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Message from the President

IFIA has always sought to represent its members' interests and to have its voice heard by governments and other official bodies. However, with the increasing complexity and importance of EU legislation to the majority of our members, for example the Consumer Safety Package, the EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and EU-China trade, the Council of IFIA has decided that the time is right to appoint a consultancy firm – FTI Consulting – to assist us in our political lobbying task. FTI were appointed following a rigorous selection process. IFIA's lobbying activities will be reviewed on a regular basis by an Advisory Board, which comprises representatives of several member companies.

IFIA recognises the value of developing its own Codes of Practice in areas where there are no standards to give protection to the activities of its members and is currently in the process of upgrading its existing Guidelines for the commodities inspection sectors (Agriculture, Petroleum and Minerals) into Codes of Practice. The first of these, for Agriculture, is now available on the IFIA website and is mandatory for all members active in this area.

I am delighted to announce that IFIA has yet again grown in size, with membership currently standing at 43 companies. We welcome Rechlin Russell Marine Group Ltda (Brazil), Alex Stewart International (UK) and RINA S.p.A. (Italy). As a 'B' member, RINA is entitled to a Council seat and this has been taken by RINA's CEO, Ugo Salerno.

Richard Nelson, President, IFIA

The Director General's Report

Two working groups, one each for China and Indonesia, are currently considering how the TIC industry could benefit from the interest in IFIA membership shown by government-owned TIC organisations. These groups have recommended that we should build a dialogue with the organisations in question. The China working group will therefore meet with CCIC and will sound out the potential for constructive dialogue on the development of the TIC profession with particular regard to compliance and market access. Similar discussions will take place in Indonesia, one element of which will be how the TIC industry can work together to support the ASEAN Single Market, which is planned for 2015.

Roger Brockway, Director General (roger.brockway@ifia-federation.org)

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Those companies engaged in Consignment Based Conformity Assessment will be subject to annual audit against the new IFIA CBCA Code of Practice from this year onwards.

Agriculture

Following the retirement of Jeff Newell, Johnny Boerjan of SGS has been elected as Chair of the IFIA Agriculture and Vegetable Oils Committee. Matthieu Delorme of Cotecna remains as Vice Chair. A new Agriculture and Vegetable Oils Code of Practice is now in place and is mandatory for all IFIA members active in this area. You can find a copy of this Code of Practice on the Agricultural Committee page of the IFIA website. Work continues in relation to the introduction of the Agricultural Inspector Certification scheme on line. It is anticipated this scheme will go live as soon as the Petroleum Committee has satisfactorily completed testing of its on line inspector examination scheme. If you would like further information regarding the activities of the Agricultural Committee please contact hre@ifia-federation.org.

Food

Following a period of dormancy the IFIA Food Committee is currently in the process of being re-constituted. It is expected that the European aspects of this committee will be run in association with CEOC. If you would like further information regarding the activities of the Food Committee, please contactroger.brockway@ifia-federation.org.

Consumer and Industrial Products (CIPC)

For the last three years the CIPC has carried out surveys which have demonstrated the failure rates and lack of safety of widely available CE marked products that have not undergone third party testing. In order to strengthen the impact of these findings the Committee is currently undertaking a further survey, of equivalent CE marked products that are on the market following third party testing and certification. The CIPC has also commissioned a firm of auditors to determine the cost of third party testing as a proportion of the cost of production. It is anticipated that the result of this study will be valuable in countering common misconceptions regarding the expense of members' services. If you would like further information regarding the activities of the CIPC please contact maarten.vanderdussen@ifia-federation.org.

Government Services

Those companies engaged in Consignment Based Conformity Assessment (CBCA) will be subject to annual audit against the new IFIA CBCA Code of Practice from this year onwards. This is in addition to audits that are required for Pre Shipment Inspection (PSI) programmes. Copies of both Codes of Practice are available on the Government Services page of the IFIA website. The suite of PSI management documents is currently being updated to reflect changes to, for example, IFIA Council Regulation 1. If you would like further information regarding the activities of the Government Services Committee, please contact roger.brockway@ifia-federation.org.

Industrial Services

The Industrial Services Committee is currently investigating the development of special requirements for IFIA members active in the assessment of pressure equipment for Europe. If agreed, these requirements could form the basis of a Code of Practice. It is anticipated that the outcome of negotiations with Shell will result in a reduction in the administrative burden for

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A Code of Practice for members active in the Petroleum sector is nearing completion.

those IFIA members who register for Shell's SQS system. It has been agreed that the Industrial Services Committee will work in close co-operation with CEOC, with, for example, representatives of IFIA and CEOC attending one another's meetings. If you would like further information regarding the proposed activities of the Industrial Services Committee, please contact roger.brockway@ifia-federation.org.

Metals and Minerals

The Metals and Minerals Committee will be addressing the development of a Code of Practice to upgrade its current Guidelines. If you would like further information regarding the activities of the Metals and Minerals Committee, please contact roger.brockway@ifia-federation.org.

Petroleum

David Bleser of SGS has been re-elected as chair of the IFIA Petroleum Committee and Graham Lees of Intertek as vice chair. The global Petroleum Inspector Certification programme has now been moved on line. A Code of Practice for members active in the Petroleum sector is currently nearing completion and it is anticipated it will be issued in late 2013. If you would like further information regarding the activities of the Petroleum and Petrochemicals Committee, please contact paul.harrison@melvcon.co.uk.

Legal

Legal Committee members are currently consulting internally whether their companies would value an IFIA seminar relating to consumer products testing, which would bring together operational staff and those dealing with the contractual, legal and integrity aspects of the business. If you would like further information regarding the activities of the Legal Committee, please contact hre@ifia-federation.org.

Compliance

Following implementation of changes introduced to the IFIA Guidelines on Implementation of the Compliance Code, the Compliance Committee has undertaken a review and is satisfied that the IFIA Compliance Code is being implemented satisfactorily throughout the IFIA membership. For further information regarding the activities of the Compliance Committee please contact hre@ifia-federation.org.

Accreditation

In alliance with CEOC, IFIA is resisting some of the onerous requirements that the accreditation bodies are trying to introduce through the International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC) to the accreditation of inspection bodies for ISO/IEC 17020. However, IFIA-CEOC representation at ILAC is very much a minority compared to that of the accreditation bodies. If you would like further details regarding the activities of the Accreditation Committee, please contact roger.brockway@ifia-federation.org.

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ISO/CASCO – The 29th ISO/CASCO plenary meeting is scheduled to take place in Beijing, China from 7-11 October 2013. IFIA will be represented at this meeting.

WG 21 (revision of ISO/IEC 17021:2011) met in Geneva in April 2013. A Working Draft has been prepared and a working group consultation will open in the next few months. The next WG meeting is scheduled for November 2013.

WG 30 (common terminology related to competency of persons) – This group is has completed its review of comments collected during last year's WG consultation and has agreed to advance the document to the Draft Technical Specification stage. A three month ballot opened in July 2013.

WG 32 (revision of ISO/IEC Guide 67) –A PowerPoint presentation explaining the key clauses of the new ISO/IEC FDIS 17067:2013 will be added to the ISO/CASCO resources page on line. This group will continue to carry out the revision of Guides 28 and 53, which will become the ISO/IEC 17026 model scheme for certification of manufactured products. It is expected that a first working draft will be submitted for comments in September 2013.

WG 36 (Revision of ISO/TS 22003, food safety management systems) – in April this year a joint working group addressed comments collected during the consultation. Agreement was reached to create a new Annex, detailing specific competence for food safety auditors and make improvements to food classification. The Draft Technical Specification is open for ballot until 1 September 2013. Comments will be addressed and the document finalised at a meeting in November 2013.

WG 37 (ISO/IEC DTS 17023, audit duration in management system certification) –this Technical Standard has now been approved. Experts addressed the Draft Technical Standard comments and prepared the Technical Specification for publication during their last meeting in July 2013.

WG 38 (ISO/IEC TS 17021-4, competence requirements for auditing and certification of event sustainability management) – The ballot for this Draft Technical Standard closed in June 2013 and resulted in a favourable vote. The Technical Specification was prepared for publication during the WG meeting in July 2013.

JWG 39 (ISO/EC TS 17023-5, competence requirements for auditing and certification of asset management systems) – the ballot on the Technical Standard opened for a three month period in July 2013. Next steps will be decided at the closure of the ballot, depending on the date of publication of ISO 55001.

IAF/ILAC – A new brochure, a recommended guide for accreditation bodies engaging with government and regulators, was published in July 2013. The ILAC brochure on Laboratory Accreditation 'Securing testing, measurement – the difference between accreditation and certification' was updated in June 2013. Both documents are available on the ILAC website. For more information please visit the ILAC website at www.ilac.org.

CEOC – The chair of IFIA's CIPC presented the results of the CIPC's latest survey findings regarding the product safety of CE marked consumer products that have not been third-party tested at CEOC's annual conference and assembly in London in May 2013. CEOC, Eurolab and IFIA have issued a joint position paper in relation to the Product Safety and Market Surveillance package. For further information please visit the CEOC website at www.ceoc.com.



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Membership and Admin Update

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Membership

Rechlin Russell Marine Group Ltda (Brazil) became a C2 member of IFIA in March 2013. RINA S.p.A (Italy) became a B2 member of IFIA in May 2013. Alex Stewart International (UK) became a C1 member of IFIA in August 2013. This brings the membership of IFIA to 43 companies.

The total membership turnover of IFIA companies in 2011/12 was Euros 14.5 billion (\$19.3 billion) and direct employees totalled over 222,000. The approximate spread by territory of both turnover and employees is Europe 40%, Asia Pacific 32%, North America 20% and Rest of World 8%.

Administration Update

Brazilian Association of Supervisors and Controllers (ASCB) – Having reached an agreement, (please see the last issue of the IFIA Newsletter) IFIA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the ASCB, which affiliates the ASCB to IFIA in January 2013. Details of this Memorandum of Understanding can be found on the IFIA website.

IFIA Americas Committee – It was previously proposed that the Americas Committee would change its status and become an affiliate of IFIA (like CEOC and the ASCB). It has now been decided that since the Americas Committee is part of IFIA, it should remain a unique part of the IFIA structure as a company for US based branches of IFIA members.

Social Auditing – The sub-group of the IFIA Compliance Committee that has developed Standard Operating Procedures for IFIA members who perform social auditing in the China region will reconvene in Mumbai to work on replicating the Chinese system for the Indian Sub-Continent. The sub-group will also consider the development of an IFIA Code of Practice to provide better definition and protection to this service.



A sub-group of the IFIA Compliance Committee is to consider the replication of the China region social auditing Standard Operating Procedures for use in the Indian Sub-Continent.

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Upcoming Events – *please note all IFIA events are shown in blue*

<i>IFIA China Working Group</i>	<i>28 August, Beijing</i>
<i>IFIA Indonesia Working Group</i>	<i>6 September, Jakarta</i>
<i>IFIA Lobbying Advisory Group</i>	<i>10 September, London</i>
<i>IFIA Legal Committee</i>	<i>19 September, London</i>
<i>IFIA Compliance Committee</i>	<i>19 September, London</i>
<i>IFIA Agricultural Committee</i>	<i>26 September, London</i>
<i>IFIA Industrial Services Committee</i>	<i>1 October, Cologne</i>
FOSFA Global Oils and Fats Forum	2-4 October, Orlando
<i>IFIA Social Auditing Group</i>	<i>8 October, Mumbai</i>
ISO/CASCO Plenary Meetings	9-10 October, Beijing
EA Advisory Board Meeting	30 October, Brussels
ILAC/IAF Annual Meetings	16-25 October, Seoul
<i>IFIA Petroleum Committee</i>	<i>Date tbc, November, London</i>
ISO/CASCO WG 21	18-20 November, Geneva
<i>IFIA Government Services Committee</i>	<i>19 November, Geneva</i>
EA General Assembly	20-21 November, Oslo
CEOC Safety Seminar	27 November, Brussels
ISO/CASCO WG 32	3-5 December, Geneva
FOSFA Oils and Fats Dinner	4 December, London
<i>IFIA CIP Committee</i>	<i>5 December, China Region</i>
ISO/CASCO WG 30	10-11 December, Geneva
<i>IFIA Council Meeting and AGM</i>	<i>10 December, Cologne</i>