



International Accreditation Forum Report
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1. IAF Membership

The number of IAF members is now 91, with 67 Accreditation Body Members, 16 Association Members, 4 Regional Groups with Special Recognition: EA (European Cooperation for Accreditation), IAAC (Inter American Accreditation Cooperation), PAC (Pacific Accreditation Cooperation) and SADCA (Southern African Development Community in Accreditation) and 4 Observer Members. The Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) was recently approved as an Accreditation Body Member, along with the QuEST Forum, as an Association Member. A number of other membership applications are in progress.

2. IAF Directors

Current IAF Directors are Mr. Randy Dougherty (ANAB), IAF Chairman; Mr. Xiao Jianhua (CNAS) IAF Vice-Chair; Dr. Thomas Facklam (DAkKS), the Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in a high income economy; Mr. Ekanit Romyanon (NSC Thailand), the Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in a Low and Medium Income Economy; Mr. Roger Bennett (IIOC), the Director representing Conformity Assessment Body Association Members; and Mr. Martin Stadler (BDI), representing industry and User Association Members.

3. World Accreditation Day 2013 and 2014

June 9th 2013 marked World Accreditation Day, a global initiative jointly established by IAF and ILAC to raise awareness of the importance of accreditation-related activities. World Accreditation Day is celebrated across the world with the hosting of national events, seminars, and press and media coverage, to communicate the value of accreditation to government, regulators and the leaders of the business community. The theme for 2013 focused on how accreditation facilitates world trade. The proposed 2014 theme is Accreditation: delivering confidence in the provision of energy.



4. IAF Committee Chairs

Current Committee Chairs are: Mr. Roger Bennett (IIOC), Chair of the Conformity Assessment Body Advisory Committee (CABAC); Mr. Jon Murthy (UKAS), Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee, Venkataraman Balakrishnan (NABCB), Chair of the Development Support Committee (DSC); Mr. Steve Keeling (JAS-ANZ), Chair of the MLA Committee; Mr. Ekanit Romyanon (NSC Thailand), Chair of the Technical Committee (TC); and Mr. Martin Stadler (BDI), Chair of the User Advisory Committee (UAC).

5. IAF Publications

Publications Since October 2012

- a) IAF ML3: 2012 Procedure for Responding to Inquiries on IAF MLA Signatory Equivalence, published Oct. 2012
- b) IAF ML4: 2012 Policies and Procedures for a Multilateral Recognition Arrangement on the Level of Single Accreditation Bodies and on the Level of Regional Groups, published Oct. 2012
- c) IAF PR4: Structure of IAF MLA and Endorsed Normative Documents, published Nov. 2012
- d) IAF/ILAC A3: 01/2013 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Narrative Framework for Reporting on the Performance of an Accreditation Body (AB) – A Tool for the Evaluation Process, published Jan. 2013
- e) IAF ID5: 2013 Informative Document for the Transition of Information Security System Accreditation to ISO/IEC 27006: 2011 from ISO/IEC 27006, published Jan. 2013
- f) IAF/ILAC A2: 01/2013 IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements for Evaluation of a Single Accreditation Body, published Jan. 2013
- g) IAF MD10: 2013 IAF Mandatory Document for the Assessment of Certification Body Management of Competence in Accordance with ISO/IEC 17021, published Feb. 2013
- h) OG-D-2003 IECEE-ILAC-IAF Guidance for the Conduct of Unified Assessments in the Electro-technical Sector – October 2012. Link provided to provisional document under IAF Publications, Documents for General Information, published Mar. 2013
- i) IAF MD5: 2013 Mandatory Document for Duration of QMS and EMS Audits, published Mar. 2013



- j) IAF MD11: 2013 Application of ISO/IEC 17021 for Audits of Integrated Management Systems (IMS), published Mar. 2013
- k) Certification Body Requirements – Chain of Custody (PEFC ST 2003: 2012). Link provided under IAF Publications, Documents for General Information, published Mar. 2013
- l) IAF MD12: 2013 Assessment of Certification Activities for Cross-Frontier Accreditation, published Sept. 2013

6. Signing of Memoranda of Understanding

IAF, ILAC, and IEC signed a revised MOU during the Annual Meetings in Rio, as did **IAF and ILAC**.

IAF, ILAC and ISO and **IAF, ILAC and UNIDO** are in the progress of renewing their MOUs.

Copies of Signed MOU's are available on the IAF website under Publications, Documents for General Information.

7. Joint IAF-ILAC Mid-Term Meetings – Frankfurt, Germany

The 2013 Mid-Year meetings of IAF and ILAC were held in Frankfurt, Germany from the 27 April to 05 May 2013. The majority of Committees met during this time, with the exception of the Development Support Committee.

New Strategic Plan - The meetings included a two-day Strategic Planning Session of the Executive Committee to consider Members' input to future priorities for IAF. Results of the two-day session have been provided to all IAF Members, including Regional Groups, and MOU Partners for consideration in advance of the Seoul, where there will be a presentation during the IAF General Assembly regarding the proposed Strategic Directions and Actions, followed by a Question and Answer Session. Written input will then be sought following Seoul. The aim is to approve a revised Strategic Plan during the Annual Meetings in Bangkok, in October 2014.

Draft Technical Committee Resolution – One draft Technical Committee Resolution was produced for consideration at the IAF General Assembly in Seoul.

The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved to endorse ISO/IEC TS 17021-3 Conformity Assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems – Part 3: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of quality management systems, as a normative document to be applied in conjunction with ISO/IEC 17021 for QMS. The deadline for conformance to ISO/IEC 17021-3 is two years from the date of publication.



Note: As the publication date was 02 May 2013, the deadline for Certification Bodies to conform is 02 May 2015.

New IAF Technical Committee Working Groups and Task Forces – One new Working Group on Business Continuity Management Systems was formed and three new Task Forces: on Remote Assessment, Witnessing, and Control of Franchisees and Subcontractors.

The Task Force on Audits of Integrated Management Systems completed their task and was terminated.

8. Joint IAF-ILAC Annual Meetings – Seoul, Korea

The 2013 meetings will mark the 20th Anniversary of IAF. The Joint IAF-ILAC Annual meetings will be held in Seoul, Korea from the 16 - 25 of October, hosted by KATS (the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards, KOLAS (the Korean Laboratory Accreditation Scheme) and KAS (the Korea Accreditation System). A link to registration and accommodation details can be found on the IAF website (iaf.nu) under News and Events, Annual meetings.

The majority of IAF Committees, Sub-Committees, Working Groups and Task Forces will meet during this time. Sessions will include a JWG A-Series Peer Evaluator Workshop for invited participants, an Orientation Session for new Members and delegates, an exploratory meeting of the Accreditation Body Advisory Committee, a presentation with an accompanying Question and Answer period during the IAF General Assembly on the proposed IAF Strategic Plan, and a presentation during the Joint General Assembly on progress of the Work Harmonization Task Force, which is looking at potential synergies and increased harmonization between work at the international level, and the regions

9. Future IAF and ILAC Annual Meetings

The 2014 Joint IAF-ILAC Mid-Term meetings will be held in Frankfurt, 23 to 29 April 2014 at the same venue as the 2013 meeting.

The 2014 Joint Annual IAF-ILAC meetings will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 08 to 17 October 2013

For further information about IAF please go to the IAF web site at <http://www.iaf.nu>, or contact the Secretariat at email secretary@iaf.nu.

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