



CONTACT

Newsletter of the International Academy for Quality

Dear colleagues and friends,

Accept, please, my apologies for this issue being so late. The reason is that I was absent from my desk most of this autumn. I just couldn't find the time. However, this turns out to be a blessing in disguise, because now I can bring you up to date on the last Triennial Meeting in Tokyo. The following is an excerpt of the minutes, prepared there by Acn Koivula. Acn Zeller will see to it that all of you get a copy of the original text in due time.

7th Triennial Meeting in Tokyo

A reasonable number of 30 Academicians gathered in the Sky Room of Shinjuku-Sumitomo-Building, on October 19, 87 in connection with the ICQC'87 in Tokyo.

The following Academicians were present:

Asao, Aune, Bertin, Bicking, Burt, Cantarelli, Feigenbaum, Gatchalian, Golomski, Harrington, Hartz, Hurd, Ishikawa, Ito, Jönson, Knowles, Kogure, Koivula, Kondo, Kusabe, Musi, Richardson, Sandholm, Seghezzi, Shainin, Shimizu, Sierra, Stephens, Vigier, Zeller.

Instead of President Liebman, who couldn't attend by illness, Acn. Feigenbaum chaired the meeting, after a warm welcome by the Chairman Ishikawa. The agenda was accepted, Vice-President Kondo reported on IAQ-Projects and Secr.-General Zeller on administrative matters.

Chairman Feigenbaum expressed the gratitude of IAQ to the officers of the now ended term. He announced then, that the Nominations Committee nominated Acn. K. Ishikawa as Honorary Member of the IAQ. All members present were in favour having in mind the long and successful work, Dr. Ishikawa has done on Quality. Dr. Ishikawa accepted and thanked for the honour.

Then the Officers and Board Members were announced as follows:

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| President | H. J. Zeller |
| Vice-President | H. J. Harrington |
| Secretary-General | M. Imaizumi |
| Board Members: | M. Bertin |
| | A. V. Feigenbaum |
| | Y. Kondo |
| | W. Masing |

The consent to the proposals was unanimous.

Then explained - on behalf of the Officers - Pres. H. Zeller an 3 years plan for future activities of IAQ. (Details on that all Acns will get together with the minutes.) The comprehensive explanations found a lively discussion on certain details and were accepted with satisfaction.

After that, the members had a very tasty lunch together with the ladies in the Sumitomo Club Restaurant, enjoying a grand view over the city.

After lunch the new elected members Jönson, Aune, Golomski, Musi and Richardson gave their introductory speeches. The papers of Moreau and Mattana were distributed in writing.

The meeting was closed on the minute at 4.30 p.m. as planned.

On Sunday Oct. 18, the Acn's had already enjoyed a most interesting bus-tour to the Hakone-National-Park by excellent weather conditions and fine views on Mount Fuji.

Congratulations to Acn. Dr. Kondo and the other japanese colleagues for preparing such on excellent event.

Good luck to our new officers and Board members for a successful term of office! I think I speak on behalf of all Academicians, if I say that we all will be helping them as best we can to carry the load.

Congratulations to Acn Ishikawa for receiving the highest honour IAQ has to bestow on anyone. I take this opportunity to present an excerpt of his report to me about his 1986 activities

Acn Ishikawa busy as ever

In the last issue of CONTACT (Nr. 29) I promised to publish more details from the letter of our newly elected Honorary Academician, Ishikawa. In 1986, he left his home country no less than 9 times for longer or shorter trips abroad. In March he was in Stockholm, where a seminar was organized by Acn Sandholm. A month later he journeyed to India for the 4th time lecturing on behalf of the Association of Indian Engineering Industry. He sums up his impressions by saying: "I'm not so sure, but it might be because of penetration of free competition system, (that) Top Management in India seem to set importance on QC gradually." Then it was Geneva (ISO Executive Board) and Paris (Address to Top Management of Saint Gobain and a public lecture). In Anaheim (U.S.A.) Honorary Membership of ASQC was conferred to him (and Acn Feigenbaum, see CONTACT 25). A great ceremony, indeed! Next stop Seoul (Korea) for the 11th conference of PASC. He was impressed by the development of industry there, at least partly due to eager QCC activities. Assignments in Taiwan during July and two cruising QCC seminars (from Taiwan to Japan) were due in July and October. In between Brazil and Europe (Geneva again and Frankfurt/Bad Soden). Topping it all off, it was Taiwan again in November. A schedule which would exhaust anyone with less than Acn Ishikawa's endurance.

Meeting in Munich (corrected)

"Forgive me if I have overlooked one of you" was what I added to the list of participating Academicians at that occasion. You remember: It was the Annual Congress of EOQC that brought us together there.

Therefore, I regret in particular that the name of the president of EOQC is missing. My apologies go to Acn Beghezzi!

IAQ Scandinavian University Group

Four Scandinavian Academicians: Aune, Hartz, Jersin and Jönson have formed the IAQ Scandinavian University Group. Acn Hartz sent the following report about their activities, which I disseminate with much pleasure.

The four academicians met exactly as scheduled and had a very successful and effective 2-days meeting december 3-4, 1986, at the Technical University of Denmark, Lyngby.

Our agenda counted 20 items and in my position as host for the inaugural meeting I have had the pleasure to structure and edit the agenda and the discussion material (12 appendices from all four academicians). The area of our work is: "Development and Design of Quality Management Systems". We will continue with such 2-day meetings in our group 1-2 times pr. year.

In our group we emphasize the discussion process about status, trends and developments in our work area. After some meetings we will certainly discuss more narrow subjects in turn within our work area. Our goal is not to write a large report, but we emphasize the interactive discussions in the group and the following influence on our activities. One or more working papers could be the outside result of our group project during the coming years.

Our next meeting was originally scheduled for June 1987, but we had to move it to November 24-25, 1987 in Trondheim, Norway.

Couldn't this good example be duplicated by others in another region, too? We note the initiative of our Scandinavian colleagues as a promising way to tackle complex subjects. The task is very much facilitated by using the same language, having short distances to cover by telephone or in person,, and so on. The project 6, the result of which will be published in the first issue of the IAQ Yearbook, is another example of this kind. It worked well, because of the members of the project group being in constant and close contact.

We would certainly like to see similar activities in other parts of the globe.

Change of Addresses

In consequence of Firestone Company's Headquarter's move from Akron (Ohio) to Chicago (Illinois), Acn Wachniak has moved, too. His new home address is

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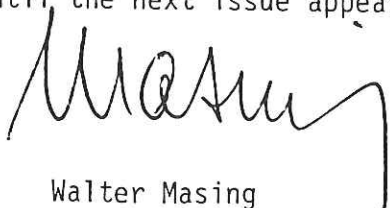
He goes on to write in his letter to me:

I am transferring from Pakistan to China, with addresses as above, It is expected that there will be many opportunities to practice and promote Quality Control activities in China on the new assignment. Please let me know if there are any programmes of possible mutual interest and cooperation. Please let me know if and when you pass through China -- you are welcome to visit with me.

Now this time it will not be possible to visit Acn Stephens, when I go again to China for one month of lecturing at the Shanghai Industrial Management Training Center. The topic is General Management. Quality Management is included as particularly important, but certainly not as the only theme.

Hopefully, upon my return in the first week of January, there will be enough copy from you to warrant a new issue of our newsletter.

Until the next issue appears



Walter Masing