



# Annual Report 2017

## 1. Meetings of Committees and Working Groups

### 1.1 General Meetings

The ordinary meeting was held in Brussels on 16 May 2017 and an extraordinary meeting in Zurich on 28 November 2017. Mr. Remco Baartmans was unanimously elected President and Mr. Metin Yilmaz was unanimously elected Vice-President of Qualanod.

### 1.2 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

Two meetings had been held during 2017:

- One ordinary meeting in Brussels 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).

Activities of active WG have made the following progress:

#### ➤ **WG 3**

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

It was ascertained that the manual surface abrasion resistance test is the best available method as a production control test. Neither it nor any other option investigated is suitable to replace the abrasive wheel test as the referee method.

Some anodisers that were also controlled by third parties showed an interest to provide themselves with reference samples prepared by QUALITAL to check the quality of the abrasive papers used in their plants. The GLs would check the matter in their countries and directly liaise with QUALITAL and order the reference samples.

#### ➤ **WG 10**

##### **MTS systems**

All current valid MTS systems were successfully renewed in 2017.



➤ **WG 12**

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

It was decided that MLT could be conducted by the inspectors either in the testing institutes or in the anodising plants.

One MLT shall be conducted per anodising line and or per sealing process. If any of the MLT was negative then the inspection was considered negative.

A document "Nonconformities and issues" was introduced with which the reasons for a negative inspection were clearly defined.

➤ **Other technical information**

**The Specifications were partly revised.:**

- Integration of the new labels
- Abolition of the MLT repetition
- The obligation to test all anodising lines
- Separate room for the plant laboratory
- No obligation for the anodiser to have the standards but operating procedures

**Updating of the 2017 edition of the QUALANOD Specifications**

The amendments were so far directly included in the Specifications and no update sheet was prepared.

**Label Committee (LC) Meetings**

No meetings were held in 2017 and no particularities regarding results of inspection were dealt with.

## **2. Management Aspects**

### **Management Committee**

No meeting was held in 2017.



### 3. Summary of other decisions and activities

#### 3.1 Number of licensees

The number of licensees increased during the year.

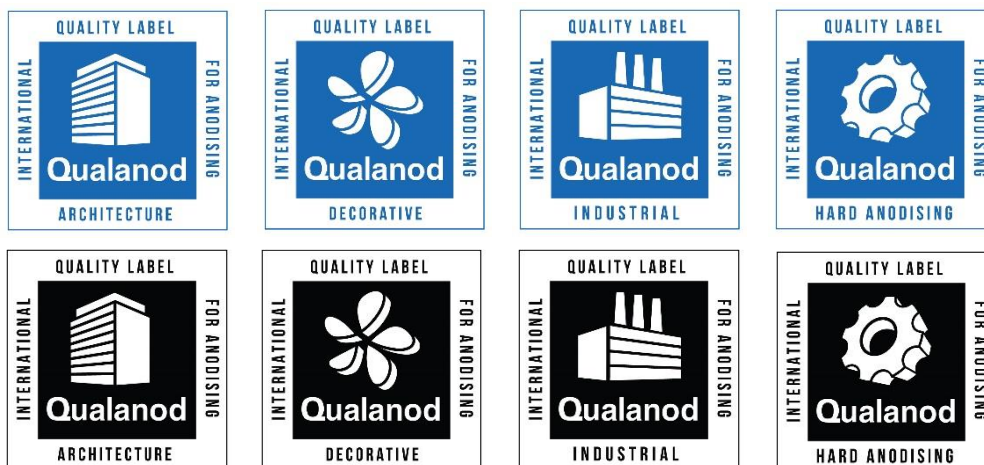
Licensees	December 2016	December 2017	Increase
	190	193	+3

At the end of 2017 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, United Kingdom and Vietnam.

#### 3.2 New logos

In the year under review new logos had been developed. One generic logo will be used by the secretariat and the General Licensees. Specific logos will be used by the licensees depending on the products for which their licence was valid.





### 3.3 Additional statistical overview

	2016 / 2017
<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>	44 / 44
<b>Licensees in countries without accredited general licence holders</b>	135 / 138
<b>Licensees in countries without general licence holders</b>	11 / 11
<b>Approved testing institutes in countries with a general licence holder</b>	15 / 14

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

The Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group" held its annual meeting in Marseille in October 2017 with the participation of most of the inspectors. The inspectors were fully informed about the various decisions taken by the QUALANOD committees and experience with the new and the modified inspection report was shared.

### 3.5 Visits with inspectors and general licensees

Mr. Schoppig carried out inspections with new inspectors in France, Germany and United Kingdom.

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

Dr Furneaux attended one meeting in Toledo. This meeting was held during the ESTAL Congress at which Dr Furneaux delivered a comprehensive presentation about the new Qualanod Specifications.

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

The TC Convenor attended the annual meeting.