



**Minutes of the QUALANOD Executive Committee meeting
held on 28 June 2006 (12h00 – 13h00)
in Zurich (Hotel Sofitel)**

EC members:

ESTAL

J. Bettencourt
M. Koot
P. LLoret

EAA

E. Arnoux
T. Bardh
R. Boi (for C. Baroni)

Guests:

Th. Becker (ESTAL)
F. Dijkstra (TC)
R. Furneaux (TC)
J. Luthiger (EAA)
W. Mader (TC)
S. Meirsschaut (TC)
T. Poulet (TC)
T. Ulucak (TC)
R. Wunderlin (TC)

Secretariat:

J. Schoppig
P. Bellot (minutes)

Apologies:

C. Baroni (replaced by R. Boi)

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The new Chairman and President of QUALANOD, Mr. Bettencourt, welcomed the Executive Committee members and guests and opened the meeting.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2005

Mr. Boi thought that the names of QUALANOD and QUALICOAT should have been mentioned in the first paragraph of item 4 "Relationship with ESTAL". He also wanted the first sentence of the second paragraph to be completed as follows:

Mr. Bettencourt, Mr. Boi, Mr. LLoret and Mr. Schoppig, who had attended a meeting between **QUALANOD**, QUALICOAT AND ESTAL officers the day before the QUALANOD meeting, informed ..."

With these remarks, the minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved. The amended minutes would be sent to the committee members and national associations.

2. Technical Committee meeting

2.1 Summary of the session

Mr. Schoppig summarized the discussion and committee's decisions. For more details, please refer to the minutes of the Technical Committee meeting.

2.2 Executive Committee's resolutions

Following the Technical Committee's recommendations, the Executive Committee reached the following decisions:

➤ **Time limit between a negative visit and its repetition and deadline for submitting the reports to the Secretariat**

The national associations will be reminded of the following rules:

- If an inspection is unsatisfactory, a repeat inspection must be carried out within one month.
- Negative inspection reports must be sent to QUALANOD's Secretariat within one month after the inspection.

For practical reasons, whenever a visit is negative, the Secretariat should receive a copy of the notification sent to the company by the general licensee.

➤ **Update Sheet No. 5 "Negative results of abrasion test"**

The update sheet will be corrected following the TC's instructions. This final version will be sent to the national associations and be published on the QUALANOD website.

➤ **Cold impregnation – ADAL'S remarks**

The "Specifications" working group will amend section 3.2.10 of the Specifications to clearly state that the sealing process described in section 3.2.11 does not require an approval.

➤ **Preanodizing – STANOD's request**

QUALANOD will wait for QUALICOAT's decision concerning a possible investigation into preanodizing.

➤ **Coil**

The Portuguese laboratory will carry out the referee test on samples. If the results are satisfactory, the process will be approved immediately and the first visit for granting a licence will be carried out.

3. PR activities

3.1 ISF 2006 Conference and Exhibition in Mumbai (India)

Mr. Schoppig reported that he had given a presentation on QUALANOD at the ISF 2006 Conference and Exhibition at the Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai.

As always, when a congress was linked with an exhibition, attendance had been relatively low. However, after his presentation, he had been contacted by representatives of some local companies and had even visited an anodizing plant. Other contacts had been established with a company that built new lines.

3.2 METEF in Brescia (Italy)

Regarding attendance, Mr. Boi had the same comments to make about the presentations given by members of QUALANOD, QUALICOAT and ESTAL at the METEF trade

exhibition in Brescia on 18-19 May 2006. Nonetheless, he was convinced that participation in such events was good promotion for all associations.

4. Audit of inspectors

Mr. Schoppig explained to the new delegates the background of the audits started 12 years earlier when QUALANOD had felt the necessity of introducing a system to monitor the inspectors' work.

Initially three options had been considered:

1. Peer inspections, i.e. visits with an inspector from another country
2. Independent technical observer
3. Inside observer

The third solution had proved to be the most practical and, as general secretary, Mr. Schoppig had been assigned the task of observing the inspectors' work during their visits to plants. As the first round of visits had revealed some large discrepancies in the inspectors' equipment, it had been realised that many requirements were not sufficiently clearly described and some improvements had been made.

Since this first round, Mr. Schoppig had always reported on his visits and informed the committees about his observations on technical and non-technical matters.

For the meeting, he had prepared a table summarising all the audits he had carried out in the different countries. His latest visit had been in Poland where a second testing laboratory had started working for QUALANOD.

5. Composition of the Executive Committee in 2006/2007

At the General Meeting, which had been attended by all the delegates present, EAA and ESTAL had confirmed the following nominations:

EAA

Messrs.	Eric ARNOUX	GLFA	France
	Torbjörn BARDH	SAPA	Sweden
	Corrado BARONI	METRA	Italy

ESTAL

Messrs.	José BETTENCOURT	APAL	Portugal
	Michiel KOOT	STANOD	Netherlands
	Pedro LLORET	ASESAN	Spain

6. Current number of licensees

The current list of licensees would be attached to these minutes.

7. Any other business

7.1 ADAL's leaflet

Mr. Arnoux explained that, as a reaction to the decline in anodizing in France, ADAL had decided to promote this surface treatment by publishing a leaflet entitled "Le luxe de l'aluminium anodisé coloré". This leaflet was available in French under "Actualités" on ADAL's website (www.adal.asso.fr).

7.2 Farewell to Mr. Arnoux

Mr. Arnoux announced that this was his last QUALANOD meeting as he was retiring at the end of September. His successor in GLFA would be Mr. Philippe Leclainche, a communications man coming from Alcan who knew the aluminium industry very well. He would also replace him as ADAL's general secretary.

On behalf of QUALANOD, Mr. Schoppig thanked Mr. Arnoux for his very active and productive work on the committees and wished him all the best for the future.

8. Next meeting

Technical and Executive Committees:

**Thursday, 23 November 2006
in Zurich (Hotel SOFITEL)**