

Annual Report 2015

1. Meetings of Committees and Working Groups

1.1 General Meetings

The ordinary meeting was held in Zurich on 12 May 2015 and an extraordinary meeting in Zurich on 3 November 2015. At that meeting a provisional general licence was granted to the QUALIAL an organisation which was encompassing several former Yugoslavian countries. However, currently the general licence was only granted for Serbia.

At the extraordinary General Meeting all members of the Executive, Technical and Label Committee were elected for the period 2016/2017. As the Vice President renounced to become the new President, another delegate had to become President. Mr. Timur Ulucak volunteered to take over this function. Unfortunately, he suddenly passed away only a few weeks after the November meeting. Timur Ulucak was already President several years ago and he had been the delegate from Turkey for a very long period. Qualanod will keep him in memory. Mr. Thomas Becker agreed to take care of the running business until the General Meeting in May 2016.

1.2 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

Two meetings had been held during 2015:

- One ordinary meeting in Zurich in May
- One ordinary meeting in Zurich in November

1.3 Technical Committee (TC) Meetings

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

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: *QUALITAL had prepared a project for preparing standard panels for the testing laboratories.*

➤ **WG 4**

Substitutes for the CPA test

Results: *The inspectors and testing laboratories had started to carry out the mass loss test by using only phosphoric acid and not anymore chromic phosphoric acid. There was no increase of negative inspections due to the introduction of PA.*

➤ **WG 10**

Evaluation of outside exposure of MTS systems

Results: *The WG held a meeting in Novara and made a visual assessment of the results. Another meeting was held in Berlin during before the QUALISURFAL meetings. The Executive Committee decided that all existing MTS system had to be retested in 2016 for all laboratory test but not for the outside exposure. A nickel-free system MTS had also been evaluated but the results were considered negative. Another nickel-free and cold sealing system had not passed the laboratory tests.*

➤ **WG 11**

To develop proposals for a publication on anodizing defects

Results: *This project had been accomplished during 2015 and the link of the database of failures to the website had been realised.*

➤ **WG 12**

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

Results: *The WG continued to analyse the reasons for negative inspection results due to high mass loss.*

➤ **WG 13**

To determine the R & D projects

Results: *The realisation of some projects had been postponed in order to firstly conclude the new Specifications.*

Updating of the 2010 edition of the QUALANOD Specifications

Several new update sheets were issued in 2015:

20. Modification of Section 2.3.3 (<i>revised 3.11.15</i>)	1 January 2016
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
23. Modification of Section 5.1.1.6	1 January 2015

1.4 Label Committee (LC) Meetings

No meetings were held in 2015 and no particularities regarding results of inspection were dealt with.

2. Management Aspects

2.1 Marketing Working Group

This Committee held no meetings in 2015.

The database of failures could be completed and the link to the website be implemented.

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 February 2015. A short meeting was held in the evening before the May and November meetings.

3. Summary of other decisions and activities

3.1 Number of licensees

The number of licensees increased during the year.

Licensees	December 2015	October 2014	Increase
	185	184	+1

At the end of 2015 QUALANOD thereby had licensees in following 34 countries:

Albania, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brasil, China, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, 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 had produced a final draft of the new Specifications covering four types of sulfuric acid anodizing: architectural anodizing, industrial anodizing, decorative anodizing and hard anodizing. Furthermore, several new general regulations, which referred to administrative rules, had been developed and approved.

As a consequence also a new inspection report had been produced which would reflect the new structure of Qualanod. The new concept should be introduced in 2016.

3.3 Additional statistical overview

	2014 / 2015
General Licence holders with accreditation	3 / 3
General Licence holders without accreditation	14 / 14
Licensees in countries with accredited general licence holders	41 / 41
Licensees in countries without accredited general licence holders	133 / 134
Licensees in countries without general licence holders	8 / 10
Approved testing institutes in countries with a general licence holder	14 / 15

3.4 Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group"

The Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group" held its annual meeting in Berlin in October 2015 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

Mr. Schoppig carried out inspections with new inspectors in Hungary and Portugal.

3.6 Joint Technical Committee (ESTAL, QUALANOD, QUALICOAT)

No Qualanod delegates attended these meetings.

3.7 Liaison membership to ISO TC 72 / SC2

No official Qualanod delegate had attended that meeting.