



Annual Report

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1 Meetings of Committees

1.1 General Meetings

The ordinary meeting was held in Zurich on 4th May 2023 and an extraordinary meeting via web meeting at the 31st May 2023 and in Bergamo on 31st October 2023.

Scale of Contributions

During the General Assembly it was decided to adjust the annually fees by 5 % as of the 1st of January 2024 according to the European consumer price index.

1.2 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

Two ordinary meetings were held during 2023:

- One ordinary meeting in Zurich on 4th May 2023
- One ordinary meeting in Bergamo on 31st October 2023

Amongst others, the following topics were discussed in 2023:

Accreditation

The accreditation of ARCO was reinstated as there was a change to the layout of the license holders' certificates. The EC has decided that before further steps can be taken, a meeting with the accredited general licensees should take place.

Digitalized inspection report

The EC decided to initiate the project for a new data base and digitalized inspection report with developers of Verbist & Verbist. The project is expected to be realised in the first half of 2024. The database behind the digitalized inspection report serves as a central point of contact for general licensees, technical institutes and the QUALANOD secretariat, as evaluating the data from inspection reports and includes the annual invoicing process.

Trademark

The registration of the Name "QUALANOD" has been initiated in the UK. Upon the UK registration, the trademark will be protected in Europe. The official Email address of the secretariat has been changed to info@qualanod.net

Declaration of Assessment" of the capability of processes for industrial, decorative, or hard anodizing

The applicant shall receive a document called "declaration of assessment" and will receive a separate section on the QUALANOD Website for the listings of the declarations. The "declaration of assessment" document contains the results of the conducted testing.

Social Media presence

The secretariat created an account on Linked In and VOA has agreed to manage the social media account of QUALANOD for the time being.

Early Invoicing

The EC decided that the annual fees shall be issued and invoiced in January of the respective year. The Scale of Contribution for 2024 was amended accordingly.



Examination of compliance with current sanctions regulations

After contacting the lawyer, the EC was obliged to take immediate action and therefore the decision was, that any further cooperation with RAEA should be decided by the General Assembly.

Reviewing the Articles of Association

It was decided to review the articles of association in order bring them up to date. A proposal for approval shall be submitted in spring 2024.

Contract between ARCO & QUALANOD

In October 2023, ARCO association management AG terminated the contract with QUALANOD per 31st December 2024. Negotiations with ARCO association management AG shall be initiated. **QUALANOD Website**

The secretariat informed during the spring meetings that the current PHP version is outdated and for security reason should be upgraded. The EC to decide that if a new website will be created, the requirements for the website should be defined first. A working group was formed to make further clarifications.

Management of official documents

The EC decides that the documents shall be revised on yearly basis, if possible, on the 1st of January the applicable year and to issue update sheet in urgent cases. The urgency shall be determined by the respective committee.

Complaint from an end customer

Peter Watts informs that a complaint was submitted this year to the secretariat concerning an "incorrect" end product. Together with the responsible national association, the concerned licensee was contacted, and the case investigated together.

It was concluded that the license holder had proceeded correctly in the case of defect and the complaint was rejected with an official statement from QUALANOD.

Officers Meeting

A monthly meeting between the President, Vice-President and the secretariat has been implemented in order to monitor the occurred cost and to maintain a regular exchange.

1.3 Technical Committee (TC) Meetings

Two ordinary meetings were held during 2023:

- One ordinary meeting in Zurich on 3rd May 2023
- One ordinary meeting in Bergamo on 30th October 2023

Amongst others, the following topics were discussed in 2023:

Official documents

TC decides that the requirements for instrument functionality in the inspection report should also be included in the specifications. The proposal from QUALISUR-FAL regarding the definition of non-functional is approved by the TC.

The TC decides to adapt the Specifications per 1st of January 2024.



Criteria for a negative inspection

It was determined during the QUALISURFAL meeting that the criteria for negative inspections need to be formulated more precisely. Robin Furneaux presents a draft to the TC which is not yet final. The members of the TC are welcome to submit their comments via the secretariat until the next meeting.

Revision General Regulations Chapter V

The draft of the General Regulations Chapter V is presented to the TC, together with the proposal for the appeal process. There were many adjustments to section 5, moving responsibilities from applicant to general licensee. The draft was sent out again for review and shall be approved in spring 2024.

Database with guidance images

The TC recommends that the EC approves the proposal for the realisation of the database with guidance images, including the one-off meeting of the working group in Portugal at LNEC. The database guidance images is intended to assist in the evaluation of samples for approval of new processes. The purpose of the meeting with the assessors serves to determine the samples whose images are to be made available in the database as an assistance for the evaluation. Inter-laboratory testing program.

In 2023 an inter-laboratory testing program, has started together with various QUALANOD certified Technical Institute. Participation is mandatory for the Institutes and the results will be presented at QUALANOD meetings in spring 2024.

Admittance test

The TC proposes to the EC to approve the proposal regarding empirical research on measuring capacitance with the multimeter as a replacement for the admittance test by LNEC, fem and VOA.

1.3.1 Label Committee (LC) Meetings

No meetings were held in 2023. One appeal regarding the result of inspection was submitted. Where the label committee discussed the appeal in writing via email the appeal was rejected but it was decided that the secretariat shall follow up with the concerned technical institute.

1.3.2 Working groups

Since the current version of the QUALANOD website is not up to date anymore a new working group has been formed in order to define the requirement for a new website.

For the digitalized data base project and the respective data base, a working group was formed to review the database in the test phase and assist with the implementation.

At the suggestion of Peter Watts and Philip Hilven, to implement a dynamic, adaptive body that meets more frequently throughout the year, a new working group has been formed to submitting their proposal to the Executive Committee in 2024.

1.4 Management Committee

No such meeting was held in 2023.



2 Summary of other decisions and activities

2.1 Elections

Due to the end of Philip Hilven's term as QUALANOD President, Peter Watts (delegate of the British GL QUALANOD UK) was elected as the new QUALANOD President for the period 2024 - 2025.

Peter Watts was already active as Vice-President in the past year Period, as his successor Ernst Weigl (delegate of the Austrian GL OEVA) was elected.

Additionally, all representatives to the Executive, Technical and Label Committees were elected for the period 2024-2025 in October 2023.

General Licence	Country	TECHNICAL COMMITTEE	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	LABEL COMMITTEE
OEVA	Austria	WEIGL Ernst	WEIGL Ernst	
QUALUBEL	Belgium	HILVEN Philip	HILVEN Philip	
QUALISINO	China	LI Jerry	LI Jerry	LI Jerry
ADAL	France	GRAMMATICOPOULOS Mélanie	GRAMMATICOPOULOS Mélanie	GRAMMATICOPOULOS Mélanie
VOA	Germany	KRÄMER Matthias	KRÄMER Matthias	
AAG	Greece	TSOULFAIDIS Giannis	GANAKOU Ellie	GANAKOU Ellie
AFMSZ	Hungary	FEHÉR Imre	FEHÉR Imre	
QUALITAL	Italy	MARCOLUNGO Irene	MARCOLUNGO Irene	Ragazzini Rolando
AMELAQ	Mexico	RIOS Montserrat	RIOS Montserrat	
QUALION	Netherlands	BAARTMANS Remco	BOT Ralph	
QUALIPOL	Poland	PTAK Arkadiusz	PTAK Arkadiusz	JELONEK Andrzej
APAL	Portugal	SEQUEIRA Antonio	SEQUEIRA Antonio	
AEA	Spain	SERRET Joan	DE OLABARRIA Gonzalo	
VSA	Switzerland	none	none	
AYID	Turkey	YILMAZ Metin	YILMAZ Metin	YILMAZ Metin
QUALANOD UK	UK	FURNEAUX Robin	WATTS Peter	FURNEAUX Robin
QUALI MIDDLE EAST ASSOCIATION	Middle East	MOBIN Abdul	KHAN Azeem	
EA	EA	MADER Werner	PRENGER Ronald	
ESTAL	ESTAL	WEIGL Ernst	WEIGL Ernst	
direct licensees	direct licensees			
RAEA	Russian Federation	VASILEVSKIY Dmitry	YATSENKO Marina	



2.2 Number of licensees

The number of licensees slightly increased during the year.

	Dec 2022	Dec 2023	Increase
Licensees	229	225	0

One licence in a new country (Canada,) was added. By the end of 2023, QUALANOD had licensees in the following 43 countries:

Country	Licensees 2023	Country	Licensees 2023
Albania	1	Oman	1
Algeria	2	Pakistan	1
Austria	4	Poland	9
Bahrain	1	Portugal	8
Belarus	2	Qatar	2
Belgium	5	Russian Federation	5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	Saudi Arabia	4
Brazil	1	Morocco	4
Bulgaria	3	Serbia	1
Canada	1	Slovakia	2
China	6	Slovenia	1
Croatia	1	South Africa	1
Cyprus	2	Spain	21
Denmark	1	Sri Lanka	1
France	7	Switzerland	2
Germany	26	Tunisia	1
Greece	4	Turkey	41
Hungary	1	United Arab Emirates	5
Italy	30	United Kingdom	3
Kuwait	1	Uzbekistan	1
Mexico	4	Vietnam	1
Netherlands	5		

2.3 Additional statistical overview

	2022 / 2023
General Licence holders with accreditation	3 / 3
General Licence holders without accreditation	15 / 15
Licensees in countries with General Licence holders	213 / 206
Licensees in countries without General Licence holders	16 / 19
Approved testing institutes in countries with a General Licence holder	15 / 15

2.4 Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL

The Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL held its annual meeting in Ibiza on 19th September 2023 with the participation of the majority of QUALANOD of the inspectors



and laboratories. The inspectors were fully informed about the various decisions taken by the QUALANOD committees and informed about the upcoming topics that are discussed in the committees. Additional questions raised by the inspectors were either clarified or taken to the Technical Committee meeting.

The working group “inspection report” formed through QUALISURFAL in 2022 held its first meetings in 2023 with the intention to revise the inspection report before the launch of the new data base.

2.5 Visits with inspectors and general licensees

Nadine Stampfli carried out inspections with inspectors in Belgium and one remote inspection in Russia. Sergio Marchionni visited the premises of QUALITAL in Novara IT in November 2023.

2.6 Joint Technical Committee (ESTAL, QUALANOD, QUALICOAT)

No update

2.7 Liaison membership to ISO TC 72 / SC2

ISO TC 72 / SC2 decided on its meeting of the 26th October 2023, ISO/TC 79/SC 2 to continue its liaison with QUALANOD.

2.8 Financial Review

The financial accounts resulted in a surplus for 2023.