During NDT Week in Croatia, 7-11 October 2013, three key initiatives to aid harmonisation and the recognition of personnel certification globally were launched at the Certification 2013 Conference. These include the following:

- The ICNDT Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MRA);
- The ICNDT Personnel Certification Body Conformity Assessment (PCBA); and
- The ICNDT Examination Question Bank (EQB).

These developments were included in our strategic plan and have been completed by the ICNDT Certification Executive Committee (ICEC) and the ICNDT Executive Committee (IEC), with the strong support of John Thompson, Secretary of the ICEC.

The ICNDT Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MRA)

Under the MRA, ICNDT members sign the agreement and agree to commit to the pursuance of the objectives of the MRA, as follows:

- Promote the recognition and acceptance of the certification issued by PCBs registered under the MRA;
- Assist other interested parties by giving a clear overview of the NDT personnel certification activities in its own country;
- Provide other parties with non-confidential information on the certification scheme(s) operated by PCBs registered under this agreement;
- Consult with and seek membership of the scheme and technical committees of NDT PCBs in its own country;
- Indemnify ICNDT against liability for the party’s use or misuse of this MRA.

Further details of the MRA can be found in the ICNDT Operating Procedure OP19.

The ICNDT MRA builds directly on the successful experience of EFNDT with a similar agreement and, since 1994, the Board of EFNDT has recommended that its member societies should now participate in the ICNDT MRA. This will bring wider recognition of the certification offered by PCBs than is provided under the EFNDT MRA.

Nine ICNDT member societies from Europe, Asia Pacific and Pan-America had already signed Schedule 1 and a further 17 members and associate members of ICNDT also signed in Croatia, making 28 signatories to date.

The first PCB to apply for recognition (Ukraine – The Ukrainian Scientific Research Institute for NDT (UkrSRINDT)) has been registered by ICNDT and several other registrations have followed. Continued on page two
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The 53rd Annual Conference of The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing

Emerging growth markets for NDT inspection services

With slowing global economies and tumbling industrial growth rates, identifying the next or emerging growth markets is a challenge for most companies. Even after identification of the key growth markets, successful penetration into new geographic markets involves an understanding of potential challenges and clearly defined strategies to overcome these challenges to support sustainable growth.

Frost & Sullivan’s latest report (July 2013) on the emerging growth markets for NDT inspection services has identified 5 major emerging markets. These markets are those that offer positive long-term growth prospects.

The demise of Venezuela as an oil & gas powerhouse in South America has given greater impetus to the Brazilian oil & gas industry, with Brazil emerging as the leader in the continent. Systematic investment in upstream, midstream and downstream infrastructure has led to the revival of the Brazil’s oil and gas industry. Petrobras, the Brazilian public company, has catapulted the country to the most important oil & gas destination in South America. In its most recent investment plan, Petrobras announced investments of greater than $220 billion to further develop the country’s oil & gas infrastructure. Of this, exploration and production is expected to receive nearly two-thirds of the investment, with $147.5 billion planned to install new platforms and production units. The downstream segment is expected to witness an investment of approximately $40 billion in expanding existing refineries and building four new refineries. Hence, the growth opportunities for the NDT inspection services market due to this oil & gas infrastructure development investment are limitless.

Frost & Sullivan analysis into the third-party NDT inspection service market in Brazil values the market at $202.3 million for 2012. This market is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.2% to $263.3 million by 2017.

Despite bold predictions by industry experts, the Indian NDT inspection services market, in reality, relatively small and valued at $50.8 million by Frost & Sullivan, though this might seem small to companies outside India, the market size is relatively large in local currency. Hence, a tier-1 participant in Brazil generates revenues in tens of millions, tier-1 participants in the Indian NDT inspection services market would typically earn revenues of less than $10 million annually. The market is also characterised as extremely competitive, with more than 200 competitors fighting for a share of the market, with many of these companies earning revenues of less than $1 million annually. The high number of competitors can be attributed to the low barriers to entry in the market.

Frost & Sullivan research into the Chinese NDT inspection services market provided an interesting conclusion. The market generates revenues of about $276.3 million per year in China. It is expected that with the larger participation of the Western oil & gas companies from the US and Europe, CNPC, SINOPEC and CNOOC will need to start outsourcing their NDT inspection services to a number of service providers in order to comply with the quality systems and procedures of these Western companies.

Despite South Africa not possessing major oil & gas reserves, the country has established good relationships with its neighbouring countries, and has therefore discovered huge natural gas and oil reserves. This is expected to diminish South Africa’s reliance on unstable countries such as Iran for its imported oil & gas. Hence, the investment in the midstream segment to connect the oil & gas fields in Mozambique and Namibia to the refineries in South Africa. The downstream segment in South Africa also offers good opportunities for growth for NDT inspection service providers, with the average age of refineries in South Africa being approximately 43 years. Hence, to keep them operational and working efficiently, high maintenance is required leading to greater NDT inspection.

Power generation is another segment expected to offer high growth opportunities, with construction of new power stations expected. It is expected that over the next five years there will be additional construction of power stations to ease the power crisis in the country.

Although Brazil, India and China are high growth markets, long-term, for NDT inspection services, the dynamics in South Africa offer the most favourable environment for investment. The significant investments in South Africa are not as stringent as the other emerging growth markets for NDT inspection services, with limited growth challenges and a professional competitive environment. Frost & Sullivan has already entered the market over the past decade, with Delta Industrial GmbH being the largest and leading NDT inspection service providers such as Applus RTD, SGS SA and TÜV SÜD have already entered the market over the past decade, with Delta Industrial GmbH being the largest and leading NDT inspection service providers such as Applus RTD, SGS SA and TÜV SÜD. The entrance of the other emerging growth markets for NDT inspection services, the dynamics in South Africa offer the most favourable environment for investment. The significant investments in South Africa are not as stringent as the other emerging growth markets for NDT inspection services, with limited growth challenges and a professional competitive environment. Frost & Sullivan has already entered the market over the past decade, with Delta Industrial GmbH being the largest and leading NDT inspection service providers such as Applus RTD, SGS SA and TÜV SÜD. The entrance of the other emerging growth markets for NDT inspection services, the dynamics in South Africa offer the most favourable environment for investment. The significant investments in South Africa are not as stringent as the other emerging growth markets for NDT inspection services, with limited growth challenges and a professional competitive environment. Frost & Sullivan has already entered the market over the past decade, with Delta Industrial GmbH being the largest and leading NDT inspection service providers such as Applus RTD, SGS SA and TÜV SÜD. The entrance of the other emerging growth markets for NDT inspection services, the dynamics in South Africa offer the most favourable environment for investment. The significant investments in South Africa are not as stringent as the other emerging growth markets for NDT inspection services, with limited growth challenges and a professional competitive environment. Frost & Sullivan has already entered the market over the past decade, with Delta Industrial GmbH being the largest and leading NDT inspection service providers such as Applus RTD, SGS SA and TÜV SÜD.
News from the Malaysian Society for NDT

MSNT special forum on certification, Cherating, Pahang, 25 June 2013

In our bid to promote and discuss various issues related to the certification of NDT personnel based on the National Occupation Skill Standard and ISO 9712, a special forum on certification, NOSS and safety was organised by the the Malaysian Society for NDT.

Working Audit of NCB to ISO 17024

A witness audit has been conducted by the National Accreditation Body, 15-16 July 2013, on the handling of examinations by the Department of Skills Development (DSD). The audit was part of the requirement to maintain the accreditation of MS ISO/IEC 17024 Personnel Certification Body. The audit was conducted on the examination of Ultrasonic Testing Level 2 (Direct Access) at one of DSD’s appointed examination centres, ITC Skills Sdn Bhd.

Nuclear Malaysia hosts Sri Lankan trainee

Another Sri Lankan trainee has been on attachment with the NDT Group of the Malaysian Nuclear Agency. Mr Edirisinghe Vidana Pathirana Janitha Niroshana Edirisinghe is the third trainee sent by the IAEA to Malaysia to learn the Malaysian way of developing our NDT programme.

Successful International NDT Conference and Exhibition

The Malaysian Institute for NDT’s 13th Conference and Exhibition (MINDTCE 13), which took place in June 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, turned out to be a very successful event.

Participants of the Pre-Conference Digital Industrial Radiography Course exceeded the targeted numbers, while the numbers of exhibitors, papers presented and participants were also impressive.

There was support from ICNDT, the Malaysian Nuclear Agency, Petronas and the Department of Safety and Health, and sponsors and exhibitors contributed much to the success of this event.

The organising committee extends its gratitude to all involved.

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This event was the second, the first one being held at Nilai Spring Hotel, Negeri Sembilan, meant for participants from Klang Valley. This particular event was organised in Cherating with participants coming from Kerteh, where most Petronas plants are located, as well as Cengah Industrial Area Kuantan.

Many issues were discussed at the event, especially those related to certification and codes of ethics. A lot of follow-up actions will be taken as a result of this forum.

An ultrasonic examination taking place at SIRIM Bhd

There was no non-conformance report (NCR) or observation raised during the audit. The lead assessor was satisfied with all the processes and the handling of confidentiality, safety and preventive aspects by DSD during the examination. DSD would like to thank the entire examination team and the examination centre, who gave 100% commitment and co-operation during the witness audit.

11th International Fatigue Conference

The conference will cover all aspects of fatigue of materials, components, vehicles and structures, including managing the service life of fatigue.

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www.fatigue2014.com
FSEND-RELACRE announce new Chairperson

Following the decision of Ing Pedro Vilaça to accept a new position as Invited Teacher at the Aalto University in Finland, thus bringing to an end a significant period of dedicated service to the Portuguese NDT community, FSEND-RELACRE has elected a new Chair.

At the FSEND-RELACRE General Assembly held on 20 February 2013, the Non-Destructive Testing Sectorial Forum (FSEND) elected Mr Bento Alves as the new Chair, including the international representation.

Bento Alves graduated in technical physics from the University of Lisbon and has strong experience in the field of NDT. He is currently the Technical Manager of the biggest accredited NDT laboratory in Portugal, ISQ – Instituto de Soldadura e Qualidade, and is qualified to Level 3 in UT, PT, VT and ET. He also collaborates in the PROQUALINDT project (Transfer European Training Programme for the Qualification of NDT Personnel).

The BoA of RELACRE wishes to express its commitment, alongside the excellent cooperation with the ICNDT, and full support to the new FSEND Chair, and to inform that the FSEND-RELACRE Secretariat will be maintained at the RELACRE office.

Finally, we would like to request that all communications be sent to the Secretariat, coordinated by Claudia Almeida, at fsend@relacre.pt.

HSNT holds successful International Conference on NDT

A message from Professor Ioannis N Prassianakis,
Professor Emeritus at the National Technical University of Athens and President of the Hellenic Society of NDT

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Society of NDT (HSNT) and the Organising Committee of the 5th International Conference on NDT, IC-MINDT-2013, which took place in May 2013 at the Eugenides Foundation Conference Centre in Athens, Greece, I would like to express our warmest thanks.

There were 93 papers submitted to the conference, 71 of them for oral and 22 for poster presentation, written by more than 280 authors originating from 25 different countries. Most of them were of a very-high scientific level. The conference was also supported by nine sponsors and exhibitors.

The conference was honoured by the presence of two leaders in the world of NDT: the Chairman of ICNDT, Dr Mike Farley, and the President of EFNDT, Dr Matthias Purschke.

During the conference a very important meeting took place between the Chairman of ICNDT, the President of EFNDT, the Vice Rector of the National Technical University of Athens, Professor Antonia Moropoulou, and the BoD of HSNT. Everyone attending agreed that the preparation, the execution, the service provided to all the participants, sponsors and exhibitors, the whole atmosphere and the level of the conference were excellent.

Complementary to the conference, the following social events took place:
- The gala dinner in the marvellous projection room of Eugenides Planetarium on the second floor in the Peristyle-Tholos of Eugenides Foundation.
News from The American Society for NDT

ASNT’s membership rolls growing

In the first half of 2013, ASNT’s membership reached 13,100 individual members and 631 corporate partners. This growth can be attributed to the Member Up! recruitment campaign that began in early February 2013 and continued through June. ASNT’s new campaign encourages its members to refer new members or seek out fellow NDT professionals and encourage their membership. The campaign will continue through October 2013 and is expected to bring in even more members.

First NDT of Composites Conference a well-attended success

In response to a growing interest among its members about the expansion of composite testing in the non-destructive testing industry, The American Society for NDT held its first ever NDT of Composites Conference from 13-14 May 2013 in Seattle, Washington. The unique topical conference was met with positive response from the 165 attendees, who came from countries all over the world, including Japan, Brazil, Israel and Sweden. The conference featured 24 presentations on subjects ranging from “Ultrasonic inspection of composites” to “Quantitative thermography of composites using temporally extended excitation.” Attendees also had the chance to meet with representatives from 12 exhibiting companies.

New training materials enhanced with updates

The ASNT Level III Study Guide: Magnetic Particle Testing updated and published

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The ASNT Level III Study Guide, which provides a review of technical knowledge to help NDT professionals prepare for the ASNT NDT Level III exam, has been revised and published in its second edition with a new, cleaner design. Updates include:

- Updated information conforming to CP-105 (2011);
- The expansion of several sections, including those covering UV light, indications, surface discontinuities, welding discontinuities, subsurface discontinuities and interpretations, and UV light hazards;
- New photographs of specific types of indications;
- The addition of a table of discontinuities found using magnetic particle testing;
- The addition of many new chapter review questions, with many existing questions also being revised.

The ASNT Level III Study Guide: Magnetic Particle Testing is intended to be used with a comprehensive NDT text, such as the Nondestructive Testing Handbook, Second Edition, Volume 6, Magnetic Particle Testing. You can order this new edition online at www.asnt.org/store

23rd ASNT Annual Research Symposium

24-27 March 2014
Minneapolis Hilton, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

Symposium objectives:

- Turn the spotlight onto nationally or internationally critical technologies for which NDE can play a vital role.

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Digital Imaging XVII

28-30 July 2014
Crown Plaza Hotel, Warwick, Rhode Island, USA

Now in its 17th year, ASNT’s Digital Imaging Conference remains the industry’s cutting edge event. This topical conference features the advances in digital radiography in the NDT Industry.

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New training materials enhanced with updates and interactive components

NDT Trainees and Level I personnel will now have greater resources to train for their Level I and II exams through ASNT’s upcoming Personnel Training Publications (PTP), covering UT and RT methods. The new editions will feature:

- Updated information conforming to CP-105 (2011);
- New CD-ROMs that provide interactive training programmes for students to review material;
- New review questions with new and familiar diagrams;
- Extended explanations of answers to quiz questions;
- Over 50 comprehensive multiple-choice questions per volume with reference pages for further review of missed questions.

The addition of the interactive digital content is a critical enhancement to this series as it will allow the student to test his or her knowledge and then assess their own progress. The CD-ROM will provide interactive quiz questions with immediate feedback and comprehensive self-tests with instant results and recommendations of areas for further study. Additionally, the CD will provide streamlined slide content to assist the student in making steady progress through lessons. ASNT’s PTP Programmed Instruction Series is intended to be used as a self-study review of CP-105, providing up-to-date material on major methods with additional information on newer techniques. The series provides resources on electromagnetic, liquid penetrant, magnetic particle, radiologic and ultrasonic testing.

Paper submission for Materials Evaluation now online

NDT professionals interested in submitting their articles for ASNT’s Materials Evaluation journal (ME) may now do so online through the ScholarOne system. This exciting new system, launched in February 2013 to replace an email-based program, will increase the efficiency of the submittal and review process by improving communication between the authors, reviewers and ME editorial staff, resulting in faster turn-around times from submittal to approval. ScholarOne not only allows authors to submit their work but also provides a robust set of tools, including the ability for ME editorial staff to manage documents, assign articles for peer review and communicate directly with authors and reviewers involved. The entire process is documented so that a complete sequence of events can be followed for a manuscript, from submission through review to a final decision. Participants are able to log in to view their online dashboard and check the status of their paper and what has yet to be carried out.

ASNT members who volunteer to review are able to provide comments on assigned manuscripts, use form-based scoring and also get automatic email reminders if they miss a benchmark date. While the submission process has changed, the requirements for publication, including the peer-review process, have not. Readers will not notice any changes in the content of the journal. Those who are submitting must create an account and enter their email address. Authors will then get automatic email reminders if they miss a benchmark date.

ASNT materials have migrated over the past several decades into numerous key ASNT documents: ANSI/ASNT CP-105: ANSI Standard Topical Outlines for Qualification of Non-Destructive Testing Personnel and Recommended Practice No SNT-TC-1A personnel Qualification and Certification in Non-Destructive Testing. Likewise, the topical outlines of the NDT methods presented in Section II have been drawn from the 2011 edition of ANSI/ASNT CP-105: ANSI Standard Topical Outlines for Qualification of Non-Destructive Testing Personnel.

To facilitate the study of these documents, in Sections I and II, word-for-word excerpts are highlighted in blue. Questions in all three sections have been added as needed, to reflect current ASNT exam practice of offering four unique answers per question. Also, in Section II, questions have been added for two additional NDT methods: magnetic flux leakage and vibration analysis. Order the new edition and other publications online at www.asnt.org/store...
Every two years since 1997, ABENDI – the Brazilian Association of Non-Destructive Testing and Inspection – has conducted its National Congress to present and discuss the main applications of NDT, inspection, condition monitoring and control of quality in different industrial sectors. In 2006, through a partnership with PROMAI – a Multinational Project of Integrity Evaluation and Life Extension to Industrial Equipments – the International Conference on Evaluation of Integrity Y Extension Life of Equipments Industriales (IEV) was also brought to Brazil, broadening the programme and scope of the event. CONAEND – the National Congress of Non-Destructive Testing and Inspection – is the traditional event of ABENDI that in its last staging attracted over 1000 participants. It comprises lectures, presentations of technical papers, awards and promotional opportunities. The 2014 Congress, to be held 18-21 August 2014 in São Paulo, will house the following parallel events to meet the specific demands of each area:

- 19th EXPOEND – Technical exhibition of products and services for non-destructive testing and inspection;
- XV meeting of MERCOSUL Standardisation in NDT;
- 5th meeting of Auditors Management Systems;
- 8th meeting of National Professional Certificates by SNQC (N1, N2 and N3);
- 9th Forum CTVP – Challenges of the Brazilian industry of piping and pressure vessels 2012-2022.

For further information, contact ABENDI, Av Onze de Junho, 1317, Vila Clementino, CEP 04041-054, São Paulo - SP, Brazil. Tel: +55 11 5586 3199; Fax: +55 11 5581 1164; Email: abendi@abendi.org.br; Web: www.abendi.org.br

The ASBOSENDIC (Bolivian Association of Welding, Non-Destructive Testing, Inspection and Corrosion) has been recently constituted and is located in Cochabamba, Bolivia, having as a goal the dissemination of information concerning the techniques of NDT, welding and corrosion in Bolivia.

The Bolivian Association of Non-Destructive Testing and Inspection (ABENDI) was invited by ASBOSENDIC’s management to take part in the first international meeting promoted by this entity.

The opportunity to spread information about their expertise and offerings in a commercial context.

There were 24 papers presented, as well as talks from ABENDI and AEND and two from government bodies.

An exhibition was held in parallel with the event. There were six exhibitors present that operate in providing welding and NDT services to the oil & gas industry. These exhibitors took the opportunity to spread information about their expertise and offerings in a commercial context.

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