



## Report of the Chairman for the 16th plenary meeting of ISO/TC 197 on 8 November 2007 in Montecatini Terme, Italy

Dear members

Since we last met in La Plaine Saint-Denis, France in June 2006, I have been active in a number of ISO/TC 197 related activities. I am pleased to provide you with an overview of those activities in preparation for our next plenary meeting.

Shortly after our meeting, I was asked to present ISO/TC 197 and related activities at a plenary session of the 16<sup>th</sup> World Hydrogen Energy Conference (WHEC) in Lyon, France. I was also invited to present our activities to the Steering Committee of the International Partnership for the Hydrogen Economy (IPHE) on 27 September 2006 in Iceland. Both of these invitations demonstrate the interest that International Regulations, Codes and Standards (RCS) on hydrogen and related technologies are attracting nowadays.

The coordination of the *ISO Roundtable on Global Harmonization of Regulations, Codes and Standards for Gaseous Fuels and Vehicles* was a stimulating and rewarding undertaking. The event, which took place on 10 January 2007 in Geneva, was a success. For more information, please consult the agenda and the recommendations that are available on the following web site:

- <http://www.iso.ch/iso/en/commcentre/events/archives/2006/roundtable.html>

In the course of the year, efforts were made towards the strengthening of our liaisons with our most important technical committees. A number of coordination meetings were held with the leadership of ISO/TC 22 *Road vehicles*, ISO/TC 58 *Gas cylinders*, ISO/TC 58/SC 3 *Gas cylinder design*, IEC/TC 31 *Equipment for explosive atmospheres* and IEC/TC 105 *Fuel cell technologies*. I am pleased to report that we have made good progress in this respect.

I have followed closely the work of the *World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations* (WP.29) that acts within the framework of the policies of the *United Nations Economic Commission for Europe* (UN ECE) as well as the work of the ECOSOC *Sub-Committee of Experts on The Transport Of Dangerous Goods* (SCETDG).

I will be pleased to further discuss these activities during our next plenary meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you in Montecatini Terme.

Yours sincerely,

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