



## ISO/TC 135 N 472

### *Non-destructive testing*

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Cc: Participants of Durban Meetings

From: Secretary of ISO/TC 135

Subject: **Message from SC 9 Chair**

Dear Sir or Madam:

With reference to ISO/TC 135 N 470 "*Result of voting on N 468 CIB on Chairpersonship of ISO/TC 135/SC 9*", we have got the following message from the re-appointed Chair. It is in response to the negative votes cast against his re-nomination for additional three year chairmanship extension.

Taking this opportunity to convey the message to all the TC 135 members, we, ISO/TC 135 Secretariat, would like to join SC 9 to beg for your maximum support to this relatively new subcommittee.

Sincerely,

***Yuji Ogino***

Secretary ISO/TC 135

## Attachment to ISO/TC 135 N 472

### Message from Mr. Pedro Feres Filho, The ISO/TC 135/ SC 9 Chair, received on Friday 27th September 2013 06:27

Dear ISO TC 135 Members,

As recently announced by the TC 135 Secretariat, the renewal of my Chairmanship term in SC 9 has been approved in a ballot. For the confidence on the continuity of my work as Chair, I sincerely thank you.

Since there were two negative votes in the ballot, accompanied of comments that questioned, basically, the development of the work within SC 9 and my dedication to the Subcommittee as its Chair, I feel compelled to share with you some facts of the recent history of SC 9.

ISO TC 135 SC 9 Acoustic Emission Testing was created in 2007 and, in its history, has published 3 International Standards and 1 Technical Report. Currently its structure comprises 14 P Members, 6 O Members and 4 Working Groups as follows:

- WG 1 Metallic materials;
- WG 2 Composite materials;
- WG 3 Leak detection;
- WG 4 Acoustic emission technology.

Currently there are only 2 active work items assigned to the working groups:

- ISO/NP 18081 – Non-destructive testing – Leak detection and location using surface – mounted acoustic emission sensors (WG3);
- ISO/WD 18249 – Non-destructive testing – Acoustic emission – Testing of fibre reinforced polymers – Specific methodology and general evaluation criteria (WG2).

Project 18081 is currently under ballot to adopt the Vienna Agreement with a CEN lead, which will allow CEN to do all the drafting of the document.

Project 18249, as a working draft, received a number of comments that are currently being evaluated by the WG 2 Convenor so the text can be updated accordingly. After this action, the

project will be circulated as a committee draft so it can be assessed by the ISO TC 135 SC 9 members.

Also, ISO TC 135 SC 9 had, in the last three years, six new work item proposals that were balloted but did not reach the minimum requirements to go forward. In most cases, the proposals did not achieve the minimum number of nominated experts. In one case, even the proposer's NSB voted against the NWIP.

At the moment, the SC 9 leadership, along with the WG convenors and project leaders, is trying to articulate some actions with its members in order to create the ideal scenario for the proposals to succeed. We believe that these collective efforts will be fundamental to create the necessary momentum to put these issues in the past.

Another point that needs to be elucidated is the assumption made regarding my interest on the SC 9 activities and field of work. For the last 25 years I have been involved on the development of initiatives in Acoustic Emission technology, including the supporting areas of training and standardization.

I indeed, due to factors that were beyond my control, could not be present at the last two SC 9 meetings. This affirmation does not mean that I neglected the SC 9 activities. As a matter of fact, I always been aware of everything that took place within SC 9, positioning myself as active as I could possibly be. Also, I made sure that the SC 9 meetings did not take place without a very competent session chair, in both cases WG 2 Convenor, Mr. Sérgio Damasceno.

Finally, I would like to thank all the support from the TC 135 and the ISO Central Secretariat and best wishes for a productive next triennium.

Pedro Feres Filho