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### EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR NDT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### MEETING

The European Federation for NDT (EFNDT) held its General Assembly meeting in Paris on 25 October 2002, chaired by the President Roger Roche.

Eighteen national NDT Societies were represented, and a new Associated Member - Morocco - was welcomed to the Federation.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Roche presented an Annual Report on the Federation's activities during the last year, mentioning

- the increasing membership of EFNDT
- positive progress in the discussions with ASME on recognition of EN473 Certification
- drafting of a Code of Practice for use by Nominated Bodies operating Pressure Equipment Directive for their approval of NDT personnel
- a survey among EFNDT members showing that almost 100,000 personnel certificates have now been issued in accordance with EN473
- development of the harmonised certification system ECP is continuing. A presentation on the Scheme has been prepared for the EFNDT web site ([www.efndt.org](http://www.efndt.org)). Volunteers for audit activities are being sought
- EFNDT had been represented at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Japanese Society for Non Destructive Inspection (JSNDI)

The 8<sup>th</sup> European Conference held in Barcelona in June 2002 had been particularly successful in terms of the number of attendees, papers, exhibitors and visitors. Mr Romero (President of the Conference) and the Spanish society (AEND) were congratulated.

#### MEMBERS VIEWS

Members were asked to comment on the report that was duly approved. The view was expressed that too much of the EFNDT's effort was directed at personnel certification and

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not enough at the 'bigger picture'. EFNDT should publicise its work more. Some activity should be directed at the low status of NDT personnel and at how to encourage younger people into the industry. The importance of NDT in preventing accidents and in environmental protection should be stated.

## **WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

**WG1** Qualifications and Certification Working Group - one large and successful meeting had been held in Barcelona. Two additional Certification Bodies (APC of Czech Republic and FOP of Sweden) have been registered under the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA). Several Certification Bodies outside Europe are considering joining the MRA. The next meeting of the Working Group will be in Prague in November 2003.

**WG2** Radiation Protection - Dr Link reported on the continuing involvement with IAEA on proposals for transport of radioactive goods and with the European ALARA network.

The IAEA will organize an International Conference on the Safety of Transport of Radioactive Materials on 7-11 July 2003. The first meeting of the European ALARA Network-Working group on Industrial Radiography will be held on 11-12 December and there will be discussions on

- Safety and warning systems on gamma source containers
- Site radiography safety procedures
- Syllabus for radiation protection courses

The aims of the working group are:

- to review optimisation of radiological protection in NDT industry
- to make recommendations to the parent bodies and the EC regarding programmes of work
- to develop and maintain Codes of Practice
- to develop and maintain initiatives that will improve and support appropriate radiation protection training

The Board of Directors unanimously approved to hand over of the chair of WG 2 from Dr Rainer Link to Mrs Barbara Sölter, DGZfP.

**WG4** Accreditation of NDT Laboratories and Inspection laboratories - Mr Roche reported that the group has provided input into an EA draft for guidance of accreditation to ISO/CEI 17025 and EN 45004.

**WG5** AntiPersonnel Landmines – Professor Krstelj reported the activities of the group. The report is on the EFNDT web-site. She advised that the Working Group is supporting the establishment of an academy where landmine detection personnel would be trained.

## **FINANCES**

Treasurer Mr Deliège reported a small deficit for the year but no increase in fees was considered necessary. The accounts for 2002 and budget for 2003 were approved.

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## ELECTIONS

Dr J M (Mike) Farley (Britain) was elected President and Professor Vladimir Klyuev (Russia) Vice President, each for three years. The new Board of Directors is

Gerhard Aufricht (Austria)	Fr X. Deliège (Belgium)
Bjarne Larsen (Denmark)	Dr Rainer Link (Germany)
Guiseppe Nardoni (Italy)	Emilio Romero (Spain)

In addition Roger Roche (Immediate Past President) and Joerg Voelker (President of next ECNDT, Sept 2006 in Berlin, Germany) will attend Board Meetings on an ex-officio basis. Rune Kristiansen of Norway will be the new Auditor.

### Next General Assembly

The next General Assembly will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2003 in Prague in association with the "NDT in Progress" Workshop.

### New President's Remarks

Mike Farley thanked his predecessor Mr Roche for his excellent work as President and COFREND for providing a Secretariat for EFNDT for two years. He outlined how a new three year Strategic Plan would be formulated for EFNDT. Member societies are requested to send in suggestions and asked to respond when the draft is circulated for comment.

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### New Secretariat

The Secretariat for EFNDT will now be provided by the British Institute of NDT with Mr Matt Gallagher acting as Secretary to the General Assembly and the Board of Directors. Mr Gallagher can be contacted at [matt.gallagher@bindt.org](mailto:matt.gallagher@bindt.org) (Tel: +44 (0)1604 630124, Fax: +44 (0)1604 231489).

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