

Annual Report 2014

1. Meetings of Committees and Working Groups

1.1 General Meetings

The ordinary meeting was held in Zurich on 13 May 2014 and an extraordinary meeting in Zurich on 3 November 2014. At the latter a general licence was granted to the Russian association RAEA. Some new delegates were elected members of the Committees to replace others who had resigned.

1.2 Celebration of the 40th anniversary

The 40th anniversary of Qualanod was celebrated with a festive dinner after the meetings in Zurich on 3 December 2014. Only few of the former Presidents and other longstanding member of the Committees could attend this special event.

1.3 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

Two meetings had been held during 2014:

- One ordinary meeting in Zurich in May
- One ordinary meeting in Zurich in December

1.4 Technical Committee (TC) Meetings

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

The TC had established a new working group no. 13 to determine the R & D projects.

Activities of active WG have made the following progress:

➤ **WG 3**

To develop a referee test based on the manual abrasion test

Results: Further work has been undertaken to set the anodizing conditions for the standard specimens that would be used to validate abrasive papers.

➤ **WG 4**

Substitutes for the CPA test

Results: An update sheet had been prepared in order to anticipate the prohibition of CrVI before the ISO standard would be published. This update sheet had become valid as from 1 January 2015.

➤ **WG 10**

Evaluation of outside exposure of MTS systems

Results: No progress had been made in 2014.

➤ **WG 11**

To develop proposals for a publication on anodizing defects

Results: The allocated funds had not yet been used as first the new website had to be accomplished and then be linked to the database of failures.

➤ **WG 12**

To investigate the Specifications to insure that the Specifications are unambiguous to the question of high mass losses

Results: The WG analysed the reason for negative inspection results due to high mass loss.

➤ **WG 13**

To determine the R & D projects

Results: The WG had submitted to TC some proposals which include evaluation of weathering tests, the mass loss and the surface abrasion tests. These would be treated with high priority.

Updating of the 2010 edition of the QUALANOD Specifications

Several new update sheets were issued in 2014:

19. Suspension of an Inspection	1 July 2014
20. Modification of Section 2.3.3	1 January 2015
21. Cancellation of Section 5.2.1.1 and part of 5.2.3	1 January 2015
22. Inspection with prior notice	1 January 2015

1.5 Label Committee (LC) Meetings

No meetings were held in 2014 and no particularities regarding results of inspection were dealt with.

2. Management Aspects

2.1 Marketing Working Group

This Committee held no meetings in 2014.

The Qualanod staff attended an instruction meeting in February 2014 to become acquainted with the CMS of the new website. The new website became effective in June 2014.

Management Committee

This Committee consisting of the President and Vice President, the Convenor of the Technical Committee and the General Secretary held a meeting in London in January 2014. A short meeting was held in the evening before the December meetings.

3. Summary of other decisions and activities

3.1 Number of licensees

The number of licensees decreased during the year.

Licensees	October 2014	September 2013	Decrease
	184	185	-1

At the end of 2014 QUALANOD thereby had licensees in following 32 countries:

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

3.2 Structure and content of new Specifications

TSC Surface Critical Products has produced a second draft of the new Specifications covering three types of sulfuric acid anodizing: architectural anodizing, industrial anodizing, decorative anodizing and hard anodizing. EC agreed that the final draft would be produced in 2015.

3.3 Additional statistical overview

	2013 / 2014
General Licence holders with accreditation	3 / 3
General Licence holders without accreditation	13 / 14
Licensees in countries with accredited general licence holders	37 / 41
Licensees in countries without accredited general licence holders	135 / 133
Licensees in countries without general licence holders	7 / 8
Approved testing institutes in countries with a general licence holder	15 / 14

3.4 Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group"

The Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group" held its annual meeting in Geneva in September 2014 with the participation of most of the inspectors. The inspectors were fully informed about the various decisions taken by the QUALANOD committees.

3.5 Visits with inspectors and general licensees

No visits had been carried out in 2014.

3.6 Joint Technical Committee (ESTAL, QUALANOD, QUALICOAT)

Representatives of Qualanod attended JTC meetings where matters concerning relevant EU directives and regulations were reported and discussed.

3.7 Liaison membership to ISO TC 72 / SC2

The General Secretary attended as a guest a meeting in Tokyo in October 2014.