



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR  
NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING

*The World Organisation for NDT*

**Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> ICNDT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**Monday, 27 October 2008**  
**Shanghai, China**

**1. Welcome**

Douglas Marshall (DM) opened the meeting and thanked all for their continued participation throughout the duration of the Conference.

**2. Roll call**

The full list of attendees follows:

**Attendance List**

Tony Sonneveld	AUSTRALIA	Voting Member
David Barnett	AUSTRALIA	Non-Voting Member
Shane Flynn	AUSTRALIA	Non-Voting Member
John Maccarone	AUSTRALIA	Non-Voting Member
Gerhard Aufricht	AUSTRIA	Voting Member
Günter Balas	AUSTRIA	Non-Voting Member
Nikolai Migoun	BELARUS	Voting Member
Joao Antonio Conte	BRAZIL	Voting Member
Bojana Talakova	BULGARIA	Voting Member
Douglas Marshall	CANADA	Chairman
John Zirnhelt	CANADA	Voting Member
Rong Geng	CHINA	Voting Member (WCNDT Chairman)
Vjera Krstelj	CROATIA	Voting Member
Juha Sillanpää	FINLAND	Voting Member
Jo Bernardi	FRANCE	Voting Member
Mathias Purschke	GERMANY	Voting Member
Juha Koehn	GERMANY	Non-Voting Member
Friederike Pohlmann	GERMANY	Non-Voting Member
Rainer Link	GERMANY	Non-Voting Member
Peter Trampus	HUNGARY	Voting Member
Samir K Choksi	INDIA	Non-Voting Member
V Pari	INDIA	Non-Voting Member
B Venkatraman	INDIA	Non-Voting Member
Dilip Takbate	INDIA	Non-Voting Member
Baldev Raj	INDIA	Voting Member (WG3 Chairman)
Farhang Honarvar	IRAN	Voting Member
Yossi Shoef	ISRAEL	Voting Member
Giuseppe Nardoni	ITALY	Voting Member
Gian Maria Gatti	ITALY	Non-Voting Member
Antonello Porco	ITALY	Non-Voting Member

Mitsuaki Katoh	JAPAN	Voting Member
Hajime Hatano	JAPAN	Non-Voting Member (ISOTC135 rep)
Takeo Tsuchiya	JAPAN	Non-Voting Member (ISOTC135)
John K Chege	KENYA	Voting Member
Oh-Yang Kwon	KOREA	Voting Member
Younho Cho	KOREA	Non-Voting Member
Yeo YanTeng	MALAYSIA	Voting Member
Zimaluddin Ali	MALAYSIA	Non-Voting Member
Khazali Zin	MALAYSIA	Non-Voting Member
Alfonso Gaveia Cueto	MEXICO	Voting Member
B Soverati	MOROCCO	Voting Member
Leslie Dick	NEW ZEALAND	Voting Member
Frode Hermansen	NORWAY	Non-Voting Member
Rafat Miś	POLAND	Voting Member
Vladimir Klyuev	RUSSIA	Voting Member
Janez Grum	SLOVENIA	Voting Member
Manfred Johannes	SOUTH AFRICA	Voting Member
Emilio Romero	SPAIN	Voting Member
Jesus Sorrano	SPAIN	Non-Voting Member
Hamid Suliman	SUDAN	Voting Member
Shyr-Liang Chu	TAIWAN	Non-Voting Member
C Hakan Gür	TURKEY	Non-Voting Member
Férid Herelli	TUNISIA	Voting Member
Roger Lyon	UNITED KINGDOM	Voting Member
Mike Farley	UNITED KINGDOM	General Secretary
John Thompson	UNITED KINGDOM	Non-Voting Member (WG1 Chairman)
Matt Gallagher	UNITED KINGDOM	Non-Voting Member
David Gilbert	UNITED KINGDOM	Minute Secretary
Wayne Holliday	USA	Voting Member
Ricky L Morgan	USA	Non-Voting Member
Jocelyn Langlois	USA	Non-Voting Member
Victor Harnandez	USA	Non-Voting Member
Michael Turnbow	USA	Non-Voting Member
Carlos Gonzalez	VENEZUELA	Voting Member

### 3. **Procedures for voting, quorum**

The General Secretary reminded members of the procedure for voting. One voting delegate is permitted per member society. 33% of membership was required for quorum and only 1 proxy was permitted per member country present. A simple majority was required.

(Note: changes to Constitution/Terms of Reference require 6 months notice and positive vote of two-thirds of those present).

There were at least 32 voting delegates present hence a quorum was achieved.

There was one proxy: Czech Republic.

### 4. **Report by membership WG**

Tony Sonneveld (TS) confirmed that the following:

Lithuania  
Serbia

Sudan  
Lebanon  
Philippines  
Turkey

were ratified as full members of ICNDT as all the relevant criteria had been met.

TS welcomed J Conte (JC) to the chair of the Membership Committee. Finally the Chairman noted that it was TS's last meeting as Chair of the Membership Committee and thanked him for all his efforts over the years.

## **5. Election of Officers**

DM announced that with regard to nominations the correct procedures had been followed, responses had been reviewed by the Executive Committee and the PGP and voting would take place according to the rules. The nominations for ICNDT officers were as follows:

*Chairman:* M J Farley (prop. DM; sec. Gerard Aufricht (GA) and Wayne Holliday (WH)

*General Secretary:* D Barnett (prop. DM; sec Roger Lyon (RFL)

*World Conference President:* M Johannes

*Secretariat:* The British Institute of NDT (prop. GA; sec. DM)

*Society to hold fund:* The Austrian Society for NDT (prop. DM; sec. Mike Farley (JMF)

*Members appointed to PGP:* M Purschke (prop. GA, sec. RFL), W Holliday (prop. DM, sec. BINDT).

*Regional Representatives (nominated by Regional Groups):*

V Krstelj, E Romero (Europe)

W Holliday, J Conte (Pan American)

L Dick, M Ooka (Asia Pacific)

F Herelli, K Danso (Africa)

*Treasurer:* G Aufricht

*Trustee of ICNDT funds:* M Purschke (prop. RFL; sec. DM)

*Chairman of the Membership WG:* J Conte (prop. DM)

All the nominations were unanimously elected to be ICNDT Officers effective the end of the meeting.

Although the announcement had already been made, the Chairman also wished to congratulate the two new Honorary Members:

R Link

T Sonneveld

All appointments were unanimously approved and congratulated.

## 6. World Conferences

### 6.1 Report on 17<sup>th</sup> WCNDT

Dr Rong Geng (RG) presented up-to-date statistics concerning the conference, noting that the schedule change had resulted in cancellations and fewer attendees than originally anticipated.

Registered delegates to end 25 Sept: 697

of which overseas delegates – 479, local 218

Exhibitors – 202, comprising 124 foreign; 28 local

On an encouraging note there had been more than 3000 visitors to the exhibition on the first day.

He elaborated on certain mitigating factors in the reduced attendance, including the devaluation of the US\$ against the Chinese Yuan currency; the high number of complimentary registrations (c. 200); and the financial crisis currently being experienced around the world.

He stated that the Chinese Society understood the financial challenge faced by ICNDT and would try its best to make a substantial donation. The full financial report would be issued soon after the conference.

### 6.2 Report on 18<sup>th</sup>WCNDT

Manfred Johannes (MJ) referred to his presentation at the previous meeting, and also to the website:

[www.saint.co.za](http://www.saint.co.za)

for further information.

He confirmed the dates:

21-24 April 2012.

DM congratulated MJ on the progress achieved to date.

### 6.3 Election of host for 19<sup>th</sup> WCNDT

The President of the Indian Society for NDT read out a statement on behalf of the Society. It stated that the ISNDT had had a long and close relationship with the German Society for NDT over more than 20 years. As there had been no WCNDT in Germany for more than 40 years the Indian Society had decided to withdraw its bid and support the bid of Germany instead. ISNDT thus proposed that Germany be awarded the 19<sup>th</sup> WCNDT.

The ICNDT Chairman thanked ISNDT understanding and co-operation. He felt that their decision contributed to the betterment of the organisation.

Mathias Purschke (MP) of the German Society thanked the Indian Society for giving them the opportunity to organise a WCNDT and for putting their trust in DGZfP.

The meeting approved the appointment of the German Society (DGZfP) to organise the 19<sup>th</sup> World Conference in 2016.

A general discussion followed concerning world conferences.

DM stated that he felt a measure of success is that when people leave the conference they feel they have got value for money. The World Conference was a platform to transfer knowledge, network and meet friends old and new. He believed the Chinese Society had accomplished this and he was joined by the full meeting in congratulating the Chinese Society on a successful conference.

DM presented a gift to CHSNDT on behalf of the Canadian Society.  
TS presented a gift to CHSNDT on behalf of the Australian Society.

#### 6.4 Awards

The awards for the best booths were presented in the following categories:

- (i) countries with <50m inhabitants – Ukraine Society for NDT
- (ii) countries with >50m inhabitants but <100m – German Society for NDT
- (iii) countries with >100m inhabitants – Chinese Society for NDT

### 7. **WG3 Research and Education**

Dr Baldev Raj (BR) referred to his presentation made at the previous meeting.

### 8. **Strategic Planning of ICNDT Activities**

JMF outlined the approach:

SWOT analysis

Gap analysis

Strategies

Actions

Tasks for new Executive Committee

JMF said that he had conducted some research and had drafted some broad headings. He requested feedback.

#### (a) WG1 Certification

A workshop had taken place that morning that had been very constructive and further suggestions had been invited.

The Malaysian representative said that much had been achieved considering the large number of differences there were from all over the world. A great deal of effort was still required, and time was against us.

Giuseppe Nardoni (GN) referred to the subject of minimum requirements and re-iterated that work needed to be done quickly. There were people already operating in the field and there was little information for them to go on. He emphasised the need for collaboration and stated that ICNDT needs to publish documents like the ICNDT Guidelines.

#### (b) WG3

There was a need for an action plan based on BR's presentation.

DM raised the issue of the possibility of dividing the group into one covering education and one on research.

#### (c) World Conferences

ICNDT should consider how these could be improved.

RFL stated that no procedure exists at present and if there was this could be very useful. Leslie Dick (LD) concurred. Rainer Link (RL) added that this would be the case especially if the budget was covered.

DM stated that the Canadian Society had produced a document but that this was not part of the ICNDT procedures. MJ confirmed that they had received useful data from CINDE.

GN called on the authorities to comment on how industry should be approached for support.

B Venkatraman (BV) thought that special sessions, for example the land mines one in Montreal and the art one in Rome, were useful attractions. He also believed that there was a large number of people who were only interested in the exhibition and perhaps there could be a new category of delegate who only visited the exhibition and social/cultural events – all events except the technical sessions.

RFL stated that the method of host selection should be reviewed. Putting together a bid is expensive and perhaps an initial filtering could be used to select a shortlist of only two to bid in full.

DM suggested an ad-hoc committee should be formed to consider all the suggestions.

Yeo Yanteng (YY) pointed out that any additional profit earned by the World Conference was to the benefit of NDT in general.

Rainer Link (RL) suggested that funds should be allocated to attract younger people to attend.

Yeo Yanteng (YY) suggested a nominal rate for students.

JMF mentioned that a meeting had been arranged with the exhibitors to get their feedback.

Everyone was encouraged to send in their ideas and suggestions to the secretariat, on this topic and others, for example:

What would you like ICNDT to do?

All suggestions would be considered in due course.

## **9. Reports by external organisations**

### **11.1 ISO TC 135**

Hajime Hatano (HH) presented his [report](#).

Some discussion followed. J Zirnhelt (JZ) reminded all that TC135 was established as a result of a 1967 meeting of ICNDT.

JMF reported on the relevant results of that morning's certification workshop, where the differences between the three standards ISO 9712, EN 473 and CP 106 were identified and considered. He suggested a joint meeting between ISO TC 135, 138 to discuss harmonisation of EN 473 and ISO 9712.

There followed a further discussion about the ICNDT Recommended Guidelines for Qualification and Certification of NDT personnel, and in particular section 7: Recommendations. In summary a set of recommendations had been agreed upon, it was just necessary to get the English right.

The representatives of ISO TC 135 were thanked for their participation. All actions would be pursued and it was clear that everyone involved would do their utmost to deliver results.

## **10. Timetable of Meetings**

PGP – 8 November 2009, Yokohama, Japan

GA – June 2010, Moscow

PGP – Mexico, with Pan American Conference

GA – South Africa, 2012

It had been proposed to hold an Executive Committee meeting at the ASNT Spring Conference in St Louis, Missouri, USA, March 2009. Date to be confirmed.

#### **11. Other business**

The Chairman then thanked all for attendance.

M Farley proposed a vote of thanks especially to:  
D Marshall for serving so well as Chairman for the last 4 years.  
G Nardoni for serving so well as Chairman of PGP.  
R Link  
T Sonneveld  
Rong Geng  
S Bond

And he also thanked everyone for all the voluntary work carried out on behalf of ICNDT.

RL paid tribute to JMF for all the hard work he had carried out as General Secretary; and he wished him all the best for the future.

TS thanked all for the support and GA in particular for his support and assistance over the period of his tenure of office.

GA himself acknowledged the support of DGZfP.

Finally, A Cueto presented a brief presentation on the 2011 ACPNDT to take place in Cancun, Mexico. Visit [www.copaend5.com](http://www.copaend5.com)

The meeting closed at 16h00.