



Report of the Chairman for the 14th plenary meeting of ISO/TC 197 on 10 November 2005 in Palm Springs, California, USA

Dear members

As our next ISO/TC 197 plenary meeting is around the corner, I am pleased to provide you with an overview of the activities that I have been involved in to build up ISO/TC 197 since we last met in Yokohama.

Once again, many efforts have been made to increase stakeholder awareness of ISO/TC 197 activities. An article "Hydrogen from dream to reality" was published in the June 2005 issue of ISO Focus. A number of presentations were also delivered in conferences around the world to promote the benefits of joining the ranks of ISO/TC 197.

I am also pleased to report that we have also strengthened our relationship with the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29) and the subgroups that are developing the hydrogen vehicle regulation. Our intention is to bring the ISO/TC 197 consensus based standards to the UN with the view that they eventually form a significant portion of the technical content of the Global Technical Regulation (GTR) that will be developed for hydrogen vehicles. The GTR, which is still in its infancy, have nevertheless achieved important milestones. As an example, Germany, Japan and the USA have announced earlier this year their commitment to co-sponsor the development of this regulation. A leadership team is also in the works for guiding the development of the GTR in a timely manner.

Since there is an increased recognition of the need for globally harmonized Regulations, Codes and Standards (RC&S) in order to advance the Hydrogen Economy, I have taken on the role of project manager of the ISO Round Table on Global Harmonization of Gaseous Fuels and Vehicles. This Round Table, which is to be held in Geneva in January 2007, will cover the topic of global harmonization of standards for hydrogen and other gaseous fuels, infrastructure as well as road and off-road vehicles that use these fuels. It will also cover the regulations and codes that are *linked* to the aforementioned standards. The purpose of this Round Table is to agree to a path forward process for advancing global harmonization of RC&S for gaseous fuels and vehicles, which I believe will make ISO/TC 197 stronger and more relevant.

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From now on, I would like to establish a tradition of having more informal meetings with increased exchange of information among the members. As a first step towards this goal, let's agree on a business casual dress code.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Palm Springs. Have a safe journey.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Dey", with a horizontal line underneath.

Randy Dey
Chairman of ISO/TC 197