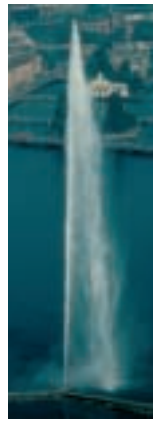


**Second  
ISO Conference  
for Technical  
Committee and  
Subcommittee  
Chairs**



**5-6 June 2003  
Geneva,  
Switzerland**

The technical committees (TCs) and their subset – subcommittees and working groups – are the backbone of the ISO System. On them depend, to a large extent, market relevance, quality of consensus and timely delivery of ISO standards and other normative documents. Major changes are occurring in their environment and methods of work, such as: the use of IT tools, the emergence of truly global markets and players, the eagerness of developing countries and emerging economies to participate, the growing importance of environmental and other societal issues, the optimization of the processes and of the contributions of experts.

The Chairs of the TCs and their secretariats are, with the Technical Management Board and the Central Secretariat, the drivers behind the production and maintenance of ISO deliverables. This Conference, which is becoming one of the regular features of our Organization, is designed to address some of the current key issues and enable an exchange of information and expertise on best and desired practices, as well as to pave the way for constant improvement. The high level of involvement of the members of the ISO Council demonstrates, if need be, the importance of the event.

*Alan Bryden*  
Secretary-General of ISO

**P r o g r a m m e**

**Venue:** World Meteorological Organization, 7 bis, Avenue de la Paix, Geneva

**5 June 2003**

08:30 - 09:30

Registration

09:30 - 10:30

**Opening ceremony**

- **Welcome and introduction**  
*Mr. Oliver R. Smoot*  
President of ISO

- **Keynote speech**
- **ISO Secretary-General's vision for the future**  
*Mr. Alan Bryden*

**Questions and answers**

10:30 - 11:00  
Coffee/tea

11:00 - 12:30

## Theme 1: Global relevance in ISO technical work

*The Technical Management Board (TMB) is currently finalizing a policy to be followed by committees to ensure the global relevance of ISO's technical work.*

*This session will introduce why this policy is needed, the principles agreed by the TMB and the experiences of some committees in addressing global relevance.*

### Moderator:

*Mr. Ross Wraight*  
ISO Vice-President (technical management) and TMB Chairman, and Chief Executive of SAI (Australia)

### Rapporteur:

*Mr. Stephen Russell*  
BSI representative to the TMB (United Kingdom)

### Council perspective:

*Dr. Mark W. Hurwitz*  
President and CEO of ANSI (USA)

### TMB perspective:

*Mr. Rob Steele*  
Chief Executive of SNZ (New Zealand)

### Chairs' perspective:

*Mr. Kevin Ennis*  
ISO/TC 11, *Boilers and pressure vessels*

*Mr. Jørn Rex*  
ISO/TC 84, *Medical devices for injections*

*Mr. Mario O. Wittner*  
ISO/CASCO Committee on conformity assessment

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 15:30

## Theme 1 (discussion)

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee/tea

16:00 - 17:30

## Theme 2: Inclusiveness/exclusiveness/ Cooperative standards development

*ISO's policy is to seek collaborative working arrangements with other standards development organizations, and recently initiatives have been taken to increase developing country participation in ISO's technical work. As the scope of ISO work expands, inevitably there will be a need to involve new standardization stakeholders.*

*This session will review experiences in addressing such issues.*

### Moderator:

*Dr. Torsten Bahke*  
ISO Vice-President (policy) and Director of DIN (Germany)

### Rapporteur:

*Mr. Herman Schipper*  
NEN representative to the TMB (Netherlands)

### Council perspective:

*Mr. Peter Clark*  
Executive Director of SCC (Canada)

### TMB perspective:

*Mr. Steven Cornish*  
Director, International Policy, ANSI (USA)

### Chairs' perspective:

*Mrs. Caroline Warne*  
ISO/COPOLCO Committee on consumer policy

*Mrs. Maureen Mutasa*  
ISO/DEVCO Committee on developing country matters

*Mr. Daniel Gagnier*  
ISO/TC 207, *Environmental management*

19:00

## Gala Buffet

Intercontinental Hotel  
7-9, Chemin du Petit-Saconnex, Geneva

09:30 - 10:30

## Theme 2 (discussion)

10:30.- 11:00

Coffee/tea

11:00. .12:30

## Theme 3: Time to market

*Several national surveys in recent years have indicated that market players expect standards to be produced more quickly. For this to occur, the TMB promotes the use of both IT tools and improved project management techniques.*

*This session will review the need, as well as experiences, in responding to market needs.*

### Moderator:

*Mr. David Lazenby*

Director of BSI (United Kingdom), and  
BSI representative to Council

### Rapporteur:

*Mr. Eugene Julies*

President of SABS (South Africa)

### Council perspective:

*Mr. Sadao Takeda*

Member of JISC (Japan)

### TMB perspective:

*Mr. Ernst-Peter Ziethen*

Director, International, DIN (Germany)

### Chairs' perspective:

*Mr. Scott Jameson*

ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*

*Capt. C.H. Piersall*

ISO/TC 8, *Ships and marine technology*

*Dr. Trevor Smith*

ISO/TC 176, *Quality management and  
quality assurance*

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 15:30

## Theme 3 (discussion)

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee/tea

16:00 - 17:00

## Conclusions and closure



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