

Annual Report 2013

1. Meetings of Committees and Working Groups

1.1 General Meetings

The ordinary meeting was held in Zurich on 14 May 2013 and an extraordinary meeting in Cracow on 24 September 2013. At the latter Dr. Thomas Becker was elected President of Qualanod for the period 2014/2015. Furthermore the member of the Executive and Technical Committee were elected for the same term.

1.2 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

Two meetings had been held during 2013:

- One ordinary meeting in Zurich in May
- One ordinary meeting in Cracow in September

1.3 Technical Committee (TC) Meetings

The TC had held their two ordinary meetings (May and September).

The TC had established a new working group no. 12 to investigate the Specifications to insure that the Specifications are unambiguous to the question of high mass losses.

WG 6 and 8 became inactive after the TC meeting held on 24 September 2013 as their mission had been completed.

Activities of active WG have made the following progress:

➤ **WG 3**

To develop a referee test based on the manual abrasion test

Results: A first draft of a standard test for the evaluation of abrasive paper had been developed to decide whether a specific abrasive paper was suitable to carry out the abrasion test. The matter had also been tackled in ISO SC2 but most probably a publication could not be expected before 2016.

➤ **WG 4**

Substitutes for the CPA test

Results: TC took note of the results of the additional PA test carried out during the first recurrence visits 2013 in several countries. The Portuguese testing laboratory LNEC had compiled the data.

➤ **WG 6**

Revision of the inspection form

Results: The revised inspection form was distributed to the inspectors who will use it as from 2014.

➤ **WG 10**

Evaluation of outside exposure of MTS systems

Results: No progress had been made in 2013.

➤ **WG 11**

To develop proposals for a publication on anodizing defects

Results: EC allocated funds in 2014 (up to € 7500) for the completion of the dataset regarding anodising defects.

Updating of the 2010 edition of the QUALANOD Specifications

Several new update sheets were issued in 2013:

15.	REVISION OF SECTION 3.1.1 AND APPENDIX IX	1 July 2013
16.	REVISION OF SECTION 3.3.6	1 July 2013
17.	CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE SPECIFICATIONS	1 January 2014
18.	IDENTIFICATION OF NEW PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES	1 January 2014

1.4 Label Committee (LC) Meetings

No meetings were held in 2013 and no particularities regarding results of inspection were dealt with.

2. Management Aspects

2.1 Marketing Working Group

This Committee hold a meeting in Brussels in April to define the content and the sitemap of the new website. A further meeting was held in Berlin in August with the agency to which the order was granted. The EC agreed the layout of the new website. A training course for the Qualanod staff will be organised in the beginning of 2014.

Management Committee

No formal meetings between the plenary meetings were hold. A short meeting was hold the evening before the plenary meetings.

Summary of other decisions and activities

2.2 Number of licensees

The number of licensees increased during the year.

Licensees	September 2013	November 2012	Increase
	185	181	4

The slight increase was both in European and outside European countries.

For the first time a licence had to be cancelled in Syria due to political unrest and hence no possibility of carrying out inspections.

At the end of 2013 QUALANOD thereby had licensees in following 30 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, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom.

2.3 Structure and content of new Specifications

TSC had developed a draft of new Specifications.

EC had endorsed the draft of the new Specifications prepared by Robin Furneaux. It had also been agreed to identify experts for each application who could join a TC WG.

2.4 Additional statistical overview

	2012/2013
General Licence holders with accreditation	3 / 3
General Licence holders without accreditation	12 / 12
Licensees in countries with accredited general licence holders	37 / 40
Licensees in countries without accredited general licence holders	131 / 133
Licensees in countries without general licence holders	13 / 12
Approved testing institutes in countries with a general licence holder	15 / 14

2.5 Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group"

The Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group" held its annual meeting in Dubai in September 2013 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 presented the results of the additional PA test and about the round robin test for 2012/2013.

2.6 Visits with inspectors and general licensees

No visits had been carried out in 2013.

2.7 Joint Technical Committee (ESTAL, QUALANOD, QUALICOAT)

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

2.8 Liaison membership to ISO TC 72 / SC2

Josef Schoppig attended as a guest a meeting in Paris in September 2013.