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## Foreword by CEOC International President, Dr. Hugo Eberhardt, TÜV Austria.



CEOC International can look back on a successful General Assembly which took place in Bucharest from 22 – 23 May 2006. In this Bulletin, you will find an article about the

presentations given on this occasion, among them that of Mr. Mario Wittner - chairman of ISO/CASCO and guest speaker at this year's assembly - who came from Argentina to talk about the issue of "Conformity Assessment and Facilitation of Trade".

Moreover, we are delighted to present an interview with the director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (OSHA), Mr. Hans-Horst Konkolewsky. The interview was carried out by the CEOC International Secretariat on the occasion of the launch of the new OSHA campaign at the European Parliament on 20 June 2006.

We are very pleased to continue our tradition of having a representative of the European Institutions expressing himself/herself in our

Bulletin about a current issue. This time, Mr. Bergevin, Head of Unit at DG Internal Market and Services, met with CEOC International Secretary General, Ms Annick Carpentier, for an exchange of views at the European Commission on 13 September.

By focusing on current issues at EU and international levels, CEOC International wishes to ensure that inspection and certification issues are taken into account at an early stage. Based on its members' expertise, CEOC International is the voice of 'independent safety professionals', putting into place a real European/international 'culture of prevention'.

## IN BRIEF

### CEOC International Annual Reception

The 2006 CEOC International Annual Reception will take place at the confederation's premises in Brussels on 4 October. It will be the occasion for guests to meet the new staff, as well as to find out more about our members' activities.

### New publication on pressure equipment

TÜV Austria and the Vienna University of Technology has issued a book on the European approach to Design by Analysis under the title: "a Vessel Design: The Direct Route". The book is written by (former and present) co-workers in an inspection body and is of interest to all design approval departments of inspection bodies. (Josef L. Zeman, in cooperation with F. Rauscher and S. Schindler)

## Events and Meetings

- 18-19.09.06 Meeting of CEOC International Technical Commission Machinery, Lifts and Cranes (CML) - Warsaw, Poland  
04.10.06 CEOC International Board Meeting - Brussels, Belgium  
04.10.06 CEOC International Annual Reception - Brussels, Belgium  
05.10.06 Meeting of CEOC International Technical Commissions chairpersons - Brussels, Belgium  
14.10.06 World Standards Day - "International Cooperation in Standardization", conference organised by the European Commission in Brussels  
16.10.06 "European standardisation – a key for the success of SMEs, skilled crafts and trades", European Commission, Brussels  
17.10.06 UNICE DAY (The Confederation of European Business) in Brussels  
17.10.06 Open Info Day on European standardization, CEN. Brussels, Belgium  
17-18.10.06 European Lift Congress - Heilbronn, Germany. "Innovations and new Technologies for Standard Lifts"  
27.10.06 JTC PTC (CEOC International – Eurolab Joint Technical Committee on Product Testing and Certification) meeting in Brussels, Belgium  
16.11.06 Meeting of CEOC International Technical Commission Inspection (TC CI) in Brussels

### CEOC International Mission Statement

Promoting safety, quality and the environment through independent inspection, testing and certification

THE INDEPENDENT SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

# CEOC International Annual Meeting and General Assembly 2006



CEOC International held its 46th General Assembly and Annual Meeting at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Bucharest, Romania on 22-23 May 2006.

The event was attended by more than 100 participants who enjoyed the excellent social programme organised by CEOC International's local member, ISCIR, and attended the two day business meetings. Two guest delegations participated in the open session of the Annual Meeting: a delegation from China and a delegation from Moldova, both of whom are interested in our organisation.

The 22 May 2006 Open Session of Technical Commissions addressed the topical issue of "The Role of Standardisation in Today's Legislative Approach". The guest speaker Mr. Mario Wittner, chairman of ISO/CASCO, delivered a presentation about "Conformity Assessment and Facilitation of Trade". He highlighted the increasing role of con-

formity assessment in recent years because of increasing awareness of environmental issues, the role of ISO 9000, and the new legislative trends based on standardisation, amongst other factors. Mr. Wittner said that the ISO/CASCO strategy consists of providing, maintaining and promoting a set of standards extensively used for the implementation, evaluation and recognition of good practices in Conformity Assessment.

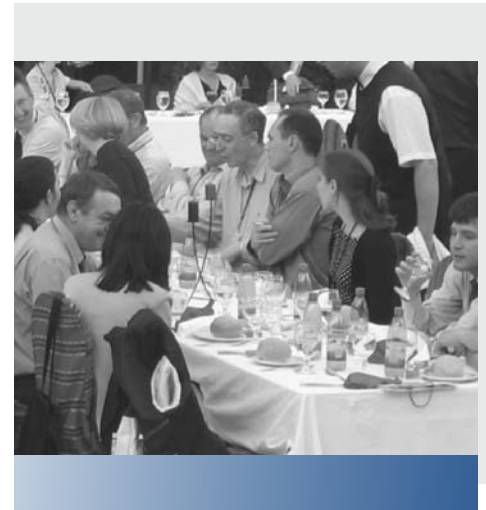
Dr. Eberhardt introduced "Recent Trends in EU and International Legislation and Policy". He first addressed the global aspects of conformity assessment (WTO, ISO/CASCO) and said that the standardisation work has progressively moved from European to international level. The question of whether legislation can be replaced by standards requires careful consideration, he said. He concluded that CEOC International needs to be strongly involved in standardisation and legislative work because its members can bring their competence and experience of many years in the field of testing, inspection and the certification of products, persons and systems.

Guy Jacques, chairman of JTC PTC (CEOC/EU-ROLAB Joint Technical Committee on Product Testing and Certification), raised the question of "The Role of Independent Inspection Bodies". He said that the challenge is increasingly to demonstrate the added value of Independent Inspection Bodies in a world where «better regulation» and «legislative simplification» become key words that could be translated as «deregulation» and «priority to competitiveness». He presented some of the reasons why he feels that independent inspection bodies have a key role to play, such as for example the questioned legitimacy of standardization as a regulatory tool, the lack of

technical expertise/experience in public authorities, and the trend to outsourcing. On the other hand, some conformity assessment bodies give an image of declining competence, which can adversely affect the global image of the activity. Globalisation of the activities also leads to increasing competition between inspection bodies, which could result in a lowering of the technical level of assessment.

The presentations were followed by a lively debate on the role of inspection and certification bodies, and of ISO and ISO/CASCO.

The CEOC International Technical Commissions met for short meetings and the CEOC International Board meeting took place alongside the General Assembly.



## DG Internal Market focuses on Innovation

Meeting with Mr. Bergevin, Head of Unit, DG MARKT on 13 September 2006

Mr. Bergevin explained that the background for DG Internal Market is the Finnish Presidency's great interest in the issue of innovation and the "Framework Communication on Innovation". Europe's competitiveness needs to build on innovation and quality.

The question, he said, is whether and how standards and testing/certification can encourage qualitative innovation and whether standards should be voluntary or developed by CEN and ISO. Mr. Bergevin is convinced of the value of CEN standards, but also feels that there is a complementary approach that would favour innovation through quality, safety and environmentally friendly voluntary standards. DG Internal Market's mandate is to facilitate cross-border trade while favouring innovation.

DG Internal Market has invited stakeholders, including CEOC International, to take part in the first meeting of the Working Group on Service Standards

which will address the issue of how service standards can foster innovation and what would be their place in the global market. It is one of the four working groups established under the umbrella of the European Forum on Services in the Internal market (EFOSIM). EFOSIM has been set up in 2006 as a consultation board and "think tank" on the service economy in Europe. The other working groups will address the issues of "Economic analysis", "Services statistics" and "Service sector performance". Each working group will develop a reflection paper including recommendations for policy actions or research. The papers will be discussed at the Forum meeting to take place in February 2007. The first meeting of the working group is to take place on 5.10.2006.

Mr. Bergevin explained that the 5 October kick-off meeting will be followed by meetings on more specific subjects – for example one needs to distinguish between B2B services and consumers services.

He added that some case studies may be of great help to demonstrate the point.

The two CEOC International representatives, D. Pflumm, VdTÜV, and A. Carpentier, CEOC International, welcomed the initiative and highlighted the need to encourage quality in services so as to avoid the race to the bottom feared with the opening of the internal market. They felt that quality standards or schemes would – despite the cost involved – facilitate the competition of SMEs with larger companies as it would allow SMEs to demonstrate their competence and quality. They also said that there should not be very rigid schemes established by the Commission so as to avoid fixing the market in stone, but that the Commission should rather develop the conditions favouring innovation and quality. CEOC International concluded by offering its members' experience and expertise to make the debate and the initiative go forward.

# Interview with the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (OSHA) at the European Parliament on 20 June 2006



How to ensure that safety inspectors and SME plant managers correctly implement EU OHS legislation? The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (OSHA), through its network of focal points and partners, aims to create a 'European culture of prevention'. In the following interview, OSHA director Hans-Horst Konkolewsky explains the measures to be taken and highlights CEOC International's role in this process.

CEOC International was given the opportunity to talk to the agency's then director, Mr. Hans-Horst Konkolewsky, a Danish citizen of German origin who started his career at the Danish Ministry of Labour in the area of safety and health at work. He became Deputy Director General of the Danish Working Environment Authority (WEA) and joined OSHA as its first director in 1996. At the end of his second term, he is undoubtedly an expert in European OSH-network building. He is also responsible for travelling and spreading the OSHA message. On 20 June he officially launched the European campaign 'Safe Start', advocating better protection of young, inexperienced workers and thus helping to reduce accidents. OSHA launches one big campaign per year. Organisations or representations from the member states can support these campaigns, as done this year by the European Commission, the European Youth Forum, the European Network Education and Training in OSH (ENETOSH) and others.

CEOC International is familiar to Konkolewsky. "Of course I know your federation via many of your members", he states, adding "I am pleased that we meet today and make a first step towards a future closer cooperation". Since cooperation is essential, both at national level – via the so called OSHA 'focal points' – and at European level – between the CEOC International Secretariat and the OSHA liaison office in Brussels, run by Ms Brenda O'Brien. OSHA is very interested in working with federations like CEOC International, as aspects of OHS such as technical safety measures are within the priorities of the agency.

This mutual flow of information is expected to give considerable impetus to the work of the recently set up CEOC International TC COH (Occupational Health and Safety), as well as to all CEOC International activities. For CEOC International members, experienced practitioners in the field of inspection and certification, it represents a clear added value to be competently informed about research, legislation and good practices at EU level. At the same time, OSHA is always searching for 'practical examples', helping to complete/illustrate its campaigns and publications.

OSHA globally (and specifically through its campaigns) aims to create a real "European culture of prevention", signalling risks at an early stage and helping to draft solutions. Does this entail more European legislation in the field of OHS? Konkolewsky shakes his head. "The problem", he explains, "does not lie in a lack of European directives. It is more on the implementation side, belonging to MS's duties." Here, CEOC International members can contribute to the objective through their specific knowledge in their areas of competence. By carrying out third party inspection and certification they can, in the end, contribute to a broad application of technical requirements (for instance in the machinery sector). And, via the adequate training of personnel, close the circle between the human being on the one hand and the machine on

the other. Concretely, this could mean CEOC International members sharing their knowledge and providing specific input for the OSHA section 'Good practice' etc. which can be found under 'Top 5' on the OSHA website.

Konkolewsky is an ardent defender of the 'holistic' approach. It is not enough to publish statistics about work accidents – implementing good practices and drafting practical solutions are at least as important. Occupational health and safety are not fully discussed issues that can be moved aside in order to progress to the next item of the agenda. On the contrary, these issues have gained considerable importance after the last round of EU enlargement. There is a need to harmonise European legislation, to implement it on MS level, but above all to communicate knowledge in the OHS sector. Therefore, OSHA launches another campaign at the EP in July targeting SMEs from the new member states, Romania and Bulgaria. Differences in the development status of prevention will be made visible which could technically and practically help to solve 'home-made' problems.

Two previous OSHA campaigns dealt with work accidents and the construction sector. Next year's campaign will be about musculoskeletal problems – also comprising aspects of correct installation and inspection of machinery and production processes. Within all these issues, a strong technical aspect requires clarification, implementation and communication. It would thus be wrong to reduce the work of the agency to elaborating nice, but rather general campaigns. In the end, it is also up to CEOC International members how far they wish to contribute to OSHA's work. The list of national 'focal points' can provide a start.

[http://europe.osha.eu.int/about/focal\\_points](http://europe.osha.eu.int/about/focal_points)



## What is OSHA?

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work was set up in 1996 to collect, analyse and promote OHS-related information and to ensure the implementation of European legislation in that field.

OSHA is an independent EU agency, financed by the EU and consisting of representatives of government, employers and workers from the 25 Member States and representatives of the European Commission.

Other related European agencies, such as the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions in Dublin, send observers. Managed by a Director and a Governing Board, the agency is above all a network promoting OSH issues throughout Europe, via national 'focal points'.

The working programme of the agency is to be decided by the Governing Board, following the guidelines set by the European Commission ("Community Strategy on Health and Safety at work 2002-2006": [http://europe.osha.eu.int/systems/strategies/future/com2002\\_en.pdf](http://europe.osha.eu.int/systems/strategies/future/com2002_en.pdf)).

Rather than inventing new programmes/strategies, the Agency intends to facilitate smooth implementation of existing ones, using its additional network knowledge.

OSHA is thus politically close to the EC, but is not a DG (Directorate General). OSHA maintains partnerships with international actors, such as ILO and WHO, as well as stakeholders from the US, Canada, Korea and soon Russia and China.

## INSPECTA



Company: Inspecta Group is an independent North European supplier of comprehensive conformity assessment services. Inspecta (previously TTK) was founded in 1975 as a national Finnish inspection body and in 1998 it became a state owned limited company. Inspecta has been totally privately owned since 2002.

The private ownership has essentially increased Inspecta's possibilities to grow and develop its businesses. The company has done several business acquisitions in Finland and entered into new activities like inspecting safety critical systems in buildings. In 2005 Inspecta started operating outside Finland through the acquisition of AS IBNA in Latvia. Later in the same year, Inspecta acquired DNV Inspection AB, DNV Nuclear AB and DNV Technology Services in Sweden. Today the Inspecta Group has 1000 employees and its annual turnover is 100 million euros.

Business: The main business of Inspecta Group is to supply Conformity Assessment (CA) services to business companies and public sector. CA includes inspection, testing, calibration, certification and education, which are special business areas of Inspecta.

Skilfully planned and accomplished CA helps our clients to manage their risks, optimize their production and improve the availability of their production plants. CA services cover the entire production chain from an individual product to management systems of the company.

Manufacturers and users of safety critical devices such as pressure equipment, cranes, lifts, electrical appliances, fire protection systems etc. are large-scale users of Inspecta's services. Main client groups are Energy and Process (including nuclear power), Real Estates and Construction, Products and Manufacturing, and Infrastructure and Services.

International partner network

CEOC International is a very important forum for Inspecta to create good contacts to other European inspection bodies. Inspecta has constantly several ongoing projects where other CEOC International members act as subcontractors or have Inspecta as subcontractor. This network is very useful when clients are purchasing equipment from several countries.

For more information  
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## ISCIR



ISCIR - NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR CONTROL & APPROVAL OF BOILERS, PRESSURE VESSELS AND HOISTING EQUIPMENT

ISCIR is a third party subordinated to the Ministry of Economy and Commerce. Its main objective is to ensure the users' protection and the in-service safety of pressure vessels, hoisting equipment, gas appliances and security components. ISCIR carries out inspection through design, execution, installation and commissioning of the equipment and of the appliances which are subject to the ISCIR regulations.

ISCIR is organised in 2 distinct units, namely ISCIR – INSPECT (the Inspection Body for technical surveillance and in-service verification which draws up technical regulations referring to its field of activity) and ISCIR – SP (the Control Body for the Market Surveillance in the ISCIR field of activity).

The technical verification of the equipment and appliances is performed in accordance with the legal requirements of the Technical Regulations (until 1.05.06 some 69 technical regulations were drawn up in line with the European Directives).

416 ISCIR inspectors work in 15 Territorial Inspectorates throughout the country. It has the following competences:

- On behalf of the State - control of the conformity with the legal requirements through technical surveillance, control and in-service verification, as well as market surveillance for the equipment and appliances in the fields subject to the ISCIR regulations.
- drawing up of technical regulations to apply the regulations from its field of activity (2001 Law on assessment of product conformity).
- expert examinations and assessment of the causes and the effects of accidents.
- assessment of the non-conformity with the legal requirements and it inflicts fines, where appropriate.
- ISCIR has the right to request information and documents related to the design, building, instalment, repair, maintenance, commission and place on the market the equipment, appliances, security components, materials and means of control stated in the fields covered by the ISCIR regulations.
- ISCIR has the right to access the sites intended for the design, production, testing etc..

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