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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING

POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE - MINUTES (UNAPPROVED)

Buenos Aires, Argentina Sunday October 21, 2007, 12:00-15:00

1. ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE/QUORUM

Voting Members Present

G. Nardoni	PGP Chair
D. Marshall	ICNDT Chair
M. Trimm	Pan American Regional Representative (W. Holliday)
E. Romero	European Regional Representative
J. Conte	Pan American Regional Representative
R. Link	Member Elect

Non-Voting Members Present

R. Murphy	ISO Liason
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Observers

A.G. Queto	Mexico
J. Ameter	Argentina
S. Bond	Secretariat

The Quorum (7) was not met with only 6 voting members in attendance. For voting purposes postal ballots were received from absent PGP voting members.

WELCOME

G. Nardoni welcomed all in attendance, followed by introductions and a thank you to the Argentinian Society for their hospitality and for providing the ICNDT Committee Members with a venue for the meeting. Compliments to ASNT for their progress in aligning with ISO 9712. G. Nardoni also expressed the importance of certification and the need to promote NDT to increase the NDT population internationally which provided attendees with the venue to share their incentives for the promotion of NDT.

1. ASNT has initiated a program which all full time students will be eligible for free registration during their Spring Conferences. Commencing in Anaheim 2008, this will permit full access to all conference activities.
2. Argentina has provided 50 scholarships to students to attend the IV Panamerican conference.
3. R. Link reviewed the different programs available in Germany, NDT Technician program which is State approved (3 year apprentice program), a bachelor course which is 9 months in length, and summer school programs.

A. Garcia Queto noted that in Mexico, industry requirements have increased but there is a problem with gaining experience.

APOLOGIES

R.S. Geng	WCNDT President
J.M. Farley	ICNDT Secretary
F. Herelli	African Regional Representative
M. Schafy	African Regional Representative
A. Gerhart	ICNDT Treasurer
A. Sonneveld	Member Elect
V. Krystal	European Regional Representative

PREVIOUS MINUTES

September 23rd, Berlin

Minutes were reviewed and approved with the following change, item 8.3, third sentence shall read as follows "A new project has been recommended to establish a question bank"

November 5th, New Zealand

Minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

Actions arising not covered by Agenda

Disappointedly, the IAEA technical position will be discontinued as of January 2008. Meetings were held to determine the viability of Canada financially supporting this position but IAEA felt that organizations such as ICNDT could provide the necessary expertise to continue the work which that position supported. There is the possibility that the position of technical representative will be brought back in future.

Action: Executive Committee to produce and provide a list of technical experts to supply to IAEA for support.

V. Krystl provided an article for publication in Vol 7, issue 7 of the ICNDT Journal on the efforts of the EFNDT Working Group 5; Security and Safety of NDT Technology.

The ICNDT Education, Training & Certification Award was renamed W.E. Havercroft award by approval of the ICNDT General Assembly as proposed by the PGP.

Although ICNDT holds liaison positions on ISO and CEN committees it is felt that membership on these committees should hold a higher role by applying for official representation. Currently ICNDT holds a liaison position on SC7 with full access to the website communication network, and liaison position on the CEN committee with no access other than attending meetings. ICNDT should financially support these positions to ensure an active role.

Action: D. Marshall will approach CEN for full membership status specific to access to the CEN communications website.

2. SECRETARIAT

R. Link acknowledged that the collaboration of the German Society maintaining technical support, and the Canadian Institute for NDE maintaining the content for the ICNDT Website, although working well, but noted the need to take advantage of additional features on the website including the forum for communication and the calendar entry page. R. Link reviewed the number of visitors to the ICNDT website noting that the website homepage requires continual updating. To meet this objective input from the ICNDT membership is required. R. Link offered his services to assist in the maintaining of the website. R. Link also proposed that all ICNDT member societies maintain a direct link to the ICNDT website, and that promotion of the website be included in the ICNDT Journal. It is important for societies to continually pass information onto the secretariat to maintain the website. R. Link proposed a collaboration between S. Bond, S. Cullman and himself to cleanup and update the website. It is also suggested that maybe conference proceedings could be added to the website, promotion of the website from other member societies needs to take place, to increase perception of ICNDT.

G. Nardoni provided his appreciation for all societies who were promoting the ICNDT Journal by reproducing the ICNDT Journal in their national Journal. There is still a need for more support from other societies. ICNDT member organizations need to be continually reminded to submit activities to ensure that the ICNDT Journal continues to contain valuable technical news and NDT national/international activities. Suggestions to increase the content of the ICNDT Journal include:

1. Liason members (ie. IAEA, ISO) to submit articles,
2. Continually reminding society's of the need for their input
3. Each member society to send picture with ICNDT flag
4. Certification information from each member society to include stats of level and method of technician.

D. Marshall noted that certification information was the responsibility of the PGP Chairman

R. Link suggested that a database of email addresses to increase distribution of the Journal be established and maintained. It was noted though that it is at the discretion of each member society to determine the best method of distribution amongst their membership.

Action: G. Nardoni to gather and develop template of certification and qualifications.

Secretariat: encourage members to submit encourage articles from National Societies.

Executive: determine how journal is being distributed currently

3. WORLD CONFERENCE

China delegates were unable to attend this meeting due to visa problems. The committee discussed the difficulty in reserving hotel rooms and transportation (high costs) due to the closeness of the Olympics.

ISO TC 135 meetings will be held in conjunction with the conference.

Free registrations will be limited to only the ICNDT voting delegate of the member country, and the secretariat. Free registrations and accommodations will be provided to keynote lectures for which there will be two at 30 minutes each. Technical sessions will provide for 20 minute lectures. All of the original exhibit space has been reserved so the organizing committee has opened up further space at the venue. GE Inspection is the main sponsor of the conference.

China has some concern regarding the submission of abstracts as it is very low. R. Link provided a graph of the response times during the ECNDT. This graph showed that the deadline for submission passed with very little activity. It wasn't until 2 weeks prior to the conference that they saw a surge in submissions. This seems to be the trend and China should realize the hope. At the next EFNDT meeting all societies will be requested to show their support by promoting nationally the 17th WCNDT.

G. Nardoni proposed that a PGP Committee meeting be arranged either in China or at the ASNT Spring Conference, March 2008. This would also be a good opportunity to cover all additional items.

Action: Secretariat to confirm agreement of Executive Committee to meet during the ASNT Spring Conference March 31 – April 4, 2008.

4. ICNDT LEGAL INCORPORATION

D. Marshall motioned for the PGP's approval to submit the new constitution to the ICNDT General Assembly for approval and adoption by postal ballot. All were in favour. (votes of approval were received via email from M. Farley, T. Sonneveld, R.S. Geng, V. Krystl). The new constitution will be submitted to the ICNDT General Assembly for a postal ballot with a 6 month deadline, for adoption commencing May 1, 2008.

ACTION: Secretariat to distribute email ballot to General Assembly

5. OPERATING PROCEDURES

D. Marshall motioned for the approval of the revised membership operating procedure. Seconded by G. Nardoni. E. Romero requested information on how to verify recognized national society's. D. Marshall submitted that the onus is on the ICNDT membership committee to validate to their satisfaction that the applying group meets the requirements of membership. All in favour.....membership operating procedure # P11 was approved as submitted.

6. Membership

Two additional organizations from Mexico have shown interest in obtaining membership on the ICNDT.

Action: Tony Sonneveld will be forwarded requests.

7. REGIONAL GROUP REPORTS

7.1 Pan American Region

Jorge provided the committee with an overview of the activities of Argentina. Argentina currently has approximately 1500 certified technicians; 1000 certified under the old scheme, approximately 400 certified under the new accredited certification scheme. In two weeks Argentina Society will be starting its first Level III courses in PT, MT, RT and UT. New instructors are available for training courses. Argentina has held several meetings around the organization of the IV Pan American Conference, they received good feedback on the Pan American website.

J. Conte provided an overview of activities of the remaining Pan American region. Brazil currently has 4700 certified technicians, with 10,300 in the processes of becoming certified. Much progress is on going with the development of standards in conjunction with other south American countries. Brazil now holds the secretariate of ISO TC135, SC9 Acoustic Emission. ABENDE is no longer involved in training in Level 1 & 2, only level 3 training is provided. Uruguay is now developing training courses, hosting a national congress (integrity and life cycle), implementing a national certification scheme to align with ISO9712, maintains membership on ICNDT. Bolivia Engineering Society will be a hosting national conference on Industrial Maintenance in conjunction with national society. Columbia currently has 500 certified NDT technicians and weld inspectors. They will be hosting a national conference in 2008. Currently 2 countries in south American have accreditation to ISO 9712 under a national standard; Brazil and Argentina. Columbia is working towards establishing a NDT society, Venezuela currently has 3 NDT societies, Mexico is progressing quickly towards accreditation to ISO 9712. J. Conte noted that it is important to support Ecuador, Peru and Chili is establishing NDT societies.

A. Queto provided the committee with a presentation on the progress/planning of the V Pan American Conference on NDT which will be held in June 2011, Cancun Mexico. A webpage will be available soon in both English and Spanish. The conference it self will have simultaneous translation in Spanish, Portuguese, English and French. Focus of the conference will be to promote NDT to younger generation. Mexico is also involved in the 5 year review of their national standard MXB.482. A relationship has been established with Petrobras in developing the national scheme.

7.2 Asian Pacific Region

No report available.

7.3 European Region

E. Romero reported that the Leonardo project is now complete. Student and Instructors manuals are now available in the 5 main methods at all three levels. As the next part of the Leonardo project, it will be strongly recommended at the next BOD meeting, January 2008 to prepare a question bank in the 5 methods and languages. Canada reported that through the publication of the ICNDT Journal interest has already been shown in purchasing some of this material. Books are currently available by all MRA

countries to purchase the books. Further information will be sought to determine the availability for purchase from outside organizations. The possibility of selling the books through the ICNDT website will be investigated. G. Nardoni noted that the ICNDT should shift their focus from certification to education.

BINDT has taken the initiative to develop a video to promote NDT. ICNDT has participated in the sponsorship of this video, which will be available to all ICNDT member organizations. D. Marshall also noted that Canada has allocated \$60,000 to produce a video also for the promotion of NDT. ASNT is also developing a video, which will be available at no charge on request.

E. Romero presented a report on the activities of the EFNDT on behalf of M. Farley. The next election of the EFNDT Board of Directors will take place at the end of 2008.

G. Nardoni congratulated EFNDT on its efforts to harmonize with outside countries such as Australia, Brazil, and Japan. A cooperation agreement was also established with the AFNDT region. It was noted that ISO harmonization within middle east countries is a little more difficult as these countries are well represented by ASNT.

7.4 African Region

A cooperation agreement was established between EFNDT and AFNDT during the last AFNDT conference held in Egypt 2005. The next (5th) AFNDT conference will be held in Tunisia, March 12 – 14, 2008.

8. WG 1 COMMITTEE - CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The proposed membership list and proposed action plan was distributed to the General Assembly for comments. Final report was put on hold until confirmation could be obtained from the proposed Chair J. Thompson, on his availability to continue with this position as he will be leaving BINDT. ASNT submitted Walter Matulewicz's name to represent ASNT as a participant. W. Matulewicz is the incoming Chair of ASNT's Certification Management Council.

PGP propose and support J. Thompson as Chair of the WG1. An email will be submitted to the Executive Committee to re-establish the plan for the WG1.

G. Nardoni, D. Marshall and J. Conte expressed their desire to sit on this committee.

G. Nardoni noted his interest in participating in this group and proposed that the ICNDT Recommended Training Guidelines be a priority for drafting. Permission will be sought to publish training syllabus in the training guidelines.

ACTION: D. Marshall - confirm J. Thompson as Chair
Executive Committee: re-establish WG1 working plan

9. WG 3 - EDUCATION/RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The proposed terms of reference for WG 3 were reviewed and approved as written. B. Raj will be invited to join the executive committee at the ASNT Spring Conference. This committee needs to establish a central list of all reference material to be published on the ICNDT website.

ACTION: B. Raj - followup on WFNDT
Letter to all societies to request their assistance with developing the list of publications.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Notify all member countries that nominations for ICNDT awards need to be submitted by the end of February 2008.

ACTION: Secretariat: Letter to all member countries.

12. NEXT MEETINGS

It is proposed that the next meeting of the PGP Committee be held in conjunction with the ASNT Spring Conference. This will be a special PGP Committee meeting to focus on updating the ICNDT Training Guidelines, review of the 17th WCNDT.

**ACTION: Contact ASNT to facilitate accommodations for this meeting.
Contact all members regarding availability**

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm

Prepared by: Sharon Bond, Secretariat