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for NDT”*

**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING**

**MINUTES OF 26<sup>th</sup> MEETING, Rome 15<sup>th</sup> WCNDT  
Sunday 15 October 2000**

**WELCOME**

President Nardoni greeted the delegates, emphasising the history and importance of NDT, the foundation and development of the International Committee. Each member was given a copy of the Handbook containing the minutes of previous meetings and a copy of the proposed new Constitution and Terms of Reference. President Nardoni mentioned the new Awards (Rontgen and Pawlowski) and the developing links with other International Bodies such as IAEA.

**ATTENDANCE**

AUSTRALIA	John Maccarone	Federal President Australian Institute for NDT
	Tony Sonneveld	Honorary Member Australian Institute for NDT
	Derek Olley	President (Asia Pacific Committee on NDT) Australian Institute for NDT
AUSTRIA	Arthur Salcher	President Austrian Society for NDT (OGzP)
	Heinrich Theiretzbacher	Chairman of Certification Board OGzP
	Gerhard Aufricht	Vice-President OGzP
BANGLADESH	Mahi U Khan	General Secretary Bangladesh Society for Non- Destructive Testing (BSNDT)
BELARUS	Zemfira Nikiforova	President Belorussian Association on NDT and Technical Diagnostics

BELARUS (contd.)	Vera Levkovitch	Secretary Belorussian Association on NDT and Technical Diagnostics
BELGIUM	Fr. X Deliege	President of Certification Office BANT
	Frederic Carpentier	Secretary of Certification Office BANT
BRAZIL	Maria Isabel Gebrael	President Abende (Associacao Brasileira de Ensaio nao Destrutivos)
	Joao Conte	Executive Director ABENDE
BULGARIA	Aleksander Skordev	President Bulgarian Society for NDT
CANADA	Douglas J Marshall	Managing Director Canadian Institute for Nondestructive Testing (CINDE)
	Douglas Whitely	President Membership CINDE
CHINA	Rong Sheng Geng	President Chinese Society for Non-Destructive Testing
	Yong Chang Xue	Chief Secretary, ChSNDT
COLOMBIA	Carlos Vitez	Representative of Colombian NDT Society which is to be set up
CROATIA*	Ana Lypolt	Director Croatian NDT Society
	Vjera Krstelj	President Croatian NDT Society (CrSNDT)
CZECH REPUBLIC	Jaroslav Obraz	President Czech Society for NDT (CNDT)
	Josef Sikula	Vice President CNDT
DENMARK	Bjarne Larsen	President Danish Society for NDT
FINLAND	Juha Sillanpää	President Finnish NDT Society
FRANCE	Jean Louis Hayes	Vice-President COFREND
	Michel Poudrai	Permanent Secretary COFREND

GERMANY	Hans Aisenbrey	President DGzFP
	Dr Rainer Link	Vice-President, Managing Director and Member of the Board DGzFP
HELLAS	Prassionakis Ioannis	President Hellenic Society of NonDestructive Testing (HSNT)
HUNGARY	Ferenc Fücsök	Chairman Organisation of Non-destructive Testing Scientific Society of Mechanical Engineering
INDIA	Dr Baldev Raj	President Indian Society of NDT
	Pari Vijayarangam	Hon. General Secretary Indian Society for NDT
ITALY	G Nardoni	President AIPnD
	Mario Papponetti	Vice-President AIPnD
JAPAN	Morio Onoe	Non-voting Delegate, JSNDI (representing Voting Delegate Dr Mikio Takgi)
KOREA	Kyoo Kun Koh	President Korean Society for NonDestructive Testing (KSNT)
	Oh-Yang Kwon	Vice-President KSNT
LIBYA	Eswihli Saadoun	General Coordinator for Libyan Society Foundation Coordination Committee for Libyan NDT Society Foundation
NETHERLANDS	Hans Boogaard	President KINT
NORWAY	Steinar Hellum	President NSNDT
	Tom Snipstad	Vice-President NSNDT
POLAND	Jan S Mottl	President Polish Society for NDT and Technical Diagnostics - SIMP

ROMANIA	Raimond Grimberg	Vice-President ARoENd
RUSSIA	Vladimir Klyuev	President RSNDTTD
SLOVAKIA	Pavel Gabriška	Vice-President Slovak Society for Nondestructive Testing (SSNDT)
SLOVENIA*	Janez Grum	President Slovenian Society for NDT
SOUTH AFRICA	Alain Clavier	Immediate Past President South African Institute of NDT (SAINT)
SPAIN	Emilio Romero	President AEND (Asociacion Espanola de Ensayos no Destructivos)
SWITZERLAND	Thomas Luthi	President Swiss Society for Nondestructive Testing, SGZP
TAIWAN	Tsung-Tsong Wu	Executive Board Member SNTCT
TURKEY	C Hakan Gúr	Vice-Chairman NDT Committee - Chamber of Metallurgical Engineers of Turkey
UNITED KINGDOM	M Gallagher	Secretary British Institute of NDT
	J M Farley	Honorary Secretary British Institute of NDT
URUGUAY	Silvia Infansón	President AENDUR (Asociacion Uruguay de Ensayos No Destructivos)
USA	Sotirios Vahaviolos	Permanent Delegate for ICNDT ASNT
	Henry Stephens	Board of Directors ASNT

\* New Member

## IN MEMORIAM

The delegates stood and observed one minute's silence in memory of four representatives who had passed away since the last meeting, Professor Pawlowski, Professor Schnitger, Mr Soevik and Mr Konkolly.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Nardoni summarised events in the last four years mentioning in particular:

- The work of the Secretariat provided by the Italian Society, strengthened by the employment of Mr Sergio Ghia and Ms Eleanor Rochfort.
- The regular publication and dissemination of the ICNDT Journal, to promote ICNDT, the work of member societies and to provide a platform for individuals to express their opinions
- Improved liaison between ICNDT and the IAEA and ISO
- Arrangements for the World Conference

With respect to the 15<sup>th</sup> World Conference, President Nardoni explained that 773 papers had been accepted from 54 countries, including 11 important Plenary Lectures.

At the completion of the President's report, Professor Obraz of the Czech Republic (now the oldest and longest serving active member of ICNDT) thanked Mr Nardoni and presented him with a Prague crystal-glass bowl.

## **MEMBERSHIP REVIEW**

Douglas Marshall explained that the current membership numbered 49 and applications from two further countries (Croatia and Slovenia) were ready to be ratified. These were approved unanimously.

In order to consider a number of new applications Douglas Marshall requested nominations for the Membership Committee. Five members were nominated to the committee:

Mr Marshall,	Canada (Chairman)
Dr Baldev Raj,	India
Mr Sonneveld,	Australia
Mr Romero,	Spain
Dr Link,	Germany
Dr Rong Sheng Geng,	China

which was charged with examining the applications and reporting back its recommendations to the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was necessary to decide on the quorum. The ASNT representatives emphasised the importance of following correct procedures given the decisions to be taken on the Constitution. Douglas Marshall explained that of the 51 members 11 could not be considered active as they had not been present at an ICNDT since 1992 and they had not responded to several requests from the Italian secretariat or the Membership Chairman to requests for information.

It was proposed by USA (Dr Vahaviolos), seconded by Australia (Mr Sonneveld) that the quorum should consist of two-thirds of the full members present (1 per society). The motion was approved unanimously.

## **NEW CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

President Nardoni invited Dr Farley to present the new Constitution and Terms of Reference. The powerpoint slides used by Dr Farley are presented below.

### **NEW CONSTITUTION**

- Important milestone in process of modernising ICNDT begun in 1992
- Recognises Policy and General Purposes Committee (PGP) (in operation since 1994)
- Strengthens formal links to Continental Groupings
- Separates ICNDT Chairman and Presidency of World Conference
- Nominates Executive Committee to support ICNDT Chairman
- Introduces ICNDT Secretariat – society chosen by ICNDT every 4 years
- Introduces ICNDT Fund (with objectives decided in 1994)
- Full ICNDT Committee remains the governing body – all posts subject to election every four years

### **DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ICNDT CONSTITUTION**

#### **VERSION:**

- 1: PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT NARDONI TO ICNDT IN COPENHAGEN, MAY 1998**  
Referred to PGP as a basis for development
- 2: ISSUED TO PGP FOR MEETING IN TORONTO, SEPT 1998**  
Supportive comments from China, India and Japan  
Comments of PGP incorporated in Version 3
- 3: ISSUED TO PGP FOR REVIEW AT MERIDEN, APRIL 1999**  
Published on ICNDT Web Page, Published in ICNDT Journal, August 1999  
Unanimous support from EFNDT Board of Directors  
Comment and support from India, Czech Republic, Brazil  
Comments of PGP Incorporated in Version 4
- 4: ISSUED TO PGP ON 19 MAY 1999 (FOR FINAL COMMENT)**  
**AND TO FULL ICNDT MEMBERSHIP ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1999**  
Comments from Ukraine, India, Canada
- 5: ISSUED TO FULL PGP PRIOR TO SHANTOU MEETING FOR FINAL COMMENT**  
**“APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE SUBJECT TO FINE-TUNING”**  
  
**PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL TO ICNDT ROME 2000**

# CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Version 5 "Approved by PGP in principle subject to fine tuning"  
27 October 1999

## MOTION

It is proposed that ICNDT adopt the new Constitution and Terms of Reference (Version 5) and that the PGP continues the process of fine tuning of details and preparation of associated procedures, such further changes to be submitted to the full ICNDT for approval

## NEW CONSTITUTION

Matters to be considered for fine tuning

Policy and General Purposes Committee	Quorum, 'election of regional reps', who chairs?, timing (at Conferences or not), position of substitutes, registration fees to be waived?
Membership	Membership chairman to join PGP and Executive Committee
Control Procedures	To be developed
Membership Rules	To be further developed

There was a full discussion of the proposal and the suggested motion. In response to a question, a large proportion of the members present indicated by show of hands that they had received the document for comments. Whilst some members preferred to implement the proposal immediately and then "fine tune" details later others preferred to wait until the details were complete. Most concerns related to the ICNDT Fund. Although in Delhi the proposal to establish an ICNDT Fund and the purposes of the fund had been approved, some members were of the opinion that the fund would not be implemented until adequate procedures were established.

It gradually emerged that a consensus would be possible for an amended motion:

*ICNDT adopts the new Constitution and Terms of Reference (Version 5) subject to*

1. *The PGP continues the process of fine-tuning of details and preparation of associated control procedures, such changes to be submitted to the full ICNDT for approval by postal ballot*
2. *Clause 12 ICNDT FUND and Appendix 2 will be implemented when detailed procedures are approved by the full ICNDT by postal ballot.*

The above motion was proposed by Link (Germany), seconded by Onoe (Japan). It was agreed that voting would be by “show of hands” and the motion was agreed (30 votes in favour, none against, no abstentions).

## **17<sup>th</sup> WCNDT 2008**

China presented its proposal to host the 17<sup>th</sup> World Conference on NDT in Shanghai (China) in 2008 and in accordance with the principles of the ICNDT Fund agreed in New Delhi promised to donate 25% if a surplus exists. This proposal was approved unanimously.

Mr Clavier (South Africa) indicated his Society’s intent to be considered for the 2012 conference. The necessary infrastructure exists but the Society is not ready for an earlier conference.

## **ICNDT AWARDS**

President Nardoni announced the creation of two new ICNDT awards:

- (i) The Roentgen Award: proposed to be awarded to ASNT
- (ii) The Pawlowski Award: proposed to be awarded to AGFA

Dr Farley explained that the PGP proposed initially two awards, to be extended to five, with the additional Awards named in honour of other NDT pioneers, most likely from outside Europe. A small subgroup of Baldev Raj, Klyuev, Vahaviolos will establish the procedures. The Awards and the recipients were agreed unanimously.

## **RELATIONS WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

Professor Satish Udpa gave a presentation of the World Federation of NDE Centres, concentrating on the History of the Federation and its plans for cooperative Education programs at degree level. Membership of the Federation is open to “NDT research centres with a strong interest in research or education and an international outlook”. The Federation would like to dovetail plans with ICNDT. The matter was referred to the PGP.

## **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR ICNDT POSTS**

Dr Farley explained the procedure as per the document Procedures/Elections circulated with the Agenda. Several questions followed.



- (i) It was explained that the nomination of the Membership Working Group by the ICNDT Chairman was in accord with Appendix 1, Clause 1 of the new Constitution
- (ii) Nominees for posts must be the individuals nominated by NDT Societies in membership of ICNDT or if on a personal basis, the honorary members.
- (iii) The distinction between General Secretary and the Secretariat was explained.

A motion to approve the elections procedure, proposed by Tony Sonneveld (Australia), seconded by Mr Boogaard (Netherlands) was supported by 29 votes, with one abstention (USA). It was requested that nominations on the form provided be submitted to Dr Baldev Raj by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 17 October 2000.

Meeting closed.

Minutes prepared by Dr J M Farley