ISO/TC 283 Communique
2nd plenary meeting
Dallas, March 2019

OVERVIEW

ISO/TC 283 held its second meeting from 3-8 March 2019 at ISN in Dallas, Texas, USA.

Attendance:
- 32 participating member bodies
- 6 external liaison bodies
- 1 internal ISO liaisons and

Approximately 82 delegates attended the meeting, including those participating virtually during the week.

OPENING MEETING

The Chair, Martin Cottam, opened the meeting welcoming colleagues from around the world and introducing our generous hosts for the week, ISN and ASSP. ISN’s Senior Vice President Dag Yemenou (left) and Senior Director of Safety and Security, Richard Cerenzio, welcomed the committee to ISN headquarters. The Chair’s opening remarks focused on the committee’s drive to maximise the impact of ISO 45001 and related materials, to help reduce global occupational fatality, injury and illness rates.

The Chair congratulated delegates on the progress made through effective use of virtual meetings and encouraged an ongoing spirit of agility and inclusiveness, to ensure that members who cannot attend physical meetings are able to contribute.
ISO/TC 283/CAG
The Chair’s Advisory Group met twice over the course of the week and concentrated on development of the Strategic Business Plan for ISO/TC 283 and reports from the regional groups.

The Strategic Business Plan is a public document which explains the purpose and work programme of the committee. It will be reviewed each year to ensure it is current and accurate.

Regional reports included:

- Recent adoption of ISO 45001 in Australia and Canada with Trinidad & Tobago hoping to adopt before the next TC meeting
- St Lucia and Barbados are working towards adoption
- Malaysia is using ISO 45001 in legislation
- The continuing need to encourage use of ISO 45001 in Africa, which remains the least represented continent on this committee

ISO/TC 283/TG 1 Communications

Over the course of the week the communications TG focused on:

- Website updates
- Interviewing delegates
- Agreeing a validation process for content
- Creating slide decks for use by member bodies

The ISO/TC 283 website can be found here. Many thanks to ASSP for making the audio interviews happen and editing them into shape.

ISO/TC 283/TG 2 Terminology

The terminology meetings were attended by 8 experts, representing 5 countries.

On the request of WG2, the group developed a definition for ‘psychosocial risk’ which was accepted by the WG for the next draft of ISO 45003.
ISO/TC 283/TG3 Revision of Annex SL

This task group is to ensure input to the ongoing (limited) revision of the high level structure and related guidance material contained in the ISO Directives. Uwe Marx (Germany) has been appointed convener of this TG. Catherine Montagnon (France) will co-convene.

ISO/TC 283/WG2 Psychological health and safety in the workplace

Stavroula Leka (left) joined Norma McCormick as co-convener of WG3, working with delegates from over 30 member bodies to build on the working draft of ISO 45003. A key decision was made to incorporate well-being explicitly into both the scope of the document and the guidance as appropriate.

ISO/TC 283/WG 3 Implementation handbook

30 delegates from 24 countries worked with the WG3 leadership, Ramdunee (right) and Vic Toy (left) to dispose of around 1000 comments received on the draft of the handbook. Publication is anticipated for November 2019.

Social events

A drinks reception sponsored by our hosts ISN was held in the rooftop bar of the Canopy by Hilton hotel following the opening plenary on Monday. ASSP’s Tim Fisher (pictured left, with Vic Toy, Chair of the US TAG) ASSP expressed the organization’s pleasure at being able to work with ISN to facilitate this meeting.

Special thanks are extended to Tim ASSP team, for sponsoring the much-‘pizza party’ at Grimaldi’s on Thursday night. It was a great opportunity for delegates to socialise at the end of a long but successful week.

Next physical meeting
Many thanks to Jan Toft Rasmussen for providing many of the photos above. Additional thanks to all of our additional photographers.