

**3 rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING**

JAPAN, 1960

FIRST MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE

March 15, 1960

1. The meeting was held at the University of Tokyo on March 15, 1960, attended by the following persons:

MEMBERS AND DEPUTIES

Austria	E. Krainer
Belgium	G.A. Homes
Canada	W.E. Havercroft
Denmark	A.C. Andreasen
France	R. Rath
Germany	R. Seifert
Italy	G. Moravia
Japan	H. Kihara, (President)
Netherlands	H. den Hartog
Sweden	H. Swedenberg
Switzerland	F.J. Amstutz
United Kingdom	C.E. Phillips
USA	G.H. Tenney
USSR	M.N. Mikheev
Japan	Y. Ishii, (Secretary)

Observers

China	C.B. Ling
India	V.G. Pillay
Japan	K. Kojima
	G. Shinoda
	N. Takaga
	M. Tanaka
United Kingdom	C.C. Bates
	W.C. Heselwood
USSR	A.D. Ivanov
	P.G. Mikhnevitch

It was agreed that the invitation of the U.K. to hold the Fourth International Conference on Nondestructive Testing in that country be accepted. It was also agreed that the Fourth International Conference be held in 1963.

The draft Terms of Reference prepared by the U.K. National Committee formed a satisfactory basis for discussion.

It was agreed that the Standing Committee should not only decide the date and place of the next International Conference but should also discuss the dates and venues of subsequent conferences.

The draft Terms of Reference presented at this meeting were as follows:

**THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION WITHIN THE FIELD OF
NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING**

Terms of Reference: Draft No. 2

1. Definition

Non-destructive testing will be taken to cover the inspection and/or testing of any material, component or assembly by means which do not affect its ultimate serviceability.

In the present state of the knowledge the following techniques of non-destructive testing are included.

- a) radiography and fluoroscopy by X-ray, gamma-rays and neutrons
- b) X-ray diffraction, X-ray crystal analysis
- c) Electron diffraction
- d) X-ray spectroscopy
- e) Ultrasonic methods
- f) Eddy-current methods
- g) Electrical and thermal conductivity tests
- h) The use of surface penetrants
- i) The use of magnetic tests

This list is not intended to be exclusive but indicative of the nature of tests involved.

2. Name

The organization shall be known as the Standing Committee for International Cooperation within the field of Non-destructive Testing. The abbreviated term "Standing Committee" used below will be taken to refer to this organization.

3. Objects

- (I) The objects of the Standing Committee shall be to promote international collaboration in all matters relating to the development and use of all methods of non-destructive testing.
- (II) To this end, the Standing Committee shall, in association with the National Organizations on Non-Destructive Testing
 - a) organize international conferences on the method and uses of non-destructive testing at intervals of three or four years,
 - b) assist in the formulation of international standards on non-destructive testing in collaboration with International Standards Organization and National Standardization Bodies.
- (III) The Standing Committee shall not engage in commercial or trade activities, and shall not concern itself with wage rates, prices or markets.

4. Membership

- (I) The Standing Committee shall be made up of one representative of each country, nominated by the national body in that country, which has registered its intention to collaborate and cooperate in the work of the Standing Committee. Those countries which have already agreed to participate in the work of the Standing Committee are listed in an Appendix.
- (II) Each country may nominate an additional representative who shall not be entitled to vote.
- (III) Although a country's nominee may be attached to a commercial organization, it shall be understood that he represents his country's interests in the development of the uses and methods of non-destructive testing and must not concern himself within the Standing Committee with those aspects debarred by Paragraph 3. (III) above.

- (IV) Countries which wish to join in the work of the Standing Committee subsequent to the approval of these Terms of Reference shall make a written application to the President currently in office, and their application shall be voted by the Standing Committee at the next International Conference, or by postal ballot. A majority vote in keeping with 7 (III) in favour of their application will be necessary to ensure their representation on the Standing Committee.
- (V) Whilst it is desirable in the interest of continuity to maintain the same representative on the Standing Committee, countries may change their representative, provided that the President currently in office is advised by the National Organization concerned prior to the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

5. President and Secretariat

- (I) The president, Vice-President and Secretariat shall be nominated by the National Organization of the country in which the next International Conference will be held.
- (II) These officials shall take up their duties immediately following the Conference at which the venue of the subsequent Conference is decided upon. It will be desirable for the President, Vice-President and Secretary to be named at that time.
- (III) The Secretariat for each Conference shall be responsible for winding up as expeditiously as possible the affairs (e.g. Monetary and publication of papers) of the Conference which it organized.
- (IV) The President, Vice-President and Secretariat will be charged with making all arrangements for the Conference to be held in their country.

6. Venue and Frequency of International Conferences

- (I) At each Conference the Standing Committee shall decide the Country which will act as host for the subsequent Conference.
- (II) The normal interval between Conferences under the aegis of the Standing Committee shall be three or four years.
- (III) The time of the year and venue of each conference will be selected by the National Organization of the country acting as host.

7. Standing Committee Procedure

- (I) The Standing Committee shall meet at least once during each International Conference and preferably at the start and at the finish of the Conference.
- (II) Between meeting decisions where necessary will be sought by postal ballot in accordance with 7 (III).
- (III) A majority vote corresponding to at least two-thirds of the countries represented on the Standing Committee will be necessary on all matters put to the vote. In a postal vote those countries which do not reply by the stipulated date will be considered to be in favour of the motion.
- (IV) At meeting of the Standing Committee, all voting shall be by show of hands, the allocation of votes in postal ballots shall be made available to each member country represented on the Standing Committee.

8. Finance

- (I) The expenses incurred in relation to the International Conference by the President, Vice-President and Secretariat, shall be borne by the National Organization of the country they represent.
- (II) Such expenses as apply to an International Conference may be recovered from the registration fee charged for delegates attending the conference.
- (III) The Standing Committee will not be expected to give any financial aid to countries organizing International Conferences.

9. Official Languages

- (I) The official language of each conference will be English but French may also be used. Where a speaker wishes to use any other language he must make available an English text at the time or provide an interpreter.

10. Changes of Terms of Reference

- (I) Any proposed changes to these Terms of Reference must be communicated to each member of the Standing Committee at least one year before its next meeting.
- (II) Such proposed changes provided they are seconded shall be voted on by the Standing Committee at its next meeting.

11. Relations with the International Standards Organization

- (I) Although the Terms of Reference allow for discussion of matters requiring standardization, it must be understood that all requests for standardization must be dealt with by the National Standardizing Organization of the countries represented on the Standing Committee, and all communications with the International Standards Organization shall be through the National Standardizing Organizations.

12. Publications

- (I) The publication of any official statement arising from the International Conference or from the Standing Committee can be authorized only by the Standing Committee.
- (II) In general, the publication of such statements will be undertaken by each country represented on the Standing Committee.

The following conclusions were reached as a result of discussions on the draft Terms of Reference, the clauses other than those given below were all accepted as proposed in the draft.

Clause 1. It was noted that many organizations are interested in the various items listed, but overlapping of activities unlikely to occur because of the scope of interest of the Standing Committee members. The clause was drafted as agreed.

Clause 3. (II), (a), (b). The difficulties of cooperating with countries which do not have National Standardizing bodies was discussed, but it was agreed that it was desirable to have officially appointed representatives to the Standing Committee wherever possible. It was agreed to add sub-clause to read as follows:
Add. Clause 3 (II), ©. Encourage the formation of national bodies so that accredited national representatives to the Committee can be appointed.

Clause 4 (I). Amended slightly, after discussion, so that the second line reads "nominated by an Appropriate national body in that country".

- Clause 4 (II).** To be amended to read as follows;
Each country may nominate a second representative to the Standing Committee. He shall not be entitled to vote except in the absence of the first representative.
- Clause 5 (III)** It was agreed to replace the word “monetary” by the word “organizationally”.
- Clause 6 (I).** It was agreed to re-word as follows;
At each Conference, the Standing Committee shall decide on the country which will act as host for the next Conference and will also discuss venues of subsequent Conference and encourage tentative invitations from member countries.
- Clause 6 (II).** Slightly amended to read “3 to 4” years.
- Clause 7 (IV).** It was agreed that matters dealt with by the Standing Committee would be decided by voting of members present and that a postal vote on all matters would not be reasonable practice.
Postal votes would be taken, of course on matters arising in the intervals between International Conferences.
The clause was agreed as drafted.
- Clause 9.** This was discussed at great length, but it was felt that it would be difficult to specifically include more than one language, although the desirability of not excluding French was agreed.
A rewording of the clause as follows was agreed:
“The official language of each Conference will be English. French, however, may also be used and contributions spoken in French may be request be translated into English. Contributions in English will not be translated into French. Where a speaker wished to use any other language, he must make available an English text at the time, or provide an interpreter.”
- Clause 10 (I)** After discussion, it was decided by a majority vote to change the proposed time of notice from one year to 9 months.
- Clause 11.** Agreed to add to the end of the clause as drafted, the words “where they exist.”