Report on EFNDT Board of Directors Meeting – Moscow

The thirteenth Board Meeting of the European Federation for NDT was held in Moscow on 19 and 20 March 2004 at the offices of Spectrum and the headquarters of the Russian NDT Society at the kind invitation of Professor Vladimir Klyuev.

Eight Directors were present (Dr Farley, Mr Aufricht, Professor Klyuev, Dr Link, Mr Lund, Mr Roche, Mr Romero and Mr Nardoni), plus Matt Gallagher and John Thompson from the Secretariat (provided by British Institute of NDT), and Michel Poudrai (Chairman of the Certification Executive Committee) and Gerard Hennaut deputising for Xavier Deliege.

Representatives named above with Mrs Irena Pushkina of the Russian NDT Society

The meeting was held in three parts, and during the first part the Board was joined by Professor Guo (Vice President) and Mr Shu (Secretary) of the Chinese NDT Society, Andrei Tkachenko of the Moldavian NDT Society and by Douglas Marshall, President of the 16th World Conference in Montreal (August 30th – 3 September 2004).

Reports were presented on the Activities of the active Working Groups: 1. Qualification and Certification, 2. Radiation Safety and 5. Detection of Anti-Personnel Mines.
The updated EFNDT Website was presented (see [www.efndt.org](http://www.efndt.org)). It was agreed to request all the member societies of EFNDT to install a link from their own website to the EFNDT and European Conference (ECNDT) websites.

An update of Certification activities was presented as a Powerpoint presentation – also to be posted on the website.

Dr Farley welcoming Mr Andrei Tkachenko of the Moldavian Society to Associate Membership of the EFNDT

The German NDT Society DGZfP is beginning to make plans for the 2006 European Conference in Berlin (25-29 September 2006). Two main sponsors and five minor ones have been agreed. Around three-quarters of the exhibition space is booked. Details are accessible at [www.ecndt-2006.info](http://www.ecndt-2006.info)

Strong support is evident from Europe for the forthcoming 16th World Conference in Montreal: August 30 – 3 September 2004. Some space remains in the exhibition.

The British Institute of NDT, co-sponsored by EFNDT is running a conference entitled “Certification 2004: NDT in a Shrinking World” on 3-4 November 2004 in Manchester. This conference is the fourth in a series. Details are available from [www.bindt.org](http://www.bindt.org). Offers of papers are invited.

In the second part of the meeting (Formal Board Meeting), the financial report was approved, the acceptance of China as an Associate Member was ratified and official notification given of the change of EFNDT’s official address (to Avenue des Arts, 609, B-1210 Brussels).

On the subject of Certification, it was decided to request a meeting with the Chairmen of TC 135 and TC 138 in order to urge the convergence of ISO 9712 and EN 473.

A new guideline on External Representation of EFNDT was agreed. This will be used as a working document and incorporated into the internal regulations after approval by the GA.
A number of changes to the implementation of ECP were agreed. The Question Bank will be made available widely. Other ECP documents and procedures have been taken over by TC 138/EN 473. Two new members Mr G Hennaut (Belgium) and Mr A Mullin (Russia) were appointed to the Certification Executive Committee to replace Mr Hoogstraate and Mrs Lekovitch.

With respect to ASME recognition of EN 473 a Code Case for Power Station Boilers (ref. I-01-35) was reported. This allows the use of EN 473 for certification of NDT personnel inspecting power boilers to ASME Code Section 1, subject to the preparation of an appropriate procedure or written practice covering the job-specific qualification and authorisation of such personnel.

The Board discussed an outline proposal to create an EFNDT Approval scheme for Certification Bodies and agreed to pursue this development further.

The Procedure for choosing the venue of European Conferences will be revised to bring the decision forward to the General Assembly which precedes each ECNDT. Hence the decision on ECNDT 2010 will be made at the GA in 2005. Proposals will need to be submitted prior to the BOD meeting in Spring of 2005.

Discussion was continued on the future EFNDT Strategy and four Action Plans were agreed. These will be published on the Website.

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The meetings were concluded with a vote of thanks to Professor Klyuev, the Russian Society and Spectrum for their excellent facilities and generous hospitality.

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