



Annual Report

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1 Meetings of Committees

1.1 General Meetings

The ordinary meeting was held in Basel on 21 May 2019 and an extraordinary meeting in Istanbul on 17 September 2019.

1.2 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

Two meetings were held during 2019:

- One ordinary meeting in Basel on 21 May 2019.
- One ordinary meeting in Istanbul on 17 September 2019.

Amongst others, the following topics were discussed in 2019:

Continuation of ARCO ISO 17065 accreditation

ARCO clarified with the accreditation body SAS if it is possible to extend the accreditation to QUALISTEELCOAT. Unfortunately, this was refused by SAS with the reason of not having enough resources available within SAS. SAS is forced to focus on the activities of maintaining and renewing current accreditations.

Depending on the dates of supervisions and re-accreditations, the average of yearly accreditation costs (incl. ARCO expenses) is at around EUR 13'300.00.

The EC agreed to continue the accreditation.

Extension of General Licence holder agreements

The request to extend some General Licence holders to other countries than specified in their current agreements opened the discussion about the management of the licensees directly managed by QUALANOD. The secretariat will invest time (also from a legal point of view) and contact all individual licence holders and set up a proposal for the meeting in 2020.

1.3 Technical Committee (TC) Meetings

Two meetings were held during 2019:

- One ordinary meeting in Basel on 21 May 2019.
- One ordinary meeting in Istanbul on 17 September 2019.

Amongst others, the following topics were discussed in 2019:

Mass loss test solution

QUALANOD followed the criteria of ISO 3210:2017 and :2010 to apply during the mass loss test process. The QUALANOD specs contain a value of 4.5 g/l.

ISO 3210 2017 includes a limit on the use of the test solution of 4.5 g/l dissolved aluminium but excludes a limit of 10dm² sample area.



The TC members accepted that the value should be adapted. Therefore, in the official QUALANOD documents valid from 1st January 2020, the value of 4.5 g/l will be adjusted to 0.5 g/l. In order to check this, a new question will be added to the inspection report asking for feedback on the practicality of using that value.

Digitalised inspection report

The secretariat presented two alternatives how to digitalize the inspection report: the PDF-Upload and the Online Form. The decision of implementation of Digitalized inspection report will be postponed by one year. It will be discussed in the next meeting in 2020.

Publication of new documents

Due to several updates in the respective documents (Specifications, General Regulations, Inspection report, Report new product and processes) updated documents were distributed to all relevant parties.

1.3.1 Label Committee (LC) Meetings

No meetings were held in 2019 and no particularities regarding results of inspection were dealt with.

1.3.2 Working groups

The working group "Evaluation of new processes and products" has been reactivated. This working group met in Rome to evaluate various samples and will continue its work.

Additionally, a new working group "Colour measurement" was set up. The focus will be on product performance criteria and not on process details.

1.4 Management Committee

No such meeting was held in 2019.



2 Summary of other decisions and activities

2.1 Elections

Mr. Deyhle was re-elected as auditor for 2019.

2.2 Number of licensees

The number of licensees increased during the year.

Licensees	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	Increase
	195	210	+15

At the end of 2019 QUALANOD thereby had licensees in following 40 countries:

Albania, Algeria, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brasil, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kuwait, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and Vietnam.

In the following countries, the first licences have been granted during 2019:
Algeria, Bulgaria, Croatia, South Africa

Unfortunately, QUALANOD no longer has any licence holders in Lebanon.

2.3 Additional statistical overview

	2018 / 2019
General Licence holders with accreditation	3 / 3
General Licence holders without accreditation	14 / 15
Licensees in countries with accredited General Licence holders	43 / 46
Licensees in countries without accredited General Licence holders	139 / 148
Licensees in countries without General Licence holders	13 / 16
Approved testing institutes in countries with a General Licence holder	15 / 15



2.4 Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group"

The Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group" held its annual meeting in Rome on 25 September 2019 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.

2.5 Visits with inspectors and general licensees

Mr. Schoppig and Mr. Lanz carried out inspections with inspectors in Austria, Cyprus, Italy, France and Switzerland.

2.6 Joint Technical Committee (ESTAL, QUALANOD, QUALICOAT)

Dr Furneaux attended the meeting in Basel.

2.7 Liaison membership to ISO TC 72 / SC2

The TC Convenor attended the annual meeting in Germany.



3 Accounts

3.1 Operating Statement 2019

	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Actual 2019
	EUR	EUR	CHF
INCOME			
Licence fees	123'250.00	131'575.00	150'723.16
Approvals	8'250.00	9'000.00	10'316.54
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
	131'500.00	140'575.00	161'039.70
EXPENSES			
Administration fees	85'500.00	87'467.51	97'045.20
<i>Licence</i>	40'000.00	36'986.07	41'036.05
<i>Approval</i>	2'000.00	4'062.19	4'507.00
<i>Accounting</i>	4'000.00	4'183.19	4'641.25
<i>Marketing / Website / Database</i>	6'000.00	7'430.51	8'244.15
<i>Meetings</i>	20'000.00	20'460.57	22'701.00
<i>Inspector's audit & Qualisurfal</i>	8'000.00	7'097.70	7'874.90
<i>Accreditation</i>	3'000.00	3'662.46	4'063.50
<i>Extraordinary projects</i>	0.00	1'187.07	1'317.05
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	2'500.00	2'397.75	2'660.30
Outlays	28'000.00	39'597.72	44'010.95
<i>Travelling, meetings</i>	12'000.00	10'572.68	11'730.39
<i>Marketing /Internet</i>	1'000.00	881.18	977.67
<i>Consultancy fee Trade mark renewal, tax, etc</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Consultancy fee technical matters incl. Expenses</i>	---	---	---
<i>Accreditation</i>	3'000.00	5'853.76	6'494.75
<i>Database</i>	2'000.00	901.31	1'000.00
<i>Taxes</i>	2'000.00	968.09	1'074.10
Projects and Working Groups			
2019: assistance of Robin Furneaux	3'000.00	3'275.72	3'634.41
2020: Working Group Colour Project & Working Group Evaluation Outdoor exposure			
<i>Extraordinary projects</i>			
2018 Training Course	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Several Outlays (phone, copies etc.)</i>	3'000.00	2'624.00	2'911.33
<i>Debtor loss</i>	0.00	2'100.00	2'407.23
<i>Miscellaneous (bank charges, difference of exchange rates,incl. VAT)</i>	2'000.00	12'420.97	13'781.07
TOTAL EXPENSES	113'500.00	127'065.23	141'056.15
Surplus of income	18'000.00	13'509.77	19'983.55

The **net assets** of QUALANOD as per 31st December 2019 are **EUR 148'781.01** (CHF 165'072.53).