



# CONTACT

Newsletter of the International Academy for Quality

Dear Fellow-Academicians,

Again, death has taken its toll from among our ranks.

It is my sad duty to announce to you the passing away of

Johan Diederik Nicolaas de Fremery

who succumbed on November 9, 1984, after long illness.

Acn. de Fremery was a dedicated promotor of IAQ from the very beginning. A member of the 3x6-man-Board, he never tired from bringing EOQC (he was Secretary-General from the foundation of that organization for more than a decade) to sponsor its coming into being. Our now deceased member participated in all IAQ meetings as long as he was still active in his office. After his retirement IAQ promoted him to emeritus status in 1978.

All of us, who had the good fortune to work with Nic will keep a fond memory of this resourceful man who has made his mark especially in the European Quality scene.

## Election Procedure of new Members

With the demise of again one of our old guardians, the question of suitable new members gains importance. From a correspondence between Acns. Bertin and Freund I take up the cue that not all of our members may be totally aware of the procedure to elect new members of the Academy. Here is a short statement of the essentials:

1. Any Academician, including emeriti and honorary, may propose a person for election into the Academy by filling in our form 101 with the candidates biodata and achievements. The form is available from our Secretary-General Acn Zeller.  
  
The sponsors should make sure to propose only such persons who are willing and able to contribute actively to the work of IAQ, to participate at least in its Triennial Meetings (a working knowledge of English is mandatory) and to pay the annual dues. They should absolutely refrain from sponsoring persons who seek election mainly to enhance their personal status.
2. The candidate should already have a more than local reputation on the field of Quality Technology and/or Quality Management. To ensure this, the candidate must be sponsored at least by 3 Academicians, at least one of them having his/her working base in another region of the world than the candidate and the proponent. At present, IAQ recognizes in this context regions North America, South America, East Asia, Australia-Pacific and Europe.
3. Although it should not need restating, it should be remembered that a close business associate should not sponsor or co-sponsor a candidate. It is important for the Academy to maintain the appearance of a proper process as well as the actual performance.
4. IAQ Board and Officers, acting as Nominations Committee, reserve the right to gather additional information about any candidate. To this end they may contact senior members from the candidate's region or take any other step they deem necessary to get a rounded-out picture of the candidate's eligibility. If they have satisfied themselves in this respect and if a unanimous decision is taken in favour of the candidate, the president informs him/her in writing of his election to the Academy. If the addressee answers in the affirmative, stating that he is willing to share all duties, he/she is officially listed as a member of the Academy from that day on.

Dear colleagues and friends, the International Academy for Quality can prosper only and fulfill its raison d'être, if and when the members have the necessary format and status and at the same time assume responsibility for cooperation. Our president has made a new start by defining a number of projects. This must not be considered an empty tryout. We need old and new talent dedicated to our good cause!

## ISO TC 176

The periodical EOQC-Quality carried in its third issue 1984 a comprehensive report on the current work of that Technical Committee, written by Mrs. Kerstin Jönson of Sweden. In this report the scopes of Subcommittees SC1 (QA-Terminology) and SC2 (Q-Systems) are outlined. The document DP 9000 is considered a "road-map" for DP 9001--9004 prepared by WG's 1-3 respectively. SC1 is authorized to send its DP 8402 to ISO Central Office for combined DIS vote. The same was decided for the above mentioned documents of SC2 under certain provisos.

On invitation from the Japanese Standards Ass'n, the next meeting of ISO/TC 176, its subcommittees and Working Groups has been scheduled for the week of 7-12 October 1985 in Tokyo.

As you know, Acn. Freund represents IAQ in TC 176. Any details should be available from him in due time.

## Staquarel '84

I'm indebted to Acn Zaludova for a report on Staquarel '84, held in Prague from 27 -29th March 1984. It was the 4th conference of its kind, organized by the Committee for Quality and Reliability of the Czechoslovak Scientific and Technical Society. It was devoted to new applications of statistical methods in the fields of quality control and reliability assurance through all the life phases of a product or service. Similarly to previous Staquarel conferences a special seminar ran concurrently with the conference sessions on the second day, the theme of the seminar being stochastic modeling of reliability problems of electric power plant equipment.

The conference was attended by 250 delegates of whom 60 were from abroad. Of the total of 63 papers presented, about half were devoted to problems in the field of reliability and related topics, 13 of the latter forming the program of the seminar.

There is no space in CONTACT to give details of the papers, but the 5 thematic groups may be reproduced, as the report lists them:

- A: Statistical modeling of general problems of wide-sense reliability of technical systems and their components,
- B: Systems approach to quality management, SPC and process capability studies
- C: Statistical sampling inspection plans
- D: Optimal strategy in production control
- E: Probabilistic solutions to problems of technical practice.

A limited number of the 2 volumes of the proceedings containing 385 pages of text in the original languages of presentation (English, German, Russian, Czech) are still available from the House of Technology, Gorkého náměstí 23, 11282 Prague 1, CSSR.

In this context: Thank you, Nana, for sending me also your closing remarks at the seminar Communicating Info on Quality, Brighton.

## Coming event

A message from Acn Kondo deals with a conference on "Advances in SQC", scheduled from June 4 to 6, 1985 in Winnipeg, Canada, at the University of Manitoba. Informations are available from Professor Dr. Lai K. Chan, Head, Dept. of Statistics at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3T 2N2.

## Academicians on the Road

### Acn Bicking in Germany

Imagine my surprise, when coming home late one day in November, I found a message of Acn Bicking on my telephone recorder telling me that he was in Heppenheim (of all places! About halfway between Frankfurt and Heidelberg) to teach a QC course in an American client's German subsidiary there. Next day we met in the presence of Mrs. Bicking over coffee in their hotel. Topics of IAQ-projects were part of our discussion.

### Acn Masing in Bangla Desh and India

On invitation of the German Cultural Institute in Dhaka yours truly was there in October. On the agenda was among other assignments a particularly highranking affair with Topmanagers, honoured by the presence of their excellencies the Minister of Economics and the German ambassador. Both gave appropriate adresses to the audience. As a fallout of this, on December 1rst a Bangla Desh Association for QC was founded and officers elected. Grants are already coming in from industry at a very rewarding scale, to foster the activities. On behalf of IAQ I promised help if needed.

Assignments in Delhi and Bangalore followed. The Indian Society for Quality and Reliability was instrumental in doing all the preparatory work including for public appearances, and seminars co-sponsored with other societies such as Productivity Engineering, while the German Cultural Institution (in India called the "Max Mueller Bhavan" after a wellknown German indologist) picked up the tab.

Again I was impressed by the wealth of theoretical knowledge of our Indian colleagues, while applications in practice play decidedly second fiddle. But in this respect also great improvements were to be noticed in comparison of what I saw there 3 years ago. They are on their way!

## In Conclusion a personal Note

When this issue arrives at your desks, the New Year has already begun. My most cordial greetings and good wishes for health and successful work in 1985 go to you all. At the same time I like to thank all of you, dear friends, who were kind enough to send me season's greetings, notably our chairman, the other Board members, our president, vice-president and secretary-general. Acn Aschner wrote from Nigeria, others from their home-offices or vacation spots. I appreciated every single card or letter. But please forgive me if I don't answer them with a personal message. Take my intention for the deed.

Until the next issue appears

