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# IPC is moving forward

Dear Members and Interested Parties,

We have left 2014 behind us, and it was an eventful year. In the Board of Directors meeting in Frankfurt April 7th 2014 we approved an update of the auditor certification scheme PC-PL-11-006 "IPC Management Systems Auditors". This was an update of the scheme for "IPC Quality Management Auditors" and "IPC Environmental Management Auditors". It was also decided to develop certification schemes for Management Systems Managers.

In the Annual General Meeting in Beijing October 17th 2014, we also had an update of the auditor scheme, including "IPC International Safety Management Auditors", the ISM code for ships and ship owner companies. This is an attempt to include the shipping world in the ISM certification. Approaches in this respect has been made towards shipping authorities and classification societies.

In Beijing the newly developed certification scheme IPC-PL-14-04 "IPC Certification Scheme for Management Systems Managers" was approved. This opens up for certification of IPC Quality Managers, IPC Risk Managers, IPC Safety Managers, IPC Environmental Managers and IPC Lean Managers. More information on these schemes is available elsewhere in this newsletter. In the Beijing meeting we also had approval of our new IPC Strategy Plan and the IPC Vision, Mission and Values.

For 2015 we have ambitious goals:
Our web-pages at www.ipcaweb.org need updating. This project is already started. We also need to show the benefits of being an IPC member to the market in order to attract new members and stimulate certification. Regarding certifications schemes it is work in progress for establishing an IPC Scheme for Maintenance Managers. Several existing IPC documents are also in line for updating in 2015.

IPC in Touch has resumed its role of being an information letter to our members and other interested parties. So please forward this newsletter to you colleagues and business associates that might be interested. If they want to be on our mailing list, please contact secretary@ipcaweb.org

Best regards,
Olav F. Finsnes,
Vice Chairman, IPC

## Main feature

**New certification schemes covering 8 areas of personnel certification, see next page.**

## Updating the IPC web site

The IPC web site is due for updating. The work has already started and the design of the front page is made. The ambition is to make the pages more user friendly. On the front page general information on IPC, certification schemes and news/events will be available for the public. Other documents will be available on the member pages. The updating will take place in several stages and will be finalized within 2nd quarter of 2015.

## IPC brand certification

Members of the IPC Multi Lateral Agreement (MLA) may issue certificates using the IPC logo. These certificates have an added value compared to national certificates as they are in conformity with IPC certification schemes and rules. Issuing certificates in IPC layout have become popular in some regions, particularly among companies who are international in their business. To become an IPC MLA signatory, contact secretary@ipcaweb.org.

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# New IPC certification schemes

## New, competence-based IPC Certification schemes are approved.

Prior to the Board of Directors meeting in Frankfurt in April 2014, proposal for updating the PC-PL-11-006 for Quality Management Auditors and Environmental Management Auditors had been prepared and sent for comments. The main change was editing the document structure with general requirements for management auditors and appendices for Quality and Environmental Auditors. This made the document open for further expansion to other types of audits. The title was consequently changed to certification scheme for "**IPC Management Systems Auditors**". The scheme is a frame document, stating requirements on which the individual IPC Certification Body may elaborate to fit local needs. This update of the scheme was approved, and paved way for the structure of new schemes.

In the Annual General Meeting in Beijing, an update of the scheme was presented and approved. It concerned the ISM Auditor working on safety management in shipping. There is international regulations requiring such audits to be performed, and this may be a vehicle to make IPC certification recognized in new regions.

In Beijing the document IPC-PL-14-04 "**IPC Certification Scheme for Management Systems Managers**" was also approved. It is built on the same structure as the auditor scheme, and specifies frame requirements for Quality Managers, Environmental Managers, Risk Managers, Safety Managers and Lean Managers.

The new certification schemes have an open structure, designed to be easily adaptable by accredited personnel bodies already performing certification in these areas. They are frame documents stating requirements that the certification body may elaborate on and merge with own practice. They specify various types of examination that the PCB may choose from, but IPC already have a guideline for examination. Satisfactory competence is the responsibility of the applicant, but the PCB may specify own requirements to training.

A new document, IPC-PL-14-05 "**Common requirements for IPC Certification Schemes**" covering Code of Conduct and administrative requirements, was also approved.

All these documents may be downloaded from the IPC web site www.ipcaweb.org .

# Annual General Meeting in Beijing, October 2014

# Annual General Meeting in Beijing, continued…

The Annual General Meeting and Board of Directors meeting were held in Beijing October 16th to 18th, 2014. The host for the meeting was **China Certification & Accreditation Association** who contributed in making it a very successful meeting.

Among other items, the new **IPC Vision, Mission and Values** were approved. They will appear on the IPC pages soon. There was also a session formulating the new **IPC strategy Plan for 2015-2020**. This document will be updated frequently to ensure a 5 year planning horizon. It will be available on the IPC member pages in due time.

In addition to regular business, much time was spent on review and approval of new certification schemes.

In the Picture below, from left, standing: Mr. Li Qiang (CCAA China), Mr. Olav Finsnes (QMCe, Vice Chairman, Norway), Mr. George Anastasopoulos (Staregister, Secretary General, Greece), Mr. Pavel Stepanov (Russian Register), Mr. Eric Janssens (EOQ) and Mr. Osman Vural (TQNET, Turkey). Low row from left: Mr. Thomas Votsmeier (DGQ, Germany), Ms. Vicky Karvela (Secretary, Greece), Mrs. Marit Paus Finsnes (QMCe, Norway) and Mr. Giancarlo Colferai (CEPAS, Italy).