but that "active" should also include participation via electronic means. The PGP Committee members agreed.

M. Farley will be signing a agreement with the AFNDT on behalf of the EFNDT during the closing ceremonies of the 4th African Regional Conference & 1st Exhibition on Non-Destructive Testing to support them in the development their NDT Projects.

ACTION: M. Farley

I Einav is organizing a National Coordinators meeting with L. Dick to be held prior to the Asia Pacific Conference, November 2006. IAEA would also like to coordinate something similar as part of the 9th ECNDT.

The Committee discussed the issue of the possibility of the IAEA supporting the cost of the EFNDT Question Bank for use by Member Countries. I. Einav noted that in order for IAEA to support the purchase of the Question Bank there would have to be a means to ensure the security/integrity of the distribution of the questions. M. Farley also noted that as the EFNDT Question Bank is only available to Certifying Bodies in accordance with imposed rules by the EFNDT. Should these rules not be adhered to severe sanctions would be imposed. D. Marshall responded with the need for an international question bank which could be the responsibility of the TC 135, SC 7 Committee. The ICNDT could take the position of the Accreditation Group, which would perform the task of accrediting Certifying Bodies. Certifying Bodies would not be in a position to utilize the Question Bank until they were accredited. This brought up the question of how organizations could become Certifying Bodies if they don't have a question bank? The request for IAEA support should be made by either ISO or ICNDT.

13. ADJOURNMENT

F. Herrelli thanked all in attendance for, both the Executive and PGP, for their support during the 4th African Regional Conference & 1st Exhibition on Nondestructive Testing prior to the full ICNDT. He mentioned the potential for support from UNIDO as well as IAEA and offered to provide a contact person to whom Douglas Marshall could correspond.. Meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm.

The next PGP Meeting will be held in Berlin, Germany - September 23, 2006

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