



CONTACT

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Dear colleagues and friends,

this issue is prepared during the EOQC congress in Munich under somewhat difficult circumstances. The day after the congress I have to leave for another commitment in China. I'll not be back before the middle of July. So I wanted to get this issue out before my departure, but time ran out too fast. So please make do with what I have to offer in a hurry.

Next triennial meeting in Hakone

The schedule for this important event is fixed. Our Secretary-General, Acn Zeller announces: The bus leaves Keio Plaza Hotel on October 18 at 8.00 hrs. After a pleasant ride through the countryside we arrive at Hakone around 10.00 hrs. Business starts at 10.30 and will last until 17.00, interrupted by luncheon. An evening programme is provided. We spend the night at Hakone. The next day, we do some sightseeing in and around this interesting ancient city. We leave for Tokyo sometime in the afternoon, again by bus.

Additional information will be distributed by Acn Zeller in a few days along with a questionnaire. Please fill it out, even if you don't plan to participate and send it to our Vice-President Kondo under his new address:

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This gives me the opportunity to express our sincere and hopeful expectation that Acn Kondo - having retired from an extremely demanding job in the university - will find time for additional work for IAQ, the institution he has so ably served in many capacities.

Academics meet in Munich

The EOQC annual congress in Munich June 1 - 4, 1987 draws a large audience from all over the world. Small wonder that no less than 18 Academics were among them: I noticed Acns Aune, de Buergo, Burgess, Cantarelli, Feigenbaum, Freund, Hansen, Harrington, Hartz, Jonson, Kondo, Masing, Sandholm, Schwander, Stephens, Turello, Zaludova, Zeller.
Forgive me, if I have overlooked one of you.

A separate room had been reserved to enable the Academics to meet and to have luncheon together. This was a good opportunity to discuss IAQ problems in an informal atmosphere. Main topics: the forthcoming Triennial meeting and the IAQ yearbook.

A cordial "Thank you!" is due to the organizers!

Academicians honoured

The ASQC conferred Medals and Awards to members of the Academy at the occasion of the ASQC Annual Congress in Minneapolis:

Acn Wachniak was the recipient of the Edwards Medal, Acn Turello of the Lancaster Award, and Acn Stephens of the Grant Award. Acn Stephens, together with 2 colleagues, also got the Joint Publishers Book-of-the-Year Award of the Institute of Industrial Engineers (U.S.A.) for "outstanding contribution to permanent literature of industrial engineering".

Our congratulations to recognitions well deserved!

It is noteworthy, though, that all but one of the ASQC awards went to Academicians. Let's see to it that we will prove our value to the science, technology and organization of quality also in the years to come.

Bi-monthly international column in Quality Progress

Acn Harrington has successfully completed the negotiations with the editors of ASQC's Quality Progress. The column will appear in the near future for the first time and - hopefully - become a permanent feature. Enough Academicians have responded to Jim's appeal for contributions to get the project started.

News from the APQCO

Acn Gatchalian provided me with the newest status report of the Asia Pacific QC Organization indicating that things have begun to move in the desired direction. The organization has 2 Honorary presidents, both Academicians (Ishikawa, Harrington). Acn Hurd is Vice-President for Finances.

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Acn Gatchalian on the road

Here is an excerpt of Acn Gatchalian's letter to me of March 12, 1987. It tells the story without need of a commentary.

The year 1986 had been a very busy one for me especially relative to quality control promotions activities. Early (February) 1986 I was in Malaysia and Bangkok as a consultant of Technonet Asia on the area of Food Processing and Quality Control. Soon after, on the same field, I was asked by the United Nations International Trade Centre (UN-ITC) to visit Vietnam (June to July) as a consultant. I travelled from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City during the one month period I was there. Again soon after Vietnam (August), I returned to Malaysia this time on a World Bank supported project requested by the Malaysian Agricultural Research Institute. The consultancy was on Transfer of Food Technology and Quality Control for the Food Industry. Recently, last February 5-7, 1987 I gave a three-day seminar in Singapore on Sensory Evaluation Methods for Quality Improvement. In all these travels I had the feeling that the time is ripe for a more intensive promotions program for Quality Control in Asia and the Pacific. I know that there is a big market for this need and I firmly believe that "net-working" of Quality Control promotion activities should already be initiated in this part of the world. Earlier I sent to you a proposed approach - I know there were many questions raised about its implementation. Nevertheless, it may be worthwhile to discuss it in greater detail. Perhaps, Mr. Enrique Sierra, the UN-ITC Director in Geneva, an IAQ member can provide some insights into this matter. May be this is what is needed to speed up the promotion of Trade and Commerce in these developing nations - what is your opinion?

If you have a suggestion to make, get in touch with Miflora. She'll be happy.

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Acn Freund in Hungary

A message from Acn Aschner reads as follows:

Upon invitation of the Ministry for Industry, Mr. Richard A. Freund has visited Hungary and held a two-day course at the Training Institute for Industrial Managers, Esztergom on 22-23 May 1987. His presentation covered the most recent knowledge, theoretical approaches as well as practical application potentials in the field of quality management and quality control. The course was attended by about 160 participants, chiefly by those engaged in top management. Most of them also participated on Saturday afternoon in a post-course discussion, focused chiefly on practical problems.

The program of the course provided high level information on quality. The Minister of Industry has evaluated the course as a valuable element of the national quality promotion programme.

During his stay in Hungary, Mr. Freund was received by Dr. László Kápoltyi, Minister of Industry; Mr. Peter Reiniger, Senior Chief of Department, Ministry of Industry and by Dr. Frigyes Geleji, Vice President of the National Committee for Technical Development.

Mr. Freund was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Valerie Freund.

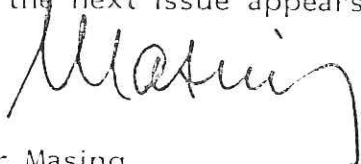
If ever one of us can be of help, just call!

A letter from our chairman

Space does not allow to publish the entire content of Acn Ishikawa's 3-page letter to me. It is full of informations about his many activities, including participation at the ISO Executive Board meeting in Geneva while on a tour round the world to preach the gospel. Hopefully, I can go deeper into the details in the next issue of CONTACT, due out in September, when I'm back from China, Canada and South America.

The same goes for the letter of Acn Harrington of April 22, 1987.

Until the next issue appears



Walter Masing