



CONTACT

Newsletter of the International Academy for Quality

Dear Fellow-Academicians,

after a cold and wet spring, summer has at long last come to Europe with bright sunshine and temperatures that make you wish to sit at a swimmingpool rather than at your good old desk. But what can you do? The summer issue of CONTACT must get out, before I can leave for a couple of days off.

Ms Kerstin Jönson, our new member

At the beginning of our 22nd meeting in Stockholm, our newest member was cordially welcomed to the Academy. It is Ms. Kerstin Jönson from Sweden. With a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg, she is presently Research Manager at the Swedish Institute for Production Engineering Research (IVF) in Gothenburg, responsible for the research and consultancy work on quality management. Ms. Jönson started her career with research into the performance of textiles used in technical applications. With an early interest in QC, she began work on this subject in 1971, specializing in test and inspection procedures. This led logically to her present position.

Ms Jönson has written numerous articles and given many papers on her subject of study. Her professional affiliations and commitments are too many to be listed here. We hope that Acn Jönson will be equally active in IAQ matters.

Her address: Langnäs Gard Pl 407, S-43500 Mölnlykke, Sweden.

The 22nd (informal) meeting of IAQ

No less than 31 Academicians gathered in Stockholm's Continental hotel on the morning of June 19, 1986, to hold an informal meeting in connection with the Annual EOQC congress there. SEQC was the generous host. The following Academicians were present:

Aune, Aschner, Bertin, Bicking, Burgess, Cantarelli, Freund, Frisinger, Gogue, Hansen, Hartz, Hurd, Imaizumi, Jersin, Jönson, Jonson, Kofoed, Koivula, Kondo, MAsing, Moreau, Rovesjnak, Sandholm, Seghezzi, Sörensen, Stephens, Stephenson, Wachniak, Zaludova, Zeller. Acns de Buergo, Knowles and Turello had attended the congress, but had to leave before the meeting.

IAQ-Meeting ct'd

President Liebman, who was unable to come to Stockholm, had asked General-Secretary Zeller to chair the meeting. Acn Zeller welcomed Acns Jönson, Moreau, Aune and Stephenson to the Academy; they attended a meeting for the first time. Then the agenda was tackled.

As usual, it was a lively affair, with thorough discussion of the items of the agenda. The project leaders reported on the status of their projects. The reasons for the limited participation was discussed and proposals offered to enhance the lamentable situation. There could be no doubt that the members meant business when they asked the Executive and Board to act according to the constitution regarding members who cannot be persuaded to contribute in a decent way to the activities of IAQ.

The proposed yearbook was thoroughly discussed. The unanimous result was to give it a try on a pilot basis and draw conclusions from the outcome.

A report from Acn Harrington about the Management Awareness Campaign, initiated in the U.S. by ASQC met with great interest. The decision of ASQC to give a copy of the newly installed periodical for CEOs to all IAQ members was greeted with applause.

A special discussion centered around the question whether our constitution was correct (in ISO terms) to name as IAQ's goal the fostering of "Quality and Reliability" instead of Q only, reliability being only one of many Q-characteristics. Finally a proposal of Acn Aschner was adopted to ask the Executive to start the procedure of amendment of the constitution so that it corresponds to the ISO definition, but to put the most important ingredients of Q like reliability, control, assessment, assurance etc. in brackets behind it.

The meeting ended with drinks and a luncheon in the presence of the ladies, with Mssrs Björklund and Sandholm acting as hosts. Mange tak once more for a delightful meal!

The minutes of the meeting are available upon writing to our Secretary-General Zeller.

Project 3

Project leader Acn Gogue presented the finalized result of the project (14 pages) to the Executive. A suitable means of dissemination is under discussion.

ASQC Congress in Anaheim

I'm sorry, but apart from the information that the Academicians participating in this important event did meet, I have no details to report. But the announcement of the International Session of the congress (May 20) caught my eye. 4 papers were on the program, all of them given by Academicians: Aschner, Musi, Sandholm and Stephens.

ASQC Congress in Anaheim, ct'd

Furthermore, 4 Academicians were highly honoured during the congress.

Acns Feigenbaum and Ishikawa were elected Honorary Members, ASQC,

Acn Hurd received the Edwards Medal,

Acn Freund received the Lancaster Award.

Heartfelt congratulations! The entire membership joins me in expressing the utmost satisfaction to hear these good news!

New EOQC Executive

EOQC - unlike ASQC - elects a new Executive Committee every 2 years. At the closing ceremony of the EOQC congress in Stockholm the new Executive took over. Acn Seghezzi is president. Among the other 7 members are Acn Aune as vice-president External Affairs and Acn Hansen as v-p Conferences.

IAQ wishes our colleagues a lucky hand in their demanding jobs.

Acn Hurd retired

No one could believe it, but it is a fact: Walter Hurd is retired now. Of course, this doesn't mean that he will do nothing but cultivate roses in his new house. On the contrary: his vast experience makes him the ideal person to ask, if things aren't going as they should.

But in-between your many new and exiting chores, Walt, you should not forget IAQ. Correct? Say ROGER,, please, and WILCO - the airman's way to express consent. We can't do without you. Not yet!

Walt's new address: 1840 Dalehurst Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022,

New Books by Academicians

Acn Stephens has written a book (with 2 co-authors) titled: "Modern Methods for QC and Improvement", It was published by John Wiley this February. In his letter to me he writes: " Have been working on it for all too many years now - and at page count I've written about 47% of it. Have been extremely busy in spare time preparing problem solutions for an instructor's manual for the text".

From the same publishing house appeared another book on the subject: "The Chain of Quality;Market Dominance through Product Superiority" written by Acn Groocock. In his preface he makes the all too true remark: " Most books on business management are written by consultants or academics. Practicing managers have very little time for writing, and published books are of virtually no career advantage to them. For these reasons relatively few books on management are written by managers...". Well, here is one.

Until the next issue appears, cordially yours

