INTRODUCTION

While the world has started recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and the oil prices are recovering in the slipstream due to increased energy demand, ISO/TC 67 is anticipating a 'green recovery' by changing its title and scope to capture the lower carbon transition supported by the oil and gas industry. Good progress can be reported about our cooperation with API and IOGP. The period mid-September to early November are traditionally busy months with several ISO/TC 67 (sub-) committees organising their plenary meeting. This tradition will be continued in 2021. So, much to do! We would appreciate if you forward this Communiqué to your business relations to engage more stakeholders in our activities. Your feedback on this Communiqué is valued as well.

NEW PUBLICATIONS IN Q2 OF 2021

ISO/TC 67 celebrated one publication in the past quarter:

Congratulations to Mr Cédric Andrieu and his project team with the publication of this ISO deliverable that will support the deployment of the LNG industry.

COOPERATION WITH API AND IOGP

ISO/TC 67 has a long-lasting relationship with API (American Petroleum Institute) and IOGP (International Association of Oil & Gas Producers) to develop added-value creating standards for the oil and gas sector. As reported in our previous Communiqués, important steps have been made to improve cooperation and coordination, also acknowledging that the sector needs to work together, especially considering the current economic climate.

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ISO/TC 67 is responsible for standardisation of the materials, equipment and offshore structures used in the drilling, production, transport by pipelines and processing of liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons within the petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries.

SOURCE: Shipping Herald
Another important step forward is the preliminary agreement between API and IOGP to use the IOGP Standards Solution as the vehicle to develop full-text ISO documents for three important standards with API heritage. It concerns the following pilot projects:


By the end of September, it is planned that these three project teams will receive specific instructions and ongoing guidance to support them in their standardisation activities to make these pilot projects successful. ISO/TC 67 applauds this agreement between API and IOGP and looks forward to receiving full details of the working methodology, so it can be shared and discussed with ISO/TC 67 members and the three project teams concerned.

**WORK PROGRAMMES**

The work programmes of ISO/TC 67 and API are available at the following websites:
- ISO/TC 67 work programme – Standards developed under the IOGP umbrella are not shown in this work programme, until the draft standard has been transmitted from IOGP to ISO for ‘fast-tracking’.
- IOGP standards solution projects – This overview is periodically updated based on newly approved project initiations by IOGP Standards Committee and publications of completed projects by ISO/TC 67.
- API standards plan – This overview is periodically updated. API standards that are supplemented by ISO will be available as ‘read-only’ version during the development process via their IBR reading room.

**COOPERATION WITH ISO/TC 35**

ISO/TC 67 has established a joint working group with ISO/TC 35 ‘Paints and varnishes’ concerning competency requirements of coating inspectors and applicators (ISO/TC 35/JWG 6). The idea to establish this joint working group originates from ISO/TC 67/WG 11 ‘Coating and lining of structures and equipment’. This working group initiated two new projects under the IOGP Standards Solution to develop ISO documents on competency of coating inspectors and competency of coating applicators. After the project initiations, they became aware that ISO/TC 35 intended to develop similar ISO documents. As competency requirements were considered not sector specific, it was agreed to join forces and develop the two proposed ISO documents via a joint working group under ISO/TC 35 lead. This new cooperation prevents duplication of work with risk of diverging or even conflicting requirements. The coatings sector will now benefit from a single set of international standards that will support not only the oil and gas industry, but also other industries requiring high-quality standards for the application and inspection of coatings to ensure the integrity of their assets and improve overall performance. We congratulate Dr Muayad Ajjawi, ISO/TC 67/WG 11 convenor, with this excellent achievement. In addition, we wish the co-convenors of ISO/TC 35/JWG 6, Mr Richard van der Wal on behalf of ISO/TC 35 and Ms Hanan Farhat on behalf of ISO/TC 67, good luck with their standardisation activities. This can be the start of a sustainable cooperation for knowledge and experience sharing in the field of coatings.
MEETING CALENDAR

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and considering the instruction from the ISO Central Secretariat that all ISO technical meetings planned until 30 November 2021 must be held virtually or postponed until after that date [NB. This period can be extended depending on the evolvement of the COVID-19 pandemic], the (sub)-committees of ISO/TC 67 will organise their plenary meetings virtually again. The following meetings are scheduled:

- **17 September 2021**: ISO/TC 67/SC 9 'Liquefied natural gas installations and equipment'
- **21 September 2021**: ISO/TC 67/SC 6 'Processing equipment and systems'
- **28 and 29 September 2021**: ISO/TC 67/SC 7 'Offshore structures'
- **30 September 2021**: ISO/TC 67/SC 5 'Casing, tubing and drill pipe'
- **12 and 13 October 2021**: ISO/TC 67/SC 4 'Drilling and production equipment'
- **20 and 21 October 2021**: ISO/TC 67 'Materials, equipment and offshore structures for petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries'
- **5 November 2021**: ISO/TC 67/SC 3 'Drilling and completion fluids, well cements and treatment fluids'

Also working groups and project teams are entirely operating virtually to progress with their standards. For a few standards, solely working online seems to be impractical due to required interaction. Moreover, delay is caused by postponement of required testing to obtain validated data.

TITLE AND SCOPE OF ISO/TC 67

In our previous Communiqué, we informed about the establishment of the ISO/TC 67 chair’s advisory group (CAG) that was *inter alia* tasked to deliver recommendations to ISO/TC 67 on the committee’s title, scope and structure, reflecting the transformation of the oil and gas sector in view of the transition towards a low-carbon emission society. Meanwhile, this CAG has delivered its recommendations with regard to title and scope. Currently, the proposed new title and scope are under ballot within ISO/TC 67 for approval. We hope to present to you the new title and scope in our next issue of this Communiqué. This will be another major milestone, demonstrating that ISO/TC 67 is fit for the future and is willing and prepared to continue delivering added value standards in cooperation with other bodies.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact the ISO/TC 67 Secretariat by e-mailing to energy@nen.nl or calling +31 15 2 690 326 for more information. Interested to take part? Contact your national standards body to get involved!