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## **INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING**

### **ICNDT POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE - MINUTES, Rio de Janeiro, Sunday 1 June 2003**

#### **1. Welcome and Attendance**

Present:

Douglas Marshall, President WCNDT  
Mike Farley, General Secretary ICNDT  
Joao Conte, Pan America Representative  
Douglas Whitely, Pan America Representative  
John Thompson, EFNDT  
Irena Pushkina, EFNDT  
Maria Izabel Gebrael, ABENDE + Pres. PANNDT (Obs)  
Jose Santaella Rederat, ABENDE Pres. Exec. Council (Obs)

#### **2. Welcome**

The ABENDE/PANNDT representatives offered a warm welcome.

#### **3. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Dr. Baldev Raj, Dr. Link, Dr. Vahaviolos, Mr. Aufricht, Prof. Klyuev, Prof Onoe, Mr. Romero (represented by Mr. J.R.Thompson) and Prof. Krystelj (represented by Mrs. Pushkina). Mr. Nardoni had been delayed due to an airline strike in Italy. Mr. Marshall agreed to chair the meeting. The meeting requested that its best wishes to Dr. Link and Peter Brady should be noted.

#### **4. Minutes**

1. PGP Meeting in Barcelona June 2002  
Minutes approved without correction.
2. ICNDT Meeting in Barcelona June 2002  
Minutes reviewed and noted.
3. Executive Committee Meeting in Chennai December 2002  
Minutes reviewed and noted.

**5. Matters arising not covered by the Agenda**

None.

**6. ICNDT Chairman remarks**

Douglas Marshall remarked on the enthusiasm and drive of our Chairman, Mr. Nardoni.

**7. World Conference update**

Arrangements for Montreal are now well in hand. 70% of the Exhibition space has been contracted. Financial support has been received from the Canadian NDTMA, the Ontario chapter of CINDE, and no single major sponsor has been identified. The organisation of the technical programme is in the hands of Dr. Jean Bussierre.

Mike Farley reported that the BInst NDT will be submitting a bid for WCNDT 2012.

**8. Membership**

8.1 The application from Moldavia is to be referred to Professor Klyuev for comment following EFNDT's receipt of an application from a different organisation.

8.2 Douglas Marshall is able to make available a model constitution; it was suggested that this could be circulated for translation into Russia, Portuguese and Spanish and put on the Website.

**Action: D Marshall**

It was agreed to create a Membership Certificate and present these to each member present in Montreal.

8.3 Regarding ASNT's suspension of membership, Mike Farley summarised the meetings in Chennai and Orlando. Mrs. Gebrael emphasised the need to reconcile the differences with ASNT and to persuade them to reactivate their involvement. Both ICNDT and PANNDT need ASNT's involvement. Doug Whitely commented that we should seek ASNT's comment on the new Operating Procedures and the ISO 9712 Guidelines.

PGP urged the issue of a letter of explanation to the membership on the lines drafted by Mike Farley as soon as possible. **Action: Nardoni**

## 9. ICNDT Procedure

Mike Farley described the process of preparing and circulating the procedures for approval. Comments from five long-standing members of the PGP had been received. All were positive.

The PGP unanimously approved Procedures OP1 OP8, and asked that they be placed on the Website.

**Action: Ghia**

In the above process a new list of further additions/improvements has been noted. Mike Farley is to update the Procedures and present to the Executive Committee for approval.

**Action: Farley**

A new Procedure on electronic Media is needed.

**Action: Farley/Onoe**

## 10. Relationships with authorities

### 10.1 IAEA

IAEA/ICNDT had a meeting on 30 September 2002. This suggested a Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Einav reported verbal support at a higher level, but currently no budget to implement. Mr. Einav is now proposing Inter Regional Meetings and would like more support from Pan-America.

### 10.2 ISO Representation at TC 135 in Korea will be:

SC7 Plenary Farley and Marshall

WG6 Farley

WG7 Farley and Balder Raj

**Action: J M Farley to reply to Patricia Dolhan and copy PGP**

## 11. Promotion of International Standards

No discussion.

## 12. ICNDT Journal

No discussion.

## 13. International activity to advertise ICNDT

No discussion.

**14. Activities of Regional Groups in promoting ICNDT policy**

Reports given by EFNDT and PANNDT.

**15. Finances**

15.1 Future financing of ICNDT

In the absence of Mr. Nardoni no financial report.

15.2 Financing

Mike Farley read out a draft letter to NDT Societies to set out the ways in which financial support might be provided.

**Action: Finalise and circulate to Executive and PGP for approval**

**16. Working Groups**

16.1 Certification

Mike Farley explained the status of the updating of the Draft ICNDT Guidelines Document on ISO 9712 Certification. The timetable has been complicated and delayed by the parallel activities to update the ISO 9712 Standards. A list of key issues were addressed/agreed.

It was agreed that the Publication will be available in print but backed up by an on-line version which will be kept up to date.

The difficult question of whether or not to include the Standard itself was discussed. The PGP committee (advised by Rick Murphy) understood that ISO copyright rules would prevent this.

The Editorial Committee are asked to complete their task as soon as possible to allow approval and printing in time for the Asia Pacific Conference in Korea.

**Action: Farley**

A Workshop on ISO 9712 Certification is requested at the World Conference.

**Action: D. Marshall to J. Bussierre**

16.2 Internet Working Group

Mike Farley summarised the report by Professor Onoe indicating that ICNDT could make better use of the Website and other Internet tools. It was decided to ask the Working Group to convene and to prepare an ICNDT Operating procedure. The

Working Group should include David Gilbert, Mr. Fontana (Italian NDT Society) and a representative of DGZfP (contact via Mrs. Wessels). The PGP are of the view that ICNDT should make much more positive use of its Website as a key information source for the membership.

**Action: Professor Onoe**

### 16.3 WG3 Research and Education

Mike Farley presented the report from Dr. Balder Raj. It was agreed:

a) to continue to support the efforts of the WF NDE to develop a harmonised syllabus for NDT degrees.

**Action: - Dr. Balder Raj**

b) Dr. Baldev Raj and his Working Group are encouraged to make proposals for topics/authors for new monographs.

c) World Conference session on the Frontiers of Research. Douglas Marshall will pass this suggestion to Jean Bussierre for consideration for the technical programme.

**Action: D. Marshall**

## 17. Awards

The PGP were reminded that the names of two Awards have still to be decided, these are:

- (i) Education & Training to be named after someone from the Americas
- (ii) Research to be named after someone from Asia Pacific

Suggestions are to be given to the Executive Committee for their decision.

**Minutes prepared by  
J M Farley**

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