

## Notes CEN/TC 164 Plenary Meeting On 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012 in Dublin

Tony Frost attended the above meeting on behalf of the EWTA as a liaison status member. Documents were issued prior to the meeting. More information is available if required by EWTA members. The following are brief notes of the proceedings:

1. Ireland (NSAI) host, Peter O'leary, welcomed the delegation.
2. **Delegates** – There were 37 delegates present: 5 from Germany, 8 France (including chairman and secretary), 4 The Netherlands, 5 UK, 3 Ireland, 2 Italy, 2 Sweden, 2 Denmark, 1 Finland, 1 Spain, 1 Belgium, 1 Switzerland plus a delegate from CEN (Amilcar Dacosta) and CEN Consultant (JC Bedotti).
3. **Secretary's Report** - 219 standards/reports have been published and there are 40 active work items, 27 for WG9, 8 for WG3 and 7 for WG8.
4. **CPD Mandate M136** – Bill Harper – AHG1 (WG convenors) met last July to coordinate update of the reply to the Mandate. The CEN consultant Bedotti was present. The Commission has identified that umbrella standard is only acceptable if all the specific requirements are referenced to the relevant product standards. Regulatory guidance is expected by the end of November 2012. The next AHG1 meeting is scheduled for February 2013. Bill Harper has announced his retirement from the position of CEN Rapporteur and the position will not be refilled.  
Mr Bedotti added that the concept of a harmonised product standard is as a technical tool to assess behaviour of product not its installation, maintenance, installation for CEN – not just EU – and needs supporting standards. Format for construction products under the CPR (as opposed to CPD) are imminent. The characteristics of the essential requirements may be assessed directly or by proxy.  
It was agreed that WG13 products are too different for an umbrella standard.
5. **WG 1 - External Systems and Components** – Les Metcalf reported. There was debate about the proposed glossary and possibility that it would cover all WGs. But there was little support/
6. **WG 2- Internal Systems and Components** – Thomas Klumper has resigned as chairman and a successor is sought. EN 806-1 and 2 are to be revised.
7. **WG3 Effects of Materials in Contact with Drinking-water, (Supporting Standards)** – Jan Luijten updated on the progress and programme of the various supporting standards.  
The EMG standard with three microbial growth test methods (MDOD, ATP and W270) continues to be controversial and the issue is being reviewed by the 4MS Group.
8. **WG 8- Sanitary Tapware** - Christophe Bochaton – reported on current status of standards – AHG10 efforts now in doubt because umbrella standard is no longer acceptable.
9. **WG 9 - Drinking Water Treatment** – Mr Maroni reported on the extensive list of Chemicals used for treatment of water intended for human consumption – several are now up for review .

10. **WG 10 – Hot and Cold Water Storage** – Convenor Martin Griffith was present – liaison meeting has been held with TC57. Work on the revision to EN12897 has commenced to accommodate the energy (heat loss) classification of indirectly heated hot water tanks under the ErP Directive.
11. **WG 12 - Flexible Hoses** – Mr Meyer not present – M/136 response to be prepared.
12. **WG13 – Water conditioning** – Josef Klinger was not present and Gunnar Zeisler reported on the last meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012 with the main subject being the WG13 contribution to the TC164 response to Mandate M136 Rev2. Mr Bedotti attended the WG13 meeting and provided guidance on the inclusion of information into the template. The next meeting is in January 2013 in Berlin with the objective of finalising the response before the next AHG1 meeting.

Regarding the German proposal to delete EN14095, Electrolytic Dosing with Aluminium Anodes, Helle Mickleson of Guldager was appointed at the meeting in March to lead the AHG4 to redraft the standard. No progress has been reported and she was not present at this TC164 meeting.

The objection to AENOR standard 149101 was discussed under any other business. Carlos Meseguer, the Spanish representative at the previous meeting was not in attendance. There was debate about the notification which was to CMC not TRIS, consequently the NSBs are responsible for alerting the relevant national mirror groups. It was stated that AENOR must request assistance from TC164 if it is to be debated further.

13. **WG 14 – Valves, backflow prevention** – Tino Reinhart reported on the progress with the various standards under 10 WGs. A standard for polymer housings is also in preparation.
14. **WG 15 - Security** - Thomas Zenz reported prEN15975-2 is now ready for formal vote.
15. **JWG 1 (TC164 & TC165) – Buried Pipes** - Mr Monfront reports – EN1295 part 4 of the Structural design of buried pipes, Parameters of Design, started as a Technical report but may be EN.
16. **AOB**
  - a. **Spanish standard UNE 149101** – see WG13 above
17. **Next meeting** – 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Zurich.
18. Due to absence of a translator for this TC 164 meeting, it was held in English only. Consequently, it was finished by 5.30 pm on the first day.