

12th December 1996, 1600 hours, Sakia-Chetia Halls, Hotel Maurya Sheraton

[I] *Discussion on P&GPC Meeting and its Resolutions*

Dr. Baldev Raj welcomed the members and mentioned that the ICNDT Members should dwell upon important points in the day's Meeting and requested Dr. J.M.Farley to present the resolutions passed in the P&GPC Meeting held the previous day (11th December 1996). The Minutes of the P&GPC Meeting itself, held on 11th December 1996, is listed in the following text box.

Dr. Farley reported on the discussions which had taken place at the Policy and General Purposes Committee meeting on 11th December 1996. The P&GPC had agreed to recommend the adoption of the full set of resolutions by the full ICNDT. Concerns had been expressed (at the ICNDT Meeting on 9th December 1996) about the legal framework for the proposed ICNDT fund but the P&GPC considered that suitable arrangements in this regard could be established during the ICNDT Meetings in Copenhagen (1998) and Italy (2000).

Dr.Farley further mentioned that in the short term the intent of the resolutions would be achieved by virtue of a most generous offer from Dr.Baldev Raj on behalf of the Indian Society for Nondestructive Testing. A Secretariat for the Policy and General Purposes Committee (P&GPC) will be maintained in India. This Secretariat will be funded as part of the outcome of the 14th World Conference on NDT office equipment that is available from preparation for the 14th WCNDT.

Dr.Baldev Raj will become Chairman of the P&GPC (appointed by the President), while the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary for the P&GPC will be Dr.S.Vahaviolos and Dr. J.M.Farley.

Minutes of the ICNDT Policy and General Purposes Committee

Place: Lawns of the Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi – Date: Wednesday, 11, December, 1996

Time : 1630 hours

Members Present:

Dr.G.Nardoni(Hon. Member) Dr.S.Vahaviolos(Pan-America)(Chairman)
Dr.Paul de Meester (Hon. Member) Dr.B.Larsen (Europe)
Dr.Baldev Raj (President) Dr.J.M.Farley (Europe)(Secretary)
Dr.Guo Chengbin (China)

Observers Present:

Dr.D.Marshall (Canada), Dr.G.Aufricht(Austria), Dr.V.V.Kljuev (Russia),
Dr.H.Sorvik (Norway)

Apology:

Dr. Morio Onoe(Asia)

1. Resolutions from Nice ICNDT Meeting: The P&GPC agreed to recommend the adoption of these resolution by the full ICNDT meeting on 12th December 1996. Concerns expressed at Sunday's meeting about the legal frame work for the proposed fund were noted but it was felt that suitable arrangements in this regard could be established during meetings in Copenhagen (1998) and a Italy (2000).
2. P&GPC/Secretariat for the period 1996-2000: The Secretariat for the full ICNDT in support of the new President and the 15th World Conference will be established in Rome by the Italian Society. A separate Secretariat for the P&GPC will be maintained in India to support the Immediate Past President Dr.Baldev Raj who will become Chairman of the P&GPC (appointed by the President). This Secretariat will be funded as part of the out-turn of the 14th WCNDT, using equipment that is available from the preparation for the 14th WCNDT. The Vice-Chairman of the P&GPC will be Dr.S.Vahaviolos and the Secretary will be Dr.J.M.Farley. India will pass over to Italy the "Conference Database".
It was considered by all present that the above arrangements would provide a valuable trial over four years of a new "modus operandi". Arrangements will be reviewed in 18 months at a Meeting during the ECNDT Conference in Copenhagen in 1998.
3. P&GPC Tasks: Dr.Nardoni explained his ideas for work by the P&GPC. The following tasks were agreed and the individuals assigned to the tasks were nominated. The member underlined will be the task leader:

- 3.1 International NDT Certification scheme and recognition of existing schemes Dr.J.M.Farley, Dr.Morio Onoe,
Dr.Mike Turnbow
Dr.Aufricht
- 3.2 ICNDT Membership Dr.Baldev Raj, Dr.G.Nardoni,
Dr.V.V.Kljuev and Dr.Guo Chengbin
- 3.3 Links to ISO/IIW/CEN/UNIDO Dr.Baldev Raj, Dr.Morio Onoe and
others co-opted as appropriate
- 3.4 Post-Conference publicity Bulletin Dr.Baldev Raj, Dr.G.Nardo and
others co-opted as appropriate

4. Meeting Closed with thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Dr.S.Vahaviolos

Signed by Dr.J.M.Farley

The The constitution of the P&GPC will remain as previously decided, i.e., the active honorary members of ICNDT plus two representatives chosen by each regional grouping (ECNDT, Pan American, Asia, Pacific). There will be meetings of the P&GPC at all World and Regional Conferences with the Chair taken by the Vice-Chairman, Dr. S. Vahaviolos or the Secretary, Dr.J.M. Farley, if the Chairman cannot be present. All ICNDT committee members may attend.

The number of formal meetings of the full ICNDT will be increased with an extra meeting inserted into the time table approximately halfway between World Conferences, starting in 1998 in Copenhagen.

Dr. Farley in response to a question from Dr. Nardoni clarified that the Secretariat proposed here is purely the Secretariat to support the P&GPC. The responsibility for supporting the ICNDT President and the next World Conference remains with the national NDT Society selected to host the Conference-in this case, Italy.

The resolutions each approved by the ICNDT Members are as follows:

[a] ICNDT Fund-levy on Conferences

“The Meeting recommends that 25% of the total profit of WCNDT Conferences be donated to a central ICNDT fund which will be administered and accounted for independently through procedures to be agreed and further asks for consideration of similar donations by Regional Conferences (currently Asian pacific, Pan American and European). This 25% donation would come into effect from the 15th World Conference on NDT, to be held in Rome in the year 2000”.

Note: The Meeting did not wish to make a firm recommendation with respect to regional NDT Conferences (Asian Pacific, Pan American and European) until the delegates from these regions had had the opportunity to discuss the matter with their regional committees.

[b] ICNDT Fund-voluntary donations

“The Meeting recommends that National NDT Societies which are members of ICNDT consider making voluntary donations to the central ICNDT fund, which will be administered and accounted for independently through procedures to be agreed.”

[c] ICNDT Fund-external funding

“The Meeting recommends that ICNDT seek external funding to supplement the fund raised internally.”

[d] Uses of the fund

“The Meeting recommends as first priority the support necessary to permit the Secretariat to be run professionally”.

“The Meeting recommends as second priority the provision of funding to young NDT professionals in membership of national NDT societies for travel and attendance at WCNDT conferences”.

“The Meeting recommends as a third priority assistance toward the formation of new national NDT societies”.

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Working Group if New Membership Application**

Working Group Committee:

Dr. D. Marshall, Canada(Chairman)

Dr. T. Sonneveld, Australia

Mr. R. Sampath, India

Dr. E. Remero, Spain

The Working Group was requested at the first Meeting of the 14th WCNDTD, 8th December 1996, to interview and decide membership status for the following countries: Slovenia, Croatia and Belarus

During the Conference two additional countries, Bangladesh and Czech Republic presented their applications for membership in the ICNDT.

Conclusion:

1. No representative was present for Slovenia or Croatia during the Conference.

Action: A formal letter should be forwarded to both countries by the ICNDT Secretariat requesting representation at the 15th WCNDT.

2. Belarus: Acceptance recommended. Membership status to become effective upon receipt of their bylaws and constitution.

Action: ICNDT and Belarus Society for NDT

3. Czech Republic: Czech Society for NDT: Acceptance Recommended

4. Bangladesh: Bangladesh Society for NDT, BSNDT:
Acceptance Recommended

Acceptance Criteria

1. Presentation of written request for membership to the ICNDT President.
2. Review of bylaws and constitution
3. Recognized body as countries only as ICNDT Members
4. Review of ICNDT Terms of Reference and agreement to participate

[e] Policy and General Purposes Secretariat

“The Meeting recommends that the Secretariat to the Policy and General Purposes Committee be provided separately to that of the World Conference, preferably by the national NDT society that organised the previous World Conference.”

[II] ***Discussion on the Meeting on Admission of New Members and its Resolutions***

Dr. Douglas Marshall mentioned the membership applications of Czech Republic, Slovenia, Belarus, Croatia and Bangladesh as waiting for decision. The Minutes of this Meeting on “Admission of New Members” is enclosed in the above text box.

Dr. Nardoni mentioned that in the case of Saudi Arabia’s membership, it would be placed for approval in Copenhagen.

[III] ***Hosts for the 16th World Conference on Nondestructive Testing***

Regarding the host for the 16th World Conference on Nondestructive Testing, a secret voting took place, as members favoured this way of resolving the issue. Canada won the majority of votes (16), followed by China(7) and Spain(3). Total number of votes polled are 26(24 present and Brazil & Tunisia voted proxy).

On the basis of the voting result, Canada was given the offer to host the 16th World Conference on Nondestructive Testing. Dr. Peter Brady of Canada thanked the members of the ICNDT for having given Canada the opportunity to host the 16th WCNDT.

[IV] ***Members Honoured by the ICNDT in this Meeting***

Dr. Nardoni and Prof. Paul de Meester, who were earlier entrusted with the responsibility of recommending the names of longstanding members of the ICNDT, who are to be honoured in this Meeting of the ICNDT, mentioned that after careful consideration the following names are being recommended:

[a] Dr. J.M. Farley, United Kingdom

[b] Dr. V.V. Kljuev, Russia

[c] Dr. Morio Onoe, Japan

[d] Mr. O.P. Singhanian, India

[e] Dr. Baldev Raj, India

The proposal was seconded by Dr. Tony Sonneveld and **was unanimously passed by the ICNDT Members.**

13. Dr. Vahaviolos reported on the proposal for an NDT Committee for the Eastern Europe and South East and West Asia along with the African countries.

Dr. Baldev Raj was presented mementoes by the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (Dr. Mike Turnbow) and the Bangladesh Society for the Nondestructive Testing (Dr.Sana Ullah).

On the basis of the original proposal submitted by Prof. Guo Chengbin, and as per the suggestion of Dr. Baldev Raj, President, ICNDT, on 8th December 1996, Dr. Chengbin and Dr. David S.Chu from Taipei held preliminary discussions. Since the discussions were inconclusive, Dr. Baldev Raj, President, ICNDT, requested them to continue their dialogue and find a mutually acceptable solution which can be put for ratification during the forthcoming ICNDT Meeting at Copenhagen. Both, Dr. Chengbin and Dr. Chu agreed to this suggestion.

Dr. Baldev Raj mentioned to Dr. Ali of Egypt that his country should become a member of the ICNDT. Dr.Ali replied that since 1990, they are trying to established an NDT society and are facing obstacles. He wanted ICNDT to extend support so that it will be able to forge ahead with its plans to establish an NDT society. Dr.Baldev Raj mentioned that ICNDT would extend its full support for this purpose.

Dr.Baldev Raj thanked all the members for attending the ICNDT Meeting for sharing their wisdom with the other members present.

Dr.Baldev Raj, Honorary Member,
International Committee on Nondestructive Testing (ICNDT), and
Chairman, Policy and General Purposes Committee of the ICNDT
Kalpakkam, TamilNadu, India

Mr.K. Viswanathan, General Secretary of the ICNDT (1992 -1996),
SHAR, Sriharikota, India

These Minutes were prepared from the notes taken during the ICNDT / P&GPC Meetings, personal notes/minutes form Dr. J.M.Farley and Dr. Douglas Marshall. Portions of the minutes pertaining to the resolution brought forwarded by Dr. GuoChengbin have been seen and approved by Dr. Qiang Zhang and Dr. David S.Chu.