

Annual Report 2012

1. Meetings of Committees and Working Groups

1.1 General Meetings

The ordinary meeting was held in Berlin in June 2012. For the first time a delegate of the licence holders in countries without a General Licensee attended the meeting.

1.2 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

Two meetings had been held during 2012:

- One ordinary meeting in Berlin in June
- One ordinary meeting in London in November

1.3 Technical Committee (TC) Meetings

The TC had held their two ordinary meetings (June and November).

The TC had reinstated working groups 3 and 4 whereas working groups 7 and 9 became inactive.

Activities of active and reinstated WG have made the following progress:

➤ **WG 4**
Substitutes for the CPA test

Results: TC had instructed the inspectors to start carrying out a PA test in addition to the CPA as from the first routine inspection 2013. The results of the PA test would be for information only.

➤ **WG 6**
To revise the inspection form.

Results: TC approved the draft of a new inspection report with the modifications made during the last TC meeting. A revised version would be submitted to the next TC meeting and later on to the next QUALISURFAL meeting. It was also agreed to add a summarising sheet after each inspection.

➤ **WG 7 (inactive at the end of 2012):**

Results: The R&D programme with SAPA was concluded and the result distributed to all the chemical manufacturers who had participated.

➤ **WG 8**

To define the product performance requirements of anodizing quality extrusions and sheets

Results: The draft of Mr. Furneaux was agreed with some modifications and an update sheet including the changes of section 3.1.1 and Appendix IX was prepared..

➤ **WG 9 (inactive at the end of 2013)**

To collect information on outdoor weathering experience

Results: TC agreed to continue the activities of this WG once the new website was available.

➤ **WG 10**

Evaluation of outside exposure of MTS systems

Results: No progress had been made in 2012. The name of the WG had been modified.

➤ **WG 11**

To develop proposals for a publication on anodizing defects

Results: No concrete proposals had been submitted in 2012.

Updating of the 2010 edition of the QUALANOD Specifications

Several new update sheets were issued in 2012:

7.	REVISION OF APPENDIX VI	1 January 2012
8.	ABRASION TEST	1 January 2012
9.	COLD SEALING PROCESS	1 January 2012
10.	THICKNESS CLASSES	1 January 2012
11.	OBLIGATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	1 September 2012
12.	NEW APPENDIX IX	1 September 2012
13.,	REVISION OF SECTION 3.1.1	1 September 2012
14.	REVISION OF SECTION 5.2	1 September 2012

1.4 Label Committee (LC) Meetings

No meetings were held in 2012 and no particularities regarding results of inspection were dealt with.

2. Management Aspects

2.1 Marketing Working Group

This Committee hold a meeting with an agency to prepare a concept for marketing and PR activities. It was agreed to follow the matter of implementing a new website and to continue making presentation and lectures at appropriate events. The implementation should start in 2013.

Management Committee

The Management Committee (MC) had held two meetings prior to the plenary meetings.

Summary of other decisions and activities

2.2 Number of licensees

The number of licensees decreased during the year.

Licensees	November 2011	November 2012	Increase
	185	181	-4

The first decrease in licensees was due to the difficult economic situation in several south European countries.

At the end of 2012 QUALANOD thereby had licensees in following 31 countries:

Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Netherlands, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom.

Additional statistical overview

	2012
General Licence holders with accreditation	3
General Licence holders without accreditation	12
Licensees in countries with accredited general licence holders	37
Licensees in countries without accredited general licence holders	131
Licensees in countries without general licence holders	13
Approved testing institutes in countries with a general licence holder	15

2.3 Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group"

The Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group" held its annual meeting in Istanbul in September 2011 with the participation of most of the inspectors. The inspectors were fully informed about the various decisions taken by the QUALANOD committees.

The Portuguese testing institute LNEC informed about the details of the new round robin test for 2012/2013.

2.4 Visits with inspectors and general licensees

Josef Schoppig accompanied the Greek and Polish inspectors on visits.

2.5 Cooperation with IHAA

There were no further contacts in 2012.

2.6 Joint Technical Committee (ESTAL, QUALANOD, QUALICOAT)

QUALANOD delegates attended the meetings and Robin Furneaux informed about the activities during the QUALANOD plenary meetings.

2.7 Liaison membership to ISO TC 72 / SC2

A liaison membership has been granted during 2012. If necessary Qualanod will attend the meetings to be kept informed about the development.