

## **EFNDT 27<sup>th</sup>BoD mtg-Press release**

### OPENING of the MEETING

The 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the of the EFNDT Board of Directors, BoD, was held on 15 January 2009 in Vienna, at the invitation of Austrian Society for NDT, ÖGZfP. Fourteen Board members were present.

Dr J M Farley, President of EFNDT, opened the meeting and thanked the ÖGZfP for hosting it; he especially welcomed Dr Hugo Eberhardt, President of ÖGZfP and General Manager of TÜV Austria;

Dr Eberhardt said what a pleasure and honor it was to welcome the BoD and recognized the very important work that the committee undertook e.g. the Quality Guidelines document.

Dr Eberhardt spend a few minutes introducing his company, TÜV Austria Group, which has been in existence since 1872, employing at present app. 850 staff; Dr Eberhardt also mentioned activities of ÖGZfP , which was the only accredited 3<sup>rd</sup> Certification Body in Austria and was registered in Austrian law and accredited by Minister of Economic Affairs.

Finally, Dr Eberhardt referred to his role within the European Confederation of Inspection Organizations, CEOC, and Dr Farley suggested a meeting be arranged between CEOC and EFNDT at sometime in the future.

### GENERAL EFNDT MATTERS

Dr Farley congratulated Irena Pushkina on an excellent job in the preparation of new Operating Procedures, OPs, however, there were changes required so this would be a task for new BoD. Dr Farley handed over OPs on external representation of EFNDT Guidelines.

Mrs D Moussebois presented financial report ;  
for 2008, the total income was 9556.83 euro which included 6834.16 Euro as income from fees against an budget of 8700 Euro;  
EFNDT was in good financial situation so it was proposed that  
-societies could be supported, for example, for certification scheme development;  
-R&D projects could be supported since it is difficult to get started them;  
Dr Link proposed that 5000 Euro be put aside in the 2009 budget for such purposes and this was unanimously approved.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Portugal and Turkey were confirmed as new members

### EFNDT Newsletter

It was proposed to publish three EFNDT Newsletters during 2009, the first to coincide with the Reliability of NDE Conference in Berlin in June. Mr. Gilbert

would send e-mail invitation to member societies to submit brief articles, up to 200 words. The deadline would be end March 2009.

## REPORTS from WORKING GROUPS

WG 1; Mr Thompson had sent apologies of not attending mtg, but reported as follows: Last mtg was at the ECNDT in Berlin,2006, and the next mtg is planned for 2010 in Moscow. The Forum comprises 35 member organizations; if the Forum is to function effectively, it needs an executive - and the Certification Executive Committee, CEC, is regarded as the executive committee of the Forum.

WG 2; Radiation protection and ADR; Dr Purschke reported that he had been invited to participate in Steering group concerned with this and the mtg. had been held in December 2008. A cooperation between EAN and EFNDT had been drafted and approved by BoD.

WG 5; NDT in Public Safety and Security; There is a task group that has 67 members. This group will apply for funding for project on diagnostic infrastructure and crisis management.

Forum for NANDTBs; There are 23 full members and 5 observer members. The last mtg. was held in Fürth, on December 2008 and the next will be held at DGZfP in Berlin, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 .

Condition Monitoring; Dr Farley held some discussion with Dr J Grum, (Slovenia) and Mr. L Gelman (UK) about establishing a Forum for Condition Monitoring and Diagnostic Technologies .

Barkhausen Noise; There would be a session on Barkhausen noise at the 10thz ECNDT in Moscow, June 2010.

Railway Industry; The rail industry in the UK requested the establishment of a Forum on certification of personnel in NDT of rail and rolling stock

## CERTIFICATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CEC

Mr Poudrai presented his report for which BoD thanked him. He also reiterated the CEC point of view: "CEC recognized that present organization of EFNDT would not permit in the future to find human and financial resources needed for maintenance of the Question Bank.

CEC membership; the appointments of G Balas and R Rodrigez to the CEC were noted. Reconfirmed members are: P Fallouhey, J Thompson, A Mullin and M Poudrai; Mr. U Kaps was retiring.

EFNDT Audit matters; the Chinese project is in progress;  
Mr G Booth had performed the review of the quality system of the Chinese Society. The audit was still to be arranged. A contract template was to be produced.

PED; J Thompson reported in absentia: The Code of Practice for Recognized 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Organizations, developed under EFNDT, is presently published as CEN/TR 15589:2006.

ASME Questionnaire; Dr Farley had circulated a draft questionnaire on 15 Sept 2008. ASME website includes a list of stamp holders. The GA would be used to formulate a list of people to invite to complete the questionnaire.

## INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

Dr Farley reported that EFNDT was strongly represented at the World Conference in Shanghai; he referred to his appointment as the new ICNDT Chairmen; BoD to appoint two persons to ICNDT PGP

Germany had been successful in its bid to host the 2016 World Conference.

Next Executive Committee mtg on 14 March 2009, during 18<sup>th</sup> ASNT Annual Research Symposium and Spring Conference, St Louis, USA.

There was to be EFNDT / ASNT liaison committee mtg also in St. Louis, on 16 March 2009.

NDT Academy; The preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Academia NDT International mtg in May 2009 ,Brescia, Italy, are under way.

Dr Farley reported on a successful Workshop in Shanghai;  
The workshop attended 37 representatives from 20 countries, was intended to collate and deliver the NDT community's recommendation to Standard Committees and Certification Bodies.

It was noted that out of sequence review of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party standards leads to them to differ. ISO 9712 is due for review again next year, and ISO and CEN should consider a joint review process. It was also noted that TC 135, in response to a TC 138 proposal , is discussing the possibility of joint WG and will ask for a vote of TC135 members on the formation of such a WG; a show of hands confirmed 33 representative present in support of this proposal.

A Canadian delegate stated that there are no irreconcilable differences between TC 135/TC138 – ISO 9712/ EN 473; he suggested the submission of EN473 to TC135 as a draft for the next ISO 9712 (4<sup>th</sup> edition).

It was proposed to submit these proposals to TC135 & TC138 Chairmen, recognized that the reason for the continued existence of EN473 is related to regulation that embody it as a harmonized standard.

The workshop chairman concluded with a summary of the views to be expressed to the chairs of 135/138, and agreed to discuss within ICNDT the proposal for appointment of neutral chairman of WG proposed for harmonization of ISO 9712 with EN 473.

Dr Farley to circulate to BoD copy of letter sent to TC135 & TC138 Chairmen.

EFNDT/ASNT; The 4<sup>th</sup> European-American Workshop on Reliability of NDE, an EFNDT sponsored event, was to be held 24-26 June, in Berlin .  
CONFERENCE MATTER

Dr VV Klyuev reported progress on ECNDT 2010, Moscow.

Brochures containing preliminary program were distributed; the deadline for abstracts was June 2009. The Russian Society requested assistance with organization and promotion, in particular by means of website button indication the abstract deadline. The Russian Society thanked the German Society for assistance with distribution of the Call for Papers brochure and the BINDT for advertising in Insight.

ECNDT 2014; Application had been received from Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Netherlands and UK; however, the Austrian Society had subsequently withdrawn due to closeness of 2016 WCNDT in Germany. Italy had sent an application in January 2009, which was considered too late for consideration.

NDE FORUM at ASME PVP Conference; the BoD was advised by Mr Thompson in absentia of a 2-1/2 hour workshop on "Quality in NDT" to be staged at the ASME PVPD Conference in Prague on 26th July 2009, at 13:00 on Sunday.

#### OTHER REPORTS

EFNDT participation in EU projects; Procedure now in place.

LRUCM; The project is complete except for financial arrangements

Ship Inspection; EFNDT declined to participate

General comment; Dr Romero stated that in the last six months the Spanish Society had received 10 proposals for projects; he proposed that EFNDT should contact the EC to offer to provide assessors to review these projects. It was suggested that it would be useful to have a list on the website.

#### ARRANGEMENTS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

The terms of office of the current BoD member will finish at the GA mtg, and new President and BoD will be elected.

FUTURE MEETINGS; To be handled by the new President / BoD.

#### CLOSING THE BoD MEETING

Dr Farley closed the meeting extending gratitude to Austrian Society for its hospitality. Tributes were paid to Dr R Link, who had been a member of the BoD since its inception and also to Dr M Farley for his tireless efforts as President.