

Minutes of the 8th EFNDT WG5 - APMD Meeting

Hotel *Neptun* - Istra, National Park *Brijuni Islands*, September 30, 2003

Place: Hotel Neptun-Istra, National Park *Brijuni Islands*, Croatia

Time: October 1, 2003, 14:00-15:00

Agenda:

1. Opening of meeting,
2. Roll call of participants,
3. Adoption of the agenda,
4. Accepting the Minutes of the 7th WG5 Meeting,
5. Information from the convenor,
6. Information about activities, members presentations,
7. Mine Action Academy – status of the project,
8. Date and place for the 9th WG5 - APMD meeting,
9. Any other business.

Participants in alphabetic order:

WG5 members: Davor Antonic, Mate Gaal, Nenad Gucunski, Ferenc Fücsök, Vjera Krstelj (WG5 convenor), Rainer Link, Ana Lypolt, Damir Markucic, Miroslav Omelic, Josip Stepanic.

Guests of the meeting: Mirjana Fuduric-Jelaca (Higher School for Work Safety - Zagreb), Nikola Gambiroza (Deputy Director of Croatian Mine Action Center).

Meeting discussion:

Ad. 5. and 7.

Prof. Krstelj informed participants about the WG5 work since the last Meeting and about the start of the work of *Polytechnic Velika Gorica*, the program of which includes *Mine Action Academy*. School year will start in two weeks, and the interest of students is larger than expected.

Prof. Krstelj presented information from Dr. Pregowski, present Deputy of WG5 Convenor, about objective reasons preventing his further active work regarding WG5. Because of that WG5 members proposed electing the new Deputy of WG5 Convenor. The members of WG5 unanimously agreed upon the proposal of Prof. Krstelj and chose Dr. Kurt Osterloh, from BAM - Berlin, as the new Deputy of WG5 Convenor.

Dr. Link suggested, regarding the fruitful WG5 discussions about the mine detection technologies and related activities during previous WG5 meetings, preparing a publication for promotion of WG5 work, dissemination of results achieved and further broadening of potential membership within the scientific and expert community. The participants unanimously accepted the suggestion and furthermore agreed upon preparing the draft of such a material, with determined structure, before the next WG5 meeting. The draft will be discussed on the *ad hoc* WG5 Meeting, to be held during the ITEP Workshop *Reliability Tests for Humanitarian Demining*, BAM – Berlin, December 16-17, 2003.

Ad. 6.

Participants discussed about potential financing of the projects related to WG5. In particular, the project call by USA Department of Defense was discussed. Unfortunately, the call came too late, as within one week since the Meeting, the project proposals should be prepared and submitted. Regarding that, the participants concluded to work toward finding more in advance for such activities in future.

Mate Gaal presented the work of Dr. Kurt Osterloh, who was unable to participate at the Meeting, regarding the role of NDT methods and techniques in humanitarian demining.

Ad. 8.

Date and place of the 9th WG5 Meeting will be determined later.

At 15:00 Prof. Krstelj closed the Meeting.

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