

# Annual Report 2016

## 1. Meetings of Committees and Working Groups

### 1.1 General Meetings

The ordinary meeting was held in London on 19 May 2016. At that meeting Mr. José Arenas was elected President 2016 and 2017 instead of Mr. Timur Ulucak who had passed away in November 2015.

### 1.2 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

Two meetings had been held during 2015:

- One ordinary meeting in London in May.
- One ordinary meeting in Dusseldorf in November,

### 1.3 Technical Committee (TC) Meetings

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

Activities of active WG have made the following progress:

#### ➤ **WG 3**

##### **To develop a referee test based on the manual abrasion test**

QUALITAL had prepared the standard panels for the testing laboratories. Not all of the laboratories had ordered the panels by the end of 2016.

#### ➤ **WG 10**

##### **MTS systems**

In 2016, a provisional approval was granted to a Ni-free MTS system whereas the test results of Ni-free cold sealing system from another supplier were not satisfactory. All current valid MTS systems underwent renewed laboratory tests.

➤ **WG 12**

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

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

➤ **Other technical information**

- It was agreed on the importance of the interlaboratory testing programme organised by QUALISURFAL
- It was investigated whether to maintain the repetition of mass loss test in case of negative results
- Following the decision to carry out full inspections without distinction between plant and products, it was considered whether inspections should include key minimum requirements for process.

**Updating of the 2010 edition of the QUALANOD Specifications**

In view of the publication of new Specifications 2017 no update sheets were issued in 2016:

**Label Committee (LC) Meetings**

No meetings were held in 2016 and no particularities regarding results of inspection were dealt with.

## **2. Management Aspects**

### **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 2016. 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	December 2016	Increase
	185	190	+5

At the end of 2016 QUALANOD thereby had licensees in following 35 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, United Kingdom and Vietnam.

#### 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 will be introduced in 2017.

#### 3.3 Additional statistical overview

	2015 / 2016
<b>General Licence holders with accreditation</b>	3 / 3
<b>General Licence holders without accreditation</b>	14 / 14
<b>Licensees in countries with accredited general licence holders</b>	41 / 41
<b>Licensees in countries without accredited general licence holders</b>	133 / 134
<b>Licensees in countries without general licence holders</b>	8 / 10
<b>Approved testing institutes in countries with a general licence holder</b>	14 / 15

### **3.4 Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group"**

The Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group" held its annual meeting in Warsaw in October 2016 with the participation of most of the inspectors. The inspectors were fully informed about the various decisions taken by the QUALANOD committees and were introduced in the new inspection report.

### **3.5 Visits with inspectors and general licensees**

Mr. Schoppig carried out inspections with new inspectors in Belgium, Germany and Turkey.

### **3.6 Joint Technical Committee (ESTAL, QUALANOD, QUALICOAT)**

The TC Convenor attended one meeting in Dusseldorf.

### **3.7 Liaison membership to ISO TC 72 / SC2**

The TC Convenor attended a meeting in Paris.