It is a great pleasure to offer good wishes to those member societies that are celebrating important anniversaries. In the autumn of 2012, the Japanese Society (JSNDI) celebrated 60 years! In March 2013, the Australian Institute (AINDT) was 50 years old. In Europe, the Slovenian NDT Society is organising its 10th International Conference and the Romanian Society (ARoENd) its 20th International Symposium. The Hellenic Society is organising its 5th International Conference in Athens, Greece. Congratulations to all!

I am writing this letter whilst making final preparations for a visit to the 1st Australasian International Welding, Inspection and NDT Conference (iWIN2013). This is a joint conference celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Australian Institute of Non-Destructive Testing and the 57th Annual Conference of the Welding Technology Institute of Australia. Joint conferences like this one provide excellent opportunities to ‘spread our message’ on the importance of NDT.

Preparing for my keynote lecture at the AINDT conference, in which I have the task of reflecting on the history of NDT, three Scottish NDT stories caught my attention.

I learned that when Wilhelm Röntgen discovered X-rays in November 1895 he sent a copy of his paper to Lord Kelvin in Glasgow and it was passed to the attention of Dr John Macintyre, who had been appointed as Medical Electrician to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary that year. On 5 February 1896, Dr Macintyre gave a presentation to the Philosophical Society of Glasgow on the new Röntgen Rays. In March 1896, Macintyre obtained permission from the managers of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary to start a new X-ray branch of his electrical department. This became the first department in the world to provide a service to patients. The image on the left is the first X-ray Röntgen ever created. It is an image of his wife’s hand – you can see her wedding ring.

In December 2012, our daughter-in-law gave birth to our grandson in the ‘Ian Donald ward’ of another Glasgow hospital. Ian Donald was a Scottish physician who pioneered the use of diagnostic ultrasound in obstetrics. Whilst Professor of Midwifery at Glasgow University, he first explored the use of ultrasound in the 1950s after seeing it used at Babcock and Wilcox (the company where I was employed from 1975 to 2012), Renfrew, to look for flaws in welds!

This month has seen further reports showing the vital importance of reliable NDT. The Forth Road Bridge in Scotland is a suspension bridge 2.5 km in length with a main span...
The Forth Road Bridge in Scotland

So, NDT had both allowed the bridge forward and commission a replacement project have now been awarded.
three main contracts that make up the bridge (The Forth Replacement Crossing) at a forecasted cost of £1.45bn. All of the continuing deterioration could lead to a ban on lorries using the crossing by 2016. If you are heading for Munich it makes no difference where you come from, what counts is that you are cordially welcome.

The location

Munich is an attractive city for national and international congresses. The Bavarian state capital is often referred to as a high-tech Mecca, a beer city and the capital of fun. Some call it ‘Athens on the size. The centre offers ideal conditions for events of any kind and public security and humanitarian safety;

Nano-technologies and high-resolution NDT;

Cultural heritage;

Medical products;

Nano-technologies and high-resolution NDT;

Public security and humanitarian safety;

Standards and training of NDT personnel.

The venue

The International Congress Centre Munich (ICM) is one of the most modern congress centres in the world and an integral part of the New Munich Trade Fair Centre. With an inviting and friendly atmosphere as well as the finest equipment, the centre offers ideal conditions for events of any kind and size.

With a capacity of 7000 seats, approximately 7000 m² of exhibition space and rooms for flexible use, the International Congress Centre Munich is one of the most efficient centres of its kind.

The 12th International Conference on Application of Contemporary Non-Destructive Testing in Engineering

4-6 September 2013
Grand Hotel Metropol, Portoroz, Slovenia

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ICNDT holds successful certification conference

ICNDT Chairman Mike Farley described ICNDT’s strategic vision on qualification and certification. Patrick Fallows spoke on the harmonisation of EN 473 and ISO 9712 and then went on, with Matthias Purschke, to explain the ICNDT Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MRA). Sajesh Babu explained ICNDT’s conformity assessment service and Rufino Teles gave information on the Brazilian Society’s experience of using the EFNFT examination question bank, while John Thompson talked about developments to update the question bank.

Alongside the conference there were meetings of the ICNDT Executive Committee, Working Group 1: Qualification and Certification and the Certification Executive Committee (CEC).

Russian Society creates Youth Board

The Russian Society for NDT and Technical Diagnostics (RSNTTD) has created a Youth Board, comprising young specialists from leading companies from all areas of NDT, including training and certification of personnel, scientific R&D, industry, laboratories, equipment providers and service centres.

The Board will discuss the problems and tasks of the main RSNTTD Board – the governing body of the Society. The RSNTTD Board undertakes to consider all proposals of the Youth Board and invites members of the Youth Board to participate in its meetings.

27 companies from Moscow, Rjazan, Voronezh, St-Petersburg, Rostov, Ekaterinburg and Tomsk responded to the offer from the RSNTTD and sent their representatives to the Youth Board.

RSNTTD will pay special attention to the development of youth policy and the implementation of modern technologies for the promotion of the Society, including online conferences for the involvement of specialists from all regions of Russia. This is important when you consider that it takes eight hours to travel from Moscow to Habarovsk by air.

The Youth Board will form its own management body and determine its terms of reference and objectives.

RSNTTD President Sergei Klyuev said of the development: “We are sure that through the creation of the Youth Board we will be able to interest a large number of young specialists all over the country to co-operate with RSNTTD.”
The conference organising committee, with its chairman Professor Ioannis Prassianakis, cordially invites you to the 5th International Conference on NDT, organised by the Hellenic Society for NDT (HSNT).

The aim of the conference is to bring together scientists and engineers to exchange recent experiences in research and development activities in the field of NDT.

The topics to be covered by the conference include all thematic areas of current research and industrial use of NDT. The main topics of the conference are:

- Applications and innovations of NDT methods
- Inspection, training and certification
- Composite materials, welding and adhesion
- Digital radiography
- NDT technology transfer
- NDT for the diagnostics and refurbishment of cultural heritage monuments
- Applications for the shipping and aerospace industries
- Applications for power generation (including nuclear technologies)
- Theoretical modelling
- NDT applications in the civil structures industry
- Non-contact NDT methods
- Industrial manufacturing
- Aerospace and marine

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Another fruitful Task Force Meeting at JSNDI, 9-11 October 2012

As part of the efforts to create a strong co-operation with countries in the Asia-Pacific region, the Japanese Society for Non-Destructive Inspection (JSNDI) organised the fifth task group meeting at the headquarters of JSNDI in Nishinari. Individuals representing NDT societies from Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, India, China and Korea attended the meeting.

Many issues related to the interest of members of NDT communities within the Asian region were discussed. These included:
- Development of personnel certification activities in Asian countries;
- Preparation by The Indian Society for NDT (ISNT) for the 14th Asia-Pacific Conference on NDT, scheduled to be held in Mumbai, India;
- Education and training to be hosted by JSNDI in 2013;
- Reports on examination test-blocks.

On the last day of the meeting, participants visited an exhibition organised by the Japanese Instrumentation and Measurement Association (JIMA).

Dr Yokono, JSNDI President, addressing the participants during the opening ceremony

Representatives from the NDT societies of China, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia and India displaying the ICNDT documents they signed in the Exhibition Hall

View of the final auditing process, where the Chief Auditor goes through all documents

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NDT for Safety, Quality and Productivity

16-18 June 2013
Sunway Putra Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

The Malaysian Society for NDT is proud to announce its biennial conference and exhibition, MINDTCE13. Topics covered will include:
- New, advanced and innovative NDT methods.
- NDT management, training, qualification and certification.
- Digital industrial radiography.
- Safety and security in industrial radiography.
- Application for metallic and non-metallic materials.
- Application in nuclear power industries.
- Computed tomography.

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**BINDT and AINDT sign ground-breaking agreement**

**Tuesday 30 October 2012, Steve Lavender (then President of The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing) and Ian Hogarth (President of the Australian Institute of Non-Destructive Testing), on behalf of their respective Councils, signed and ratified the following two documents:

- A strategic ‘Shared Vision for Partnership’, which is, in effect, a statement of intent and portrays a true partnership arrangement designed to bring about the pooling of resources, enabling the pursuit of their respective charitable objectives with greater effectiveness and efficiency.
- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) and co-operation agreement, which sets out some more specific reciprocal arrangements covering governance, communications, events, publications, membership, certification and other technical activities.

Stakeholders will start to see the tangible benefits of the synergy created by this partnership in the coming years, but can be assured that both Institutes will maintain their autonomy, culture and ethos, respectively. In fact, it is the similarity of the two Institutes in these and other respects that will ensure that the partnership will succeed. Furthermore, it is a condition of both Institutes’ Councils must retain full control of their respective organisations and that both Institutes shall maintain their respective legal status and various accreditations.

The target outcome of the partnership is an acceleration of the continuous improvement of all their propositions, enhancing our joint capabilities, especially if other similarly-motivated organisations are brought into the partnership in due course.”

**AINDT presents inaugural Meritorious Service Award to Derek Olley**

The Australian Institute of NDT (AINDT) has presented its inaugural Meritorious Service Award to Derek Olley, in recognition of 30 years’ service to AINDT at Branch and Federal levels.

During his time with AINDT, Derek was Queensland Branch Councillor (1980-2012), Secretary (1991-1994) and President (1993-1995), and Federal Councillor (1980-2002) and President (1983-1984). He was awarded Honorary Membership in 1994, was convenor of a number of conferences and seminars at both Branch and Federal level and was certification & qualification examination co-ordinator for Queensland (2000-2012).

Derek was AFCNDT President (1997-2001) and member of the organising committee for the 10th AFCNDT Conference in Brisbane in 2001.

**News from The Brazilian Association of NDT and Inspection**

*Last year a ceremony was held at Haullpen, near Concepcion, Chile, to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone for the construction of a joint project between the IQS Operations Centre – South America and the South American Technology Centre (CTS), led by Giuseppe Mellisi, General Manager of CTS, and Deputy Manager Eduardo Cretier P, who is involved with tactical and operational staff for IQS.*

The project, which includes the construction of three buildings of nearly 900 m² each, on a land area of almost 8000 m², is now well underway.

The facility is located in the community of Haullpen, a new and important industrial and business area that is home to several large corporations and universities and is only a few minutes from Carriel Sur Airport and major highways.

Giuseppe Mellisi said: “We have invested in this construction to move forward and to contribute to the industry, the region and the development of the country, from which we will continue to develop into South America and then to other continents.”

Eduardo Cretier pointed out the importance of the joint project, addressing the need: “to form and strengthen the job skills of individuals and to achieve excellence in processes that require world-class maintenance, building on the increasing efforts in research, development and innovation that have been made so far.”

On behalf of the staff, Senior Gabriel Ferrada spoke, saying: “This is a great opportunity for the staff and the business involved.”

**Conference on Equipment Technology (COTEQ) in Brazil**

The Conference on Equipment Technology (COTEQ) is one of the most important events in its field in Brazil. COTEQ brings together professionals from the scientific and industrial communities. It provides a forum for the exchange of information and ideas and explores current research and development in the NDT, corrosion, oil and gas and biofuel industries.

The 12th Conference on Equipment Technology – COTEQ is being organised by The Brazilian Society of Non-Destructive Testing and Inspection (ABENDI), with The Brazilian Association of Corrosion (ABRACO) and The Brazilian Institute of Oil, Gas and Biofuels (IBB).

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News from The American Society for NDT

The quest for non-destructive materials characterisation. On Thursday, ASNT Research Award for Innovation winner Eric J. Long of Worldwide Safety and Assurance, Disney Parks and Resorts, gave a presentation entitled ‘Safety by design: Disney’s approach to worldwide safety in the theme parks’ at the Pensacola Maritime Festival. At the Pensacola Maritime Festival, he addressed the importance of innovation and technology in the NDT industry. ASNT has a strong focus on research and innovation, and this event highlighted the role of research and innovation in the future of NDT.

A special distribution of NDT issues and advanced topics in NDT was also presented at the Pensacola Maritime Festival. The issues included topics such as holographic imaging, spectral imaging, and the role of NDT in safety and security. The festival also featured demonstrations of various NDT technologies, including ultrasound, magnetic particle testing, and X-ray imaging. Attendees had the opportunity to network with industry professionals and exchange ideas on the latest developments in NDT.

ASNT Annual Conference

4-7 November 2013
Rio Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

The ASNT Annual Conference 2013 will provide a forum for the exchange of theoretical, scientific and application information. In this year’s conference, attendees can stay informed and up-to-date on the latest advances in NDT technology. Participating in this conference will expand your knowledge while increasing your visibility.

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ASNT’s 22nd Research Symposium – 18-21 March 2013

The ASNT 22nd Research Symposium is being held 18-21 March 2013 in Memphis, Tennessee. This yearly event highlights the exchange of non-destructive testing (NDT) knowledge in the form of research, technology, and commercial innovations, with events spanning various engineer, practitioner, manufacturers and academics in the industry. The symposium promotes the latest advancements in theory and instrumentation that are vital to the continued success of NDT throughout the world. At the same time, this offers networking opportunities with newfound professionals and the opportunity to catch up with colleagues.

ASNT’s 22nd Research Symposium: The NDT Experience

A number of educational programme sessions are planned for the course of the symposium. Topics of interest include neutron radiography, acoustic techniques, eddy current testing of aerospace structures, laser NDT, probability of detection, structural health monitoring, guided wave and much more. These sessions, taught by industry experts, are open to all levels of practitioners and will be of great value to those looking to expand his or her knowledge on specialised NDT subject matter.

This year’s programme includes several addresses by some of the industry’s key players. On Wednesday, the winner of the ASNT Research Award for Sustained Excellence Richard H. Bossi, Senior Technical Fellow at Boeing Research and Technology, will present on "The quest for non-destructive materials characterisation." On Thursday, ASNT Research Award for Innovation winner Evgeny F. Khazan of Worldwide Safety and Assurance, Disney Parks and Resorts, gave a presentation entitled: ‘Safety by design: Disney’s approach to worldwide safety in the theme parks’ at the Pensacola Maritime Festival. At the Pensacola Maritime Festival, he addressed the importance of innovation and technology in the NDT industry. ASNT has a strong focus on research and innovation, and this event highlighted the role of research and innovation in the future of NDT.

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