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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF 31st MEETING of ICNDT, Berlin, during the 9th ECNDT

Sunday, September 24, 2006

1. WELCOME

D. Marshall welcomed the attendees. R. Link provided and intro from the German Society.

D. Marshall thanked the members of the Executive Committee and PGP Committee for their dedication via continued activity via electronic communications, teleconferencing and conference attendance.

D. Marshall provided a thank you to the continued cooperation between the British Institute for NDT, for production of the ICNDT Journal; the German Society for production of the ICNDT website, the Canadian Institute for NDE for the Secretariat.

2. ATTENDANCE

Country	Delegates	Society	Voting
Australia	A. Sonneveld	AINDT	1
Austria	G. Aufricht G. Balias	OgfZP	1
Belgium	F. Carpentier	BANDT	1
Brazil	J. Conte P. Feresfilho	ABENDE	1
Bulgaria	M. Mihovski	Bulgarian Society for NDT	1
Canada	J. Zirnhelt D. Marshall	Canadian Institute for NDT	1
Croatia	R. Link (Proxy)	CrSNDT	1
Czech Republic	P. Mazal	CNDT	1
Denmark	T. Lund	Danish Society for NDT	1
Finland	J. Sillanpaa	Finnish NDT Committee	1
France	M. Poudrai	COFREND	1
Germany	J. Volker	DGZfP	1
Greece	T. Vahaviolos	Hellenic Society of NDT	1
Hungary	F. Fucsok	HONDT	
India	S.I. Sanklecha	Indian Society for NDT	1
Italy	G. Nardoni Gittardi Tuberosa Gaheva Gatti	AIPnD	1
Japan	M. Kato	JSNDI	1
Malaysia	Yeo Yan-Teng A. Bastar	MSNT	1
Mexico	A. Garcia Cueto		1
Poland	G. Wisniewski	SIMPS	1
Romania	S. Adrian	AROEND	1
Russia	V. Kluyev I. Pushkina Boris Artemiev	Russian Society for NDT and Technical Diagnostics	1

Country	Delegates	Society	Voting
Slovenia	J. Grum	SSNDT	1
Spain	E. Romero J. Serrano	AEND	1
Switzerland	R. Klieber	SGZP	1
Tunisia	F. Herelli	COTEND	1
United Kingdom	T. Woolridge M. Farley	BINDT	1
USA	W. Holliday M. Trimm	ASNT	1

Twenty-seven members were present.

PROCEDURES FOR VOTING, QUORUM

The General Secretary reminded members of the procedure for voting. One voting delegate 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. Germany announced it had a general proxy for Croatia.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 29TH AND 30TH MEETINGS IN MONTREAL, 2004

T. Sonneveld motioned for approval of the minutes of the 29th and 30th ICNDT meetings, seconded by G. Aufricht. Minutes were approved as written.

4. REPORT BY MEMBERSHIP WORKING GROUP

T. Sonneveld reported to the ICNDT Committee that six countries have applications pending for membership on the ICNDT. These include Sudan, Serbia, Lithuania, Vietnam, Columbia and Mexico. Following the validation of the PGP Committee it was recommended that Serbia, Sudan and Lithuania be accepted by the ICNDT as full members. All ICNDT members were in favour. Still being considered:

- (i) Colombian Welding and Testing Society
- (ii) Vietnam Society for NDT
The Society had contacted the Secretariat prior to the World Conference requesting membership, but have as of yet failed to submit the requested paperwork.

- (iii) Mexico
Under the current constitution, only one member per country will be considered valid. Currently the member from Mexico is IMENDE. Further follow-up is required.

T. Sonneveld developed a new Membership Operating Procedure which still requires a revision to include the processing of membership applications for a 3 month turn around rather than 4 years. The revision will include the provision for applications to be approved based on a recommendation from a Regional Group.

**Action: T. Sonneveld – revise operating procedure
- IMENDE membership application**

5. APPROVAL OF NEW CONSTITUTION

See Legal Incorporation, item #6.

6. LEGAL INCORPORATION

M. Farley presented an overview of the history and progress with regards to the legal incorporation of ICNDT (Appendix A). After validation by the Executive Committee and PGP Committee, M. Farley put forward the motion as follows:

1. The members of the International Committee for NDT authorise the Executive Committee of ICNDT to proceed with the legal incorporation of ICNDT as a non-profit Association under Austrian law, registered in Vienna, on the basis of the Constitution. (Draft of legalised constitution issued 16 May 2006 for postal ballot, approved by 32 members out of 50, none against.)
2. The first General Assembly of the new legally incorporated association will be held in Shanghai during the 17th WCNDT, 2008.
 - All existing members remain full members until the General Assembly.
3. Further refinements to the Constitution may be proposed by the membership up to the end of 2007. These will include: (i) note in preamble that 'he' = 'he or she'.

This will continue the progress of the legal incorporation of the ICNDT leaving members to continue to review and comment on the proposed constitution until the end of 2007. This will still allow for the final approval/adoption to take place prior to the next General Assembly meeting to be held in China 2008. Members voted to approve this motion by a show of hands with 27 votes in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Action: ICNDT members to review and comment

7. STRATEGIC PLAN

D. Marshall and M. Farley presented details on the strategic plan for the ICNDT to include completion of the Legal Incorporation of the ICNDT, updating of the Terms of Reference, Review of Working Group objectives, establishing formal liaisons with related NDT Associations/Organizations, and increasing membership. Further activities will be addressed based on recommendations of the ICNDT membership.

8. FINANCES

G Aufricht reported on a donation of \$25,000 which is currently being held in trust by the Canadian Institute for NDE to be transferred to the ICNDT upon completion of the Legal Incorporation of the ICNDT. Current financial obligations include the production of the ICNDT Journal and the maintenance of the ICNDT Website which are currently being supported by the resources of the Germany Society for NDT (DGZfP) and the British Society of NDT (BINDT).

Action: G. Aufricht/D. Marshall – transfer of donation

An Ad hoc committee will be established to propose a budget to consist of normal operating expenses which will be brought forward at the next General Assembly meeting in China 2008.

Action: D. Marshall/G. Aufricht – establish Ad Hoc Committee

9. WORLD CONFERENCES

The accounts for the 16th WCNDT are now closed. In summary a surplus of \$100,000 was reported with 25% being held in trust as a donation to be passed on to the ICNDT upon legal incorporation.

A meeting/visit will be setup between D. Marshall and R.S. Geng to discuss the planning of the 17th WCNDT which will be held in Shanghai, China 2008. All information received during this meeting will be forward to the General Assembly.

Action: D. Marshall – meeting with R.S. Geng

The 18th WCNDT is scheduled to be held in Dubai, South Africa. No report was available at this meeting but further information will be sought as the primary organizer has resigned due to health issues.

Action: D. Marshall

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

All Chairman's reports were provided under the relevant topic on the agenda.

11. REPORT FROM THE POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

M. Farley provided an update of the activities since the last General Assembly meeting held in Montreal 2004 (appendix B). The PGP Committee has met on three occasions since the last General Assembly meeting, and future meetings will be held during the 12th APCNDT, 4th PANNDT and the 17th WCNDT. Recognition and thanks were given for the contributions provided by the Canadian Institute for NDE (CINDE), the British Institute for NDE (BINDT), and the German Society of NDT (DGZfP) for the publication of both the ICNDT Journal and Website.

R. Link reviewed the new ICNDT website and its features. All member countries were encouraged to include a link from their websites to the ICNDT website and journal. The new website has potential/features to allow for efficient communication between committees, membership. Passwords will be issued in the near future to all member Society's to allow access to these features.

Action: S. Bond – assign passwords to all ICNDT members

The PGP Committee has reviewed and approved all operating procedures, which includes a new procedure for membership. All Operating Procedures have been posted to the ICNDT website.

12. REPORT FROM REGIONAL GROUPS

Pan American Group

J. Conte provided an update on the events which have occurred within the Pan American Region.

- IRAM from Argentina was accredited as a Certifying Body by the National Argentine Accreditation Body according to ISO 17024, in conformance to ISO 9712.
- ABENDE (Brazil) and IRAM signed an agreement for Mutual Certification Recognition.
- The Mercosul Standardization Committee approved 12 new NDT standards in various methods.
- ABENDE and AAENDE (Argentina) signed a cooperation agreement to support other countries in the Latin American region in developing National Scheme's on Qualification and Certification of NDT Personnel.

Asia Pacific Regional Group

T. Sonneveld provided an update on the next Asia Pacific Conference which will be held in Auckland, New Zealand November 2006. Along with the conference, a National Coordinators Meeting has been arranged in conjunction with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), ICNDT PGP Committee meeting and APCNDT meetings will all be held prior to the conference.

AFRA Regional Group

F. Herelli reported on the success of the African Regional Conference and Exhibition held in Cairo, Egypt February 2006. Over 200 participants registered for the conference. During the conference a collaboration agreement was signed between the AFRA Region and the EFNDT. The next African Regional Conference and Exhibition will be held in 2009, Tunisia.

European Regional Group

M. Farley updated the General Assembly on the many activities taking place within the EFNDT, including an update on the ECNDT and the Strategic Plan of the EFNDT (appendix B). E. Romero provided the Committee with an update on the Leonardo project (collaboration for training of NDT Personnel) which will provide training material for both trainers and students 4 languages. A new NDT Promotion Video is being prepared by the British Institute for NDE and will be available in approximately 3 months. M. Poudrai reported on the completion and availability of a question data bank which is available from EFNDT. The question bank is currently two years old and costs to purchase do not include maintenance or updates. Applicants for purchase of the question bank must have approval from EFNDT via accreditation. The Committee discussed the need to have harmonization within the NDT community to establish and share a question bank of the same level of difficulty. EFNDT will be discussing the issue of making the question bank more accessible. This item will be brought forward at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Action: M. Farley – accessibility of question bank

R. Link provided a summary of the success of the ECNDT. 1548 participants registered for the conference with 116 technical sessions scheduled and 100 exhibitors. R. Link provided members with a summary of the conference schedule which included, opening ceremonies, technical sessions, poster session, gala evening, classical concert, and exhibition. A new item which was included with the registration was full access to public transportation.

13. REPORT ON WORKING GROUPS

WG1

M. Farley has resigned as Chair for the Certification Committee. J. Thompson has agreed to take over the position. A new list of objectives has been drafted along with a list of potential members (appendix C & D) which will be circulated for comments and suggestions to the members of the ICNDT

General Assembly. Deadline for completion of action plan is tentatively set for November 2006, PGP Committee meeting, Auckland, New Zealand.

Action: S. Bond

Following a lengthy discussion amongst the General Assembly, D. Marshall suggested that the issue of a harmonized question bank become WG 1's first priority. It was noted that rather than making this issue a priority, all objectives should be reviewed and prioritized.

Action: D. Marshall

WG3

B Venkatraman, on behalf of B. Raj, provided the Committee with an overview of the objectives of WG3 (appendix E).

Action: B. Raj – Working Group membership list to be circulated
M. Farley - Develop an action plan and terms of reference

14. QUESTIONS FROM ICNDT MEMBERSHIP

ISO TC-138

R. Murphy provided the Committee with an overview of Technical Committee 138 and the barriers which have occurred in the acceptance of ISO 9712 by CEN. Discussion on ICNDT's position took place noting that ICNDT should be promoting international harmonization. Y-T Yeo (Malaysia) motioned that a letter from ICNDT supporting ISO 9712 and expressing the disappointment that CEN did not adopt it should be sent to both organizations. This motion was seconded by G. Nardoni. The motion was carried after a vote with the following results:

15 votes for
1 vote against
5 abstentions

Action: D.Marshall/M. Farley/W. Holliday - draft letter

15. OTHER BUSINESS

M. Kato provided an interesting presentation on "Age Structures of Qualified Personnel" a summarization of certification of NDT personnel in Japan. This presentation was in response from communication regarding the potential shortage of NDT personnel within the next several years (appendix F).