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19th MSNT AGM

The 19th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Society for Nondestructive Testing was successfully held on 30th April 2008 at Palm Garden Hotel Putrajaya. The meeting was attended by 63 members representing academic institutions, research institutes, services companies and equipment suppliers. Issues discussed in this meeting include:

- i. Remark questioning the reliability of ultrasonic thickness measurement by the Department of Occupational Safety and Health
- ii. PETRONAS recognition on NDT Certificate issued by the National Certifying Body
- iii. Attachment of students in NDT related organization
- iv. Introducing NDT subject in academic institutes at diploma or degree level

Election of Board Members for 2008/2010 was held at the end of this meeting. Results of this election indicated that majority of the old members retained their positions. Full members elected in Board are as follows:

President Dr. Abd. Nassir bin Ibrahim
Vice President Dr. Khazali bin Hj. Mohd Zin
Secretary Dr. Mohamad Pauzi bin Ismail
Treasurer Dr. Ab. Razak bin Hamzah

Ordinary Members

En. Huzeir bin Ab. Halim
Dr. Azali bin Muhammad
En. Wan Abdullah bin Wan Hamat
En. Yeo Yan Teng
Dr. Badrol bin Ahmad
En. Zamaluddin bin Ali
En. Royce Wong



Members discussing various matters related to NDT while waiting for the election results

The meeting was adjourned at 1.30 pm.



MSNT members attending 19th AGM at Palm Garden Hotel Putrajaya



MSNT Board Member for 2006/2008 session addressing Issues from the audience

RCA/IAEA RTC on Preparation of QA Manual for Accreditation of NDT Laboratories in accordance with ISO 17024



IAEA Expert, Mr David Barnett from Australia facilitating the workshop.

As part of Malaysia's effort to have its NDT National Certifying Body accredited to ISO 17024, the secretary of Malaysian Society for NDT, Dr. Mohamad Pauzi Ismail together with a personnel from the National Certification Body were attending a Regional Training Course on "Preparation of QA Manual for Accreditation of NDT Laboratories in accordance with ISO 17024" from 21st to 25th April 2008. Both personnel were nominated for this course with the hope that they will be able to facilitate the preparation of QA Manual for Malaysian NCB that is required for accreditation process. In addition to Malaysia representatives from 14 other RCA member states were also participating in this event. This event was facilitated by 2 IAEA experts.



Participants attending the NDT Workshop in Bali. MSNT Secretary stood at the front row, third from the right

2nd Meeting of MIBAS TWG

Expert Working Group for Malaysian Inspection Body Accreditation Scheme (MIBAS), established by the Department of Standard, Malaysia met for the second time in Cyberjaya on 10th April 2008. The main objective of this Group is to produce an additional document that will be used together with the main ISO 17020 document for the purpose of accreditation of NDT laboratories in Malaysia. This meeting was attended by 8 personnel representing Standard Malaysia, Intestmal, Construction Industry Development Board, SIRM, Nuclear Malaysia and the Malaysian Society for Nondestructive Testing.

3rd Workshop on Preparation of Bank of Questions for NDT

This workshop was held in Bangi from 7th to 8th April 2008. It was a follow-up of the 1st workshop which was held in Malacca in 2nd workshop that was also held in Bangi in March 2008. Hundreds more questions on radiography and ultrasonic were vetted and verified by 15 experts during this workshop. This exercise was part of efforts by the National Certifying Body to improve the quality of NDT examination for certification.

Formation of Acoustic Emission Group

On the 27 March 2008, a group of researchers from Malaysian Nuclear Agency, Faculty of Engineering UKM, Unisel, and UniMap have met together at the Faculty of Engineering UKM and declared the formation of the Malaysian Acoustic Emission Working Group (MAEG). The Group that operate under the Technical Committee of MSNT was formed with the following objectives:

- i. Developing, advancing and promoting acoustic emission technology in Malaysia through active research activities and dissemination of AE technical information.
- ii. Developing a training module and finally conducting AE training to local interest group
- iii. Developing national policies in the area AE technology
- iv. Providing linkages between relevant parties including government agencies, industries, research institutions and universities

The Committee Members for the Group are as follows:

- Chairman: Assoc. Prof. Dr Nordin Jamaludin, UKM
Vice Chairman: Mr. Shukri Mohd, Malaysian Nuclear Agency
Secretary: Capten(R) Othman Inayatullah, UniMap
Treasurer: Mrs. Mazian Mohammad, Unisel
Technical Committee Member:
1. Mr. Suhairy Sani, Malaysian Nuclear Agency
2. Ms. Fauziana Lamin, UKM
3. Mrs. Bibi Intan Suraya Murad, UniMap
4. Mr. Abd Ghani Ismail, Petronas Penapisan Melaka



MSNT MAEG during their meeting at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

MSNT members who wish to join the Group can contact Assoc. Prof. Dr Nordin Jamaludin through his e-mail address nordin@vlsi.eng.ukm.my

Recognition of NDT Certificate issued by local NCB

During the AGM that was held on 30th April, a member from PETRONAS, Mr Wan Abdullah Wan Hamat revealed PETRONAS plan to include the requirement for level 2 certification in NDT methods in contracts that involved NDT inspection of PETRONAS facilities. With this plan, it becomes very clear that NDT certificates issued by the Department of Skill Development that act as the National Certification Body will gain due recognition from the biggest paymaster. It is hoped that this announcement will encourage local NDT service providers to send their personnel for training and examination in level 1, 2 and 3 for all NDT methods.

"Members of Malaysian Society for Nondestructive Testing express our condolence to people of Republic of China and Myanmar for tragic disasters that have taken thousands of lives and left millions homeless. We hope that these tragedies will strengthen the determination of people from both countries in their effort to make our world as meaningful, exciting and peaceful place to live."

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