

TRIP REPORT

ISO/TC 204 30th PLENARY, C/HOD & WORKING GROUP MEETINGS October 15-19, 2007 Qingdao, China

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Introduction

The 30th Plenary meeting of ISO Technical Committee 204 (Intelligent Transportation Systems) was held in Qingdao, China at the Hai Tian Hotel on October 19, 2007. Qingdao is a city of 3 million with nearby suburbs of 7 million located an hour and a half by air east of Beijing facing the Yellow Sea. The Standardization Administration of China (SAC) hosted the meeting and ITS China organized the meetings and the social event. Delegates were welcomed by Dr. Bao Feng of ITS China.

This report provides a brief overview of the week of meetings and highlights of the Plenary meeting focussing on reports of interest to Canada. The outcomes of the Conveners and Heads of Delegations meeting and the Working Group meetings held during the week prior to the Plenary Meeting are available in the trip reports posted by Canadian delegates on the SCC Sitescape website (see Further Information at the end for website addresses and contact details).

Canadian Delegation

The Canadian delegates who attend ISO/TC 204 meetings are there to represent the Standards Council of Canada. The Canadian delegation to the 30th TC 204 meetings in Qingdao included 3 members of the Canadian Advisory Committee for ISO/TC 204:

- 1) William Johnson (TRENDS Consulting), Head of Delegation (HOD) attended the Plenary and CHOD meetings, the Working Group 7 meeting as rapporteur for WG7, and the Working Group 9 meeting as Canadian delegate to WG9;
- 2) Dr. Lewis Sabounghi (Sabounghi & Associates), International Convener for WG7 (General Fleet Management & Commercial Freight) attended the Working Group 7 meeting and the CHOD and Plenary meetings;
- 3) Dr. Peter Burns (Transport Canada, Road Safety & Motor Vehicle Regulation), attended the Working Group 14 meeting as Canadian expert to WG14.

Note: Canada through Standards Council of Canada sponsors the international convener for Working Group 7 (General Fleet Management & Commercial Freight).

Meeting Overview

The TC204 meetings attracted approximately 100 delegates from 14 countries during the week of October 15-19, 2007. The meetings included the TC 204 Plenary, the Conveners/Heads of Delegation (CHOD), four Working Groups, the Strategic Planning Committee, three national delegation meetings (Japan/USA/Korea) and an Outreach Workshop.

There are 24 “P” or voting member countries and 27 “O” or observer member countries in TC204. The 14 countries represented at the Plenary in Qingdao were Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, Singapore, United Kingdom and United States.

The following Working Groups met on Monday to Wednesday prior to the Plenary (names of Canadian experts appear in parentheses; (*) indicates trip report available on SCC's SITESCAPE - see Further Information for URL):

- WG7 (*) General Fleet Management & Commercial Freight (Lewis Sabounghi, W.Johnson),
- WG8 () Public Transport and Emergency Services (met in Tokyo, Japan),
- WG10 () Traveller Information Systems (no Canadian expert);
- WG9 (*) Integrated Transport Information, Management & Control (William Johnson),
- WG14 (*) Vehicle/Roadway Warning and Control (Peter Burns).

The American National Standards Institute provides secretariat support for TC 204 through the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA). Mr. Tyler Messa provided the secretariat support at the TC 204 meetings in Qingdao.

The hosts organized a social event on Thursday evening at the Hai Tian Hotel including traditional Chinese music, a magic show and a formal dinner. The sponsors of the event, Hisense Corporation (manufacturer of television and display screens) whose headquarters is in Qingdao, escorted the delegates on a tour of their in-house display highlighting the company's history and product success. Hospitality for the meetings included coffee service each day (morning and afternoon). Breakfast was included in the daily hotel rate.

Plenary Meeting Highlights

The Plenary meeting is the focal point of the standards development business of ISO/TC 204. A full report of the proceedings of the Plenary can be found in the official minutes and the list of resolutions approved by the Plenary is posted with the minutes. These documents are available to CAC members on the TIA/TC204 website and on the SCC SITESCAPE website (see Further Information for URLs). Only the highlights of the Plenary of general interest to SCC/CAC members are reported here.

Minutes of 29th Meeting

The minutes of the Plenary meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, USA on April 27, 2007 were approved.

CHOD Working Group Reports

The draft minutes of the CHOD meeting on the previous day were reviewed and approved.

Liaison Reports

APEC/TWG and ISO/TC204 have a formal liaison arrangement and Mr. Donggeun Choi (Korea) presented the liaison report. He reported that the World Report on ITS Standards (WRITSS survey project 2005-06) has now been published for free download on the APEC website (see www.apec.org) and will be published shortly by ISO. An Intermodal Project is underway and will hold a workshop in China. The APEC members of WG8 are concerned about the failure of ISO to adopt work items for transit international standards. It is proposed

therefore, to convene a workshop in conjunction with the TC204 meetings in Ottawa in November 2008 to consider the matter. Possible dates and workshop topics were suggested for further consideration.

CEN (Europe) report presented by Mr. Henk Stoelhorst and posted on the TC204 website.

ISO/TC104 report from Mr. Dick Schnacke is posted on the TC204 website.

ISO/TC22 report from Mr. Chenet is posted on the TC204 website.

ISO/IEC JTC1 report presented by Mr. Bob Williams is posted on the TC204 website.

ETSI/TG37 report presented by Mr. Bob Williams is posted on TC204 website.

Strategic Planning Report

Dr. Seung-Hwan Lee, the vice-chair for Asia-Pacific, presented the Strategic Planning Committee report. He noted:

- The new HOD from Australia will be a member of the SPC;
- TC204 plans to take a pro-active approach to managing the TC204 relationship with the ISO Central Secretariat in Geneva; work flow management is generally okay but ISO 14906 was launched without liaison; processing is not timely; recommended list of steps to improve;
- No replacement for WG10 convener and manner of operation for WG10 is not clarified;
- P members who do not participate in meetings will be asked to become O members;
- Outreach activities are on track; Qingdao workshop was successful;
- There were ISO/TC204 outreach workshops in Hong Kong and Qingdao;
- Ballot for Nomadic devices was approved and WG17 has been set up; there are some issues: who will be the convener and the editor?; met offline to select an interim editor to move forward with WG17 (Korea volunteered); HODs requested to give serious consideration to joining; **Action** required.
- APEC report on U-City Task Force in Korea was received;
- APEC countries need ISO-APEC to develop ITS standards; **Action** workshop Nov 2008
- The business plan for TC204 will be rewritten using Japan's ISO /TC204 report as the starting point; need permission to use; add market data; volunteers are needed to work on this task; **Action** required.

Secretariat Report

Mr. Tyler Messa presented a report of work in progress: 32 ballots; 14 are open; 18 are closed; 5 standards are published; 9 more will be published by December; 5 new projects have been registered; the new work program is posted on TC204 website;

The TIA/TC204 website is up and running and has a calendar of all meeting dates, the latest TC204 work program, and all N-documents for members to download. Work items at risk of deletion are noted.

Issues Discussed

NP 10992 (Nomadic Devices) – approved in ballot but no convener or editor named; after offline discussion, Korea accepted to support for interim; meet March 12, 2008 to progress; all HOD's and stakeholders will be invited; **Action**.

ISO-TMB Proposed New Technical Committee – documents describing this proposed TC were presented by CEN representative; issues are overlap with TC204 and lack of consultation; review indicates it is complimentary and at a higher level of application (safety program management); chair of TC204 will draft and circulate to HOD's for comment a response to ISO-TMB; HOD's may respond thru member bodies by December 28, 2007; **Action** req'd.

Replacement Conveners

WG9 – Mr. Dean Zabrieszach from Australia is replacing Mr. Ted Vincent who has resigned due to a change in his work responsibilities;

WG10 – no one identified.

Presentations

There was a presentation to all delegates from the HOD Germany to invite delegates to the next TC204 meetings in Munich, Germany.

Resolutions

The resolutions approved by the Plenary in Qingdao are posted on the TC204 website (see Further Information for URL).

Future Meetings

The schedule for the next ISO/TC 204 meetings is as follows:

- Europe – April 14-18, 2008 – Munich, Germany
- North America – November 10-14, 2008 – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (confirmed verbally)
- Asia-Pacific – March-April 2009 – location and date to be determined

Further Information

For further information, visit the TC204 website at <http://www.isotc204.com> (password protected), or the SCC Sitescape at <https://forums.scc.ca/forums/scc/dispatch.cgi/admin> (password protected) or contact the Head of Delegation for Canada:

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