

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011



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About IFIA



- A federation of organisations that provide testing, inspection and certification services, internationally
- Established in 1982
- Global membership of 41 testing and inspection companies
 - A combined turnover of approximately €11 billion and 170,000 employees
 - Approximately 44% of membership turnover in Europe, 26% in Asia Pacific, 20% in North America and 10% Rest of World

IFIA Membership 2011



A1 (turnover >€800 Million)

Bureau Veritas
Intertek
SGS
TÜV Rheinland
Underwriters Laboratories

B1 (€300M - €500M)

Canadian Standards Association

B2 (€100M - €300M)

Cotecna
Saybolt

C1 (€10M - €100M)

Alfred H Knight
Amspec
Camin Cargo Control
Certispec
Control Union World
Geo-Chem
Overseas Merchandise Inspection
Stewart Holdings Group
SUCOFINDO

C2 turnover (<€10M)

Abeni Surveyors
Baltic Control
Cargo Inspections
Coastal Gulf & International
Control Union International
Control Quality Inspecoes
CWM Survey & Inspection
Engineering Bureau Franke
Frey Rearq
Helmsman QTS
Incolab
Inspecta International
Inspekt RGH
Jugoinspekt Beograd
Maloney Commodity Services
National Marine Consultants
Oil Test Internacional
P T Carsurin
Ravi Energie
Seatrans Consulting
SGT Services (Thailand)
SOEX
Superinspect
Universal Inspectorate & Services

IFIA's Objectives

- To defend the interests and promote the business of its members
- To improve the methods, standards, safety procedures and rules used by its members
- To establish legally defensible terms and conditions of business
- Global recognition for the sector
- An identity associated with trust and integrity

Finances

- Member subscriptions for 2012 estimated to generate about £450,000 (based on 42 members)
- Range of subscription £4150 (C2) - £40,000 (A1) (constant for eight years)
- Projected total income 2012: c £618,000
- Projected expenditure 2012: c £620,000
- Main income generator, balanced by expenditure: Inspector Certification (Petroleum)
- Reserves at start of 2011: £398,290

Status of IFIA Documents

- Normal status: Good Practice
- Where deemed essential: Mandatory for affected members
 - Need 100% approval and full consultation
- IFIA publishes:
 - Compliance Code
 - Guidelines
 - Codes of Practice
 - Bulletins
 - Operating Procedures

Committees

Compliance
Legal
Accreditation

Americas

Agricultural
Petroleum
Metals and Minerals
Government Services
(Industrial Services)
Consumer & Industrial Products
Food
(Systems Certification)
Social Auditing

Compliance

- Annual independent reporting either through assurance or following Agreed Upon Procedures based on the IFIA model
- Baker Tilly engaged by IFIA to use its international network to provide audits of applicants for IFIA membership, also available to provide special compliance audits of members
- Compliance Committee sharing best practice in compliance management: new Anti Bribery Legislation

- Risk Management seminar for sector committees, May 2011, Cologne: 75 attendees from Member companies
- Further seminar planned for 20/21 September 2012 in London to include customer representatives from each sector
- IFIA Logo protection: EU and US
- Advice on Disclaimers and Indemnities
- Advice to Sector Committees on bulletins and Guidelines

Accreditation

- Joint activity with CEOC
- Successful input to ISO/IEC 17020 for Inspection Bodies making its applicability to commodity inspection bodies more acceptable. New standard expected in March 2012
- Joint campaign with CEOC to prevent ILAC imposing onerous requirements developed for test laboratories on inspection bodies

Americas

- A legal entity owned by IFIA member companies to enable IFIA to operate and lobby in USA
- Used by Petroleum Committee and CIPC
- Available for use by any IFIA sector committee active in USA

Agriculture

- Bulletin on the conditions under which IFIA Members will issue certificates stating that consignments are “free from.....” such items as insects or toxic substances approved
- Programme of further topics posing risk to members for prioritisation for IFIA action following Risk Management seminar
- Inspector Certification Programme in vegetable oil inspection area formally backed by FOSFA and launch in preparation for 2012
- Active participation in GAFTA and FOSFA

Petroleum

- One Committee with two Regional Technical Committees (i) Americas (ii) Africa/Asia/Europe (AAE)
- Separate Inspector Certification Programmes, but both now accessed through the single IFIA website. Exams in 40 countries this year of over 1000 candidates. USA exam on-line. Discussions underway with Prometrics and budget in place to provide this service worldwide
- Collection of safety data and development of safety guidelines
- Active participation in Energy Institute and American Petroleum Institute

Metals and Minerals

- Participation in Review of IFIA Guidelines for the Commodity inspection sectors
 - to safeguard Members' contractual positions

Government Services

- IFIA Code of Practice on Consignment Based Conformity Assessment nearing completion: Confirmation to Governments that consignments of imports meet the receiving country's regulations etc
- Responsibility to WTO to ensure that Members tendering for PSI contracts abide by the PSI Code of Practice (8 IFIA Members are subject to regular audit)
- Liaison with WTO, WCO and EU DG Trade

Industrial Services



- Inactive Committee
- CEOC field of activity

Consumer and Industrial Products



- Representation of the six IFIA member companies newly re-appointed at top level
- Focus on how to add value at different stages in the supply chain
- Support for regulators, but more than regulatory compliance for customers: quality, safety, CSR, energy efficiency, environmental performance etc.
- Regional focus for lobbying: EU, US, China
- Provide safety data etc to consumer groups to empower them to promote Members' services

Food



- Working with GFSI to rationalise the multiplicity of certification schemes
- Identifying IFIA members' unique contribution to food safety along the whole supply chain as a basis for lobbying

Management Systems



- Inactive Committee
- IIOC field of activity

Social Auditing

- Started as fire-fighting against threats to integrity from bogus consultants in China
- Common IFIA Operating Procedures, communications and measures re hiring of auditors
- Partnership with retailer and brand name customers
- Developing and communicating a greater value for the auditing service

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