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Environmental Communication

ISO/TC 207/WG 4 Environmental Communication - Report of the secretariat to the 12th meeting of ISO/TC 207

Organisation

Members

The working group has **115 experts** registered from **41 P-member** countries/liaisons organizations.

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Programme of work

Designation: ISO 14063
Title: Environmental management – Environmental
Communication – Guidelines and examples
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Meetings

WG 4 has had seven meetings since its establishment in 2001:

July 4 –5, 2001 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia,
December 2 – 3, 2001 - Billund, Denmark,
June 13 – 15, 2002 – Johannesburg, South Africa,
October 6 –7, 2002 – Cancun, Mexico,



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February 19 – 21, 2003, at BSI, in London, UK,
September 8 – 10, 2003, Berlin, Germany
February 25 – 27, 2004, Paris, France.

A WG 4 ad hoc group meeting was also held in Bali in conjunction with the ISO/TC 207 meeting 2003. The next meeting of WG 4 will be held on the 31 of August and 2-3 of September in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Present status

At the WG 4 ad hoc group meeting held in Bali in 2003, the main objective was to work on the ISO/WD.4 14063 annexes. Altogether 34 experts representing 18 member bodies and liaison organisations participated in the meeting. Recommendations were concluded on 3 separate annexes, including case examples, a 14000-family cross-reference and a bibliography.

At the meeting in Berlin in September 2003, a total of 600 submitted comments were handled by the participating 20 experts representing 12 member bodies or liaison organisations. Several editorial ad hoc groups were assigned to draft additional language on different parts of the standard. One of the groups worked on a table showing a range of approaches for environmental communication. All editorial ad hoc groups were to submit their texts to the secretariat within 2 weeks for insertion in the document without further discussion. A decision was also made to insert the case examples in the main text of the standard. Criteria for the bibliography were also set. The document was sent out in October 2003 as a first CD for comments.

At the last meeting in Paris, February 2004, 23 delegates from 13 countries and liaisons participated. A total of approximately 300 comments on the first committee draft were discussed and the results were incorporated into the document. WG 4 decided to establish ad hoc editorial groups to draft language during the meeting for various parts of ISO/CD 14063.1, based on the received comments, such as the principles section, the existing 6.2.1 section, the setting target clause and the new figure proposed by Denmark. The results of all editing groups will be inserted into the next version of ISO 14063 without further discussion at the WG 4 meeting. Following the Paris meeting a second CD was produced in March 2004, which is currently being circulated for comments and vote for DIS by June 2003.

Agreed timetable

The following revised timetable was agreed at the Paris meeting:

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| End of March | Leadership to finish the insertions proposed by the ad hoc editing groups. |
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| Beginning of April | Circulation of CD.2 to TC 207 members, for comments and vote to DIS |
| End of June | Comments back to WG 4 secretariat Members to send in proposals for annexes on cross references and bibliography. |
| Mid July | Circulation of compiled comments to WG 4 members |
| End of August | 8th meeting of WG 4 in conjunction with TC 207 Plenary Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Decision in TC 207 if the document will go on to DIS stage. |
| Beginning of October | Circulation of DIS to TC 207 members, for comments and vote(five months) |