

GFAMM COMMUNIQUE November 2013

The ninth face-to-face meeting of the Global Forum on Maintenance and Asset Management was held in Calgary, Canada from 18th – 21st November 2013 in conjunction with the Plant Engineering and Maintenance Association of Canada's (PEMAC) MainTrain Conference. Global Forum members were active in presenting at the conference, contributing several presentations and sessions.



Left to Right: Richard Edwards, Anton Booyzen, Sally Nugent, Joao Lafraia, Colin Carrington, John Hardwick, David McKeown, Nezar Shammasi, Alex Stuber, Tim Goshert, Edmea Adell, Athayde Ribeiro, Celso Azevedo, Cindy Snedden, Leonard Middleton

At this meeting, a potential new member association, JIPM (Japan) was invited to attend some of the Council proceedings and the requirements for membership were discussed with them. They will submit the required documentation and the application will be considered by the Council. We are hoping to welcome them as a full member at the next face to face meeting which will take place in Helsinki in May 2014.

The term of the current Executive Committee came to an end and a new Executive Committee was elected. The Committee is:

- John Hardwick representing the Oceania region (Chairman)
- Richard Edwards representing Europe (Member)
- JR Lafraia representing South America (Member)
- Nezar Al-Shammasi representing the Middle East (Vice Chairman)
- Tim Goshert representing North America (Treasurer)
- Anton Booyzen representing Africa (Secretary)

We wish to thank the outgoing members for their contribution in developing the Global Forum and its activities and wish the new Executive Committee well with their endeavours for the coming year.

It was a busy week trying to cope with Canadian hospitality while developing and finalising a number of GFAMM projects. The Asset Management Landscape was reviewed and the 39 subjects refined and unpacked and the Certification project was brought to the final stages of conclusion. These projects should be complete before the issuing of ISO55000/1/2 so as to give guidance to auditors and assessors. The final review of the project documentation is now in progress before the documents are issued. The Survey project is entering its second phase and various Marketing subprojects are being developed in an effort to increase awareness of the Global Forum. The Council also agreed to initiate a new project to develop a Maintenance framework, similar to the Asset Management Landscape. This will assist in clarifying the relationship between Asset Management and Maintenance.

Project Updates:

The Asset Management Landscape

The Asset Management Landscape is a definition of the field of Asset Management by breaking it down into subject matter areas. The work on the second version of the Asset Management Landscape has substantially been completed and the final review of the information is in progress. The 39 subjects have been reviewed and adjusted to eliminate duplication and gaps and subjects have been defined in more detail. Led by the AMC and IAM, this work is engaging a number of individual members from AMC, the IAM, SAAMA and PEMAC to assist. This work is seen as vital to the hopes of all Global Forum members for a common knowledge core that will enable development and alignment of Asset Management products and services in future. The project is estimated to be completed before year end.

The Accord

The Accord will offer a standardised, reliable and transparent process for making comparisons between different types and levels of asset management qualifications, which employers and others can understand and trust. The Accord will be progressed once the Asset Management Landscape project has been completed.

Certification

The Certification project team presented its work on the outcome of a high-level comparison of certification products of the various associations and prepared a report. The final report is expected to be issued during the first week of December.

Recommendations for Assessor and Auditor Domain Knowledge

The GFMAM defined the domain knowledge requirements for Assessors and Auditors of Asset Management practice and systems and is busy creating a publically available reference document to be used by auditing and standards organisations. This is aligned to the knowledge requirement proposed in the finalised document "ISO17021-5 - Competence requirements for auditing and certification of asset management systems". The reference document will be completed in time for the January Council meeting.

Increasing Membership

In addition the marketing team prepared their detailed marketing plan for the next six months. The team will update the information pack available to potential members to include: an invitation letter, a brochure, a power point presentation, membership requirements and website details. The team is aiming at increasing membership by 25% by Dec 2014.

Surveys

Two surveys, one on society's profile, products and services as well as one on educational products have been sent out with responses from 15 national maintenance societies. Based on the outcome of the surveys, it was concluded that the surveys should be combined in one document and some of the questions reviewed. Once finalised, it will also be translated into Spanish.

Relationship Between Maintenance and Asset Management

The Council agreed to the creation of a new project to develop a Maintenance framework, similar to the Asset Management Landscape, which will assist in clarifying the relationship between Maintenance and Asset Management. The project will be led by EFNMS. An initiating team consisting of PEMAC, ABRAMAN, IFRAMI, SMRP, GSMP, AMC and EFNMS was formed to discuss scope, background, objectives deliverables, timeline and potential team members. A progress report will be submitted in May 2014 and the final product will be available for consideration in the December 2014 meeting.

Conclusion

The dedication of Council Members ensured significant progress on all projects. The progress was achieved in spite of the lavish hospitality of PEMAC and its Board members which ensured ample opportunity for networking during the social events. Many of the projects centring on the practical implementation of ISO5500 will be complete by the next face to face meeting at the EuroMaintenance 2014 conference in Helsinki, Finland May 5-8, 2014. In the meantime, regular conference call monthly meetings will continue.

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