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NAFOTS and Euralarm Press Conference in Sofia

Ognian Todorov (President of NAFOTS), Tatyana Ivanova (Executive Secretary of NAFOTS) and the Euralarm representatives Dr. Gustav Pfister (President), Bert van Langeveld (CEO) and Dirk Gesenhues (Secretary General), held a press conference at the end of the first day of the Euralarm General Assembly 2008 in Sofia.

Under the moderation of Tatyana Ivanova the Euralarm representative answered questions of the present journalists from the Bulgarian trade press.

Dr. Gustav Pfister emphasized the importance of the EQM - European Quality Mark for the fire and security industry in Europe and even in Bulgaria to establish a fire and security market in Europe on a sufficient quality level with common and transparent access criteria. Bert van Langeveld pointed out that Euralarm will develop its organisation also in the direction of services for fire and security products and installations. Dirk Gesenhues explained the meaning of the Green Agenda for the fire and security industry.

The press conference was also recorded by a Bulgarian broadcast company:

>>> see the video: <http://www.ebf-tv.com/bgnews.php?video=3231>

Dirk Gesenhues (D), Secretary General EURALARM

USIF - Ukraine became member of Euralarm



At the last Euralarm General Assembly end of May in Sofia the Euralarm members confirmed the membership of the Ukrainian Security Industry Federation USIF. USIF, representing the Ukrainian security industry, is now member of the Euralarm Security section.

The Ukrainian trade association USIF is a non-profit organization representing manufacturers, distributors, integrators, installers and service providers of electronic and physical security products. More than 50 companies of Ukraine are members of USIF!

More information about USIF can be obtained at: www.ufub.com.ua/eng/

Dirk Gesenhues (D), Secretary General EURALARM

About this Newsletter

Members of Euralarm are regularly being informed about the activities and news out of Euralarm standing committees by a newsletter. This Newsletter is targeted to all members (associations and companies), to their employees and to potential new members of Euralarm. This Newsletter is brought to you by the Euralarm Standing Committee 1 (SC 1).

Dr. Hansjürg Mahler (SES) is the new Euralarm president

At the last Euralarm General Assembly in Sofia the Euralarm members meeting elected the members for the Executive Committees for the Euralarm fire and security section.

"Dr. Hansjürg Mahler as the new Euralarm President"



Dr. HJ Mahler

Derek Harrington (FIA/UK) and Michael von Foerster (ZVEI/D) as the chairman and the vice chairman of the fire section and Jos van Kampen (VEBON/NL) and Dr. Hansjürg Mahler (SES/CH) as the chairman and the vice chairman of the security section are the new members of the Euralarm Board.

According to the Euralarm statutes **Dr. Hansjürg Mahler** was confirmed by the Euralarm General Assembly as the new Euralarm President for a 2-years-term. He will be supported by **Michael von Foerster** as the Vice President.



M. von Foerster

In his short introduction he thanked Dr. Gustav Pfister (Siemens BT/CH) the past Euralarm President and J.A Lamb (BSIA/UK) as the past Vice President for their tremendous and excellent contribution to Euralarm and especially to the actual Euralarm project "European Quality Mark".

Dirk Gesenhues (D), Secretary General EURALARM

The new Euralarm Executive Committees

"Executive Committees Members have been elected for a new 2-years term."

At the General Assembly in Sofia Euralarm Executive Committees members have been elected for a new 2-years term.

The period of the Euralarm Executive Committees ended after a 2-years period at the last Euralarm General Assembly in Sofia/Bulgaria.

The following members have been elected for a new 2-years term:



Members of Executive Committees

	Fire section			Security section		
Chairmen	Derek Harrington	FIA	UK	Jos van Kampen	VEBON	NL
Vice Chairman	Michael von Foerster	ZVEI	D	Hansjürg Mahler	SES	CH
Member	Mirco Damoli	ANCISS-ANIE	I	Marc Chabaud	COFRAS	F
Member	Michel Goderie	VEBON	NL	Glen Dale	GE Security	B
Member	Bernhard Lauwick	UTC - Chubb	F	Antonio Escamilla Recio	AES	E
Member	Philippe Lecuyer	GESI	F	Mauro Gabbati	ANCISS ANIE	I
Member	Enzo Peduzzi	Siemens BT	CH	Anders Gustafson	SWELARM	S
Member	Michael Scharnowsky	Hekatron	D	Edward Lister	BSIA	UK
Member	Wim Vandenberghe	Honeywell	B			

Dirk Gesenhues (D), Secretary General EURALARM

Impressions from GA

“everybody is looking forward to next years unmissable event”

Possibly I am the wrong person to report on the General Assembly held in Sofia this year, 2-3rd June, as SC1 were heavily involved in the structure of the 2-day-event. However the 50+ attendees were all asked to provide feedback to help measure the success and identify any area's of improvement. With regard to the structure, content, venue and value for money, in all cases the feed back averaged 90-100% Good or Excellent, with only minor tweaks recommended for future events.



Dr. T.C. Tan

With loads to report this year a particular presentation, that grabbed my attention, was made by **Dr. T.C. Tan**, entitled 'Trends in IT Networks'. We discovered that the number of transistors in microchips, double every 1½ years, we are already at 100,000,000 and effectively we can add another 0 to the end of this number every 6.7 years. With storage capacity and bandwidth growing at similar speed the IT word is keeping up with demand - 'the future is bright, the future is IP'

Our hosts, NAFOTS, surpassed themselves and provided some amazing entertainment at the Gala dinner where two Euralarm stalwarts were honoured. **Gustav Pfister** stands down as President having served since 2005. Whilst we will not lose him entirely his leadership has been magnificent and on a personal level he has encouraged me and the rest of SC1 through his drive and vision. If President was not enough, Gustav also chaired the Fire Section from 2004-6 and supported as Vice Chairman of this section from 2006-8.



G. Pfister and B.v.Langeveld

Gustav and Tony retired



T. Lamb and G. Pfister

Another fantastic Ambassador for Euralarm, **Tony Lamb**, handed over the reigns of the Security Section having chaired for 10 years! Typically Tony's presentation during the GA was eloquently delivered with much humour alongside some deep thought. A well respected member of the Euralarm family Tony will be sorely missed and all at Euralarm wish him a long and happy retirement.

Overall 10/10. With everybody looking forward to next years unmissable event.

Martin Duggan (GB), FIA

Former European Quality Mark (EQM) moves to CERTALARM

“one-stop testing and one-stop certification in Europe”

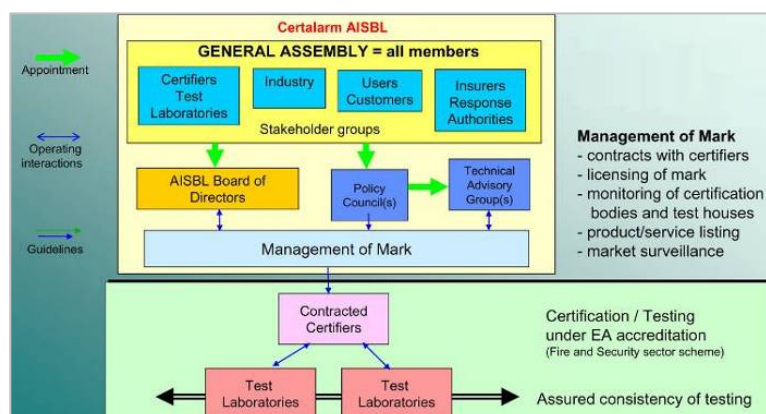
The vision of one-stop testing and one-stop certification in Europe was one of the major topics at the recent Euralarm General Assembly. In this context, for the new concept for a European quality mark the name CERTALARM was chosen. CERTALARM not only complies with one-stop testing and certification, but also ensures high-quality fire and security industry products and systems.

Currently, products and systems have to undergo multiple testing and certification when companies want to trade in the EU member states. This may even be the case where harmonized standards – the so-called hEN's – exist, as is the case with many fire alarm products for instance. The time and cost this involves are immense and result in unnecessarily high product cost. This in addition hinders product innovation, slows down market introduction and impairs competition.

CERTALARM, by contrast, will be a pan-european quality mark. The concept is based on the following principles:

1. Level playing field based on an open system where qualified test houses and certification bodies can become partners or stakeholders;
2. Independence from the certification process in line with the relevant EN and ISO/IEC standards;
3. Supported by stakeholders who own and manage the (voluntary) quality mark;
4. Applied to fire and security products, systems and services;
5. Regular product validation from manufacturing lots to assure life time quality.

During recent months, some crucial steps have been taken to bring CERTALARM to life. Having agreed on the name as well as a logo for the European quality mark, the official registration process has already taken place. The quality mark will be awarded by independent, contracted certifiers. CERTALARM as a company will administer the operation of the scheme and will act as an International Non-Profit Association (INPA) with its office in Brussels. Membership will be open to physical persons as well as to any legal entity involved in the fire and security industry.



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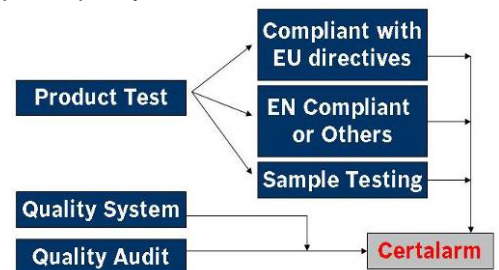
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Considering the background of certification in Europe coined by existing private quality marks, we must be well aware of the fact that CERTALARM is a challenging project. In addition to that, there are currently other new initiatives about to emerge issued for example by 'VdS Schadensverhütung'. Most recently, VdS together with CNPP and BRE started to found the International Group of Certifiers (IGoC) that intends to implement its own pan-European certification schemes for the fire and security industry. Furthermore, VdS also issued the 'VdS European Standard', a new testing and certification procedure for the European Security market.

"CERTALARM at SECURITY 2008, Essen (Hall 1, Stand 418a)"

Especially against the backdrop of those new initiatives, it will be vital to implement and promote CERTALARM as quickly as possible. Preceding the start of the actual operations of CERTALARM due in November 2008, trade shows e.g. **SECURITY 2008 in Essen (Hall 1, Stand 418a)**, an e-marketing campaign, issue of PR articles and a CERTALARM website will be organised. Those and other measures will make sure that the market place can be convinced to accept the new pan-European quality mark.

Even if it takes a while for the CERTALARM mark to penetrate the market, the vision of the free movement of fire and security products and systems in Europe in line with high-quality standards without additional barriers must become reality if the European market wants to remain competitive and innovative. Furthermore, this approach is also the basis for a stronger position of European certified products and systems in markets outside the EU.



"Euralarm strongly supports establishing the proposed Certalarm quality mark"

Euralarm strongly supports establishing the proposed CERTALARM quality mark and is prepared to participate in marketing as well as lobbying activities.

Derek Harrington (GB), FIA

Intruder alarm verification

Intruder alarm verification (or confirmation as it is sometimes known) is a growing issue for Installers and Alarm Receiving Stations (ARC's). At least 8 European countries use verification in one form or other and this number is growing. A limited number of national standards exist or are being proposed and there is, in Euralarm view, a clear need for a single pan-European standard within the EN5013x-family.

"a growing issue for Installers and Alarm Receiving Stations"

In order for this to be facilitated the intruder alarm committee (Euralarm SC3) under the Chairmanship of Brian Harrington are, in conjunction with the Alarm Monitoring Committee (Euralarm SC7) and the new Euralarm Systems Section, going to start work on the preparation of a draft standard, which, if approved, will be submitted to CENELEC TC79 to form the basis of a future European Standard.

The group will evaluate what is happening across Europe and draw upon best practice from each country

Edward Lister (GB), TYCO



The Construction Product Directive (CPD) becomes a European Regulation (CPR)

To improve the internal market for construction products, the European Commission has proposed on the 23rd of May 2008 to replace the CPD (89/106/EEC) by a new Construction Product Regulation. The aim is to remove all remaining regulatory and technical obstacles to the free circulation in all EU Member States.



The proposal aims to introduce a “common technical language” for expressing the performance of construction products and also a clarification of procedures leading to CE marking is given with the aim to reduce costs for manufacturers whilst ensuring that a declaration of performance accompanying the product is accurate and reliable.

The common technical language mainly will be harmonised European Standards and European Assessment Documents.

What are the major changes? New instruments; some important ones:

- 1) **European Assessment Document (EAD)** equivalent to hEN's.
- 2) **European Technical Assessments (ETA)** based on EAD. (Manufacturers are entitled to request a ETA even when a product is covered by a harmonised standard).
- 3) **Specific Technical Documentation. (STD)** for SME's and Micro Enterprises of individually manufactured products.
- 4) Accessibility to national technical rules must be open.
- 5) The CPR foresees stricter requirements for notified bodies.
- 6) CE marking shall only be affixed for products for which the manufacturer has drawn up a declaration of performance.
- 7) Special option **NO PERFORMANCE DECLARATION (NPD)**: Where the use of a product is not subject to any requirements related to the essential characteristics the product can be placed on the market without declaration of performance and without CE marking. This option related to essential characteristics can be called up per Member State or Region.

What does changes mean for fire detection and alarm industry?

It is the general opinion that the **Regulation** is flexible and cheaper but also introduces situations of unfair competition. In a lot of EU Member States revisions are proposed to correct this also the opinion in the electrical industry as a whole and it is now lobbying on European and National level to get things changed before the CPR will have a final positive vote in the European Parliament..



Especially for the fire detection and alarm systems the NPD option have to be avoided for implementation in the EN54 series of standards. This NPD option is meant for mechanical products and not for electronic construction products.

Now already for new hEN's and existing hEN's which need amendments or revision meet problems because CEN consultants want this NPD option in these standards and are delaying the publications of EN-standards. CEN TC72 has addressed this problem and published a position paper on that subject showing that CEN TC 72 is in agreement not to adopt the NPD option in our EN54 standards.

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“the new CPR will not affect our business very much”

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Overall the new CPR will not affect our business very much and as the CPR does not require safety and quality aspects on construction products. Our goal to have implemented a European Quality Mark will be needed more than ever.

The plan of the European Commission is that the CPR will be effective in 2011.

Bert van Langeveld, CEO Euralarm

“Europe’s leading fire and security magazines will be invited....”

Press day



Euralarm plans to hold a press day at the Sicurezza exhibition on 26th November, in Milan. Europe’s leading fire and security magazines will be invited to attend the exhibition as VIP guests. The organisers have arranged a tour of the exhibition in the morning with the afternoon given over to Euralarm to present its position statements and activities. The intention is to build relationships and for Euralarm to better understand how to work closely with these magazines to ensure regular feature articles are communicated to the wider world of fire and security.

Hans-Martin Fischer (D), ZVEI



TA Exchange

Euralarm launches its first ‘Trade Association Exchange’ event on 25th & 26th November in Milan. This aims to provide a ‘benefit of membership’ to its trade association members.

These members all operate in the fire and security industries but within their own countries. They are all trying to achieve the same goals and support their respective members, however, they do not compete with each other, therefore, an opportunity exists to share best practice.

ANIE/ANCISS have offered to host the event, timed to coincide with SICUREZZA exhibition. The format starts mid morning on the 25th and will include presentations by the hosts, ZVEI and FIA, who have volunteered to share their best practice and examples of what particularly works for them.

Opportunities for debate are included with the intention that all who participate will share their experience, that way everyone who attends will benefit, taking away lots of ideas on how to improve their service. That evening, the delegates will attend a networking diner and the following morning enjoy a VIP entrance and welcome at Sicurezza from the exhibition organisers.

Invitations have been sent to all the ‘Heads’ of the secretariat teams of the Euralarm trade association members.

Andrea Ceppi (I), ANIE/ANCISS

“provide a ‘benefit of membership’ to its trade association members”



“going on to complete a full set of standards - at long last we are nearly there”

European Standards for Security

It seems that almost every day another standard is issued on security and this proliferation of documents is of course the culmination of an enormous amount of work by everyone in our industry. For many years work has been going on to complete a full set of standards and now at long last we are nearly there:

- *Systems - prA1 to EN50131-1:2006; prEn50131-7:2008-05-31 and interpretation documents for both EN50131-1:1997 and EN50131-1:2006 are all in voting process or being prepared for publication.*
- *Detectors - The following parts of the EN 50131-2 series have either been published or are currently being prepared for publication as EN50131-*
 - 2-2 – PIR
 - 2-3 – Microwave,
 - 2-4, Combined PIR/Microwave, Combined PIR/Ultrasonic,
 - 2-6 Opening Contacts (Magnetic).

In addition the current work being undertaken on the prTS 50131-2-7 series (Glass Break) which includes: - 2-7-1 – Acoustic, 2-7-2 – Passive and 2-7-3 – Active. All to be ready by September 2008

- *Controls - EN 50131-6 (power supply) is now published and EN 50131-3 (CIE) is in the voting process. The committee is now looking at one or more standards for interoperability and interconnections*
- *Social Alarms - EN 50134-3 was being reviewed and an initial draft of the revised standard is due by autumn 2008*
- *Warning Devices - EN50131-4 is in the voting process*
- *CCTV – EN50132-5 has generated a lot of comment and these comments are being reviewed.*
- *Access Control – Work on the EN50134 standards has been taken over by IEC for adoption as international standards*
- *Fog Devices – A draft prEN50138-1 is in the voting process*
- *Wire Free – An amendment to EN50131 5-3 is out for voting*
- *Combined Systems – a revision of TS50398 is in the voting process*
- *Alarm Receiving Stations – prEN50518-1 location + construction is out as a draft for comment*

Within months we will have an almost complete suite of standards which will move the industry onto a more stable base going forward – providing an essential foundation for the EQM implementation.

Edward Lister (GB), TYCO

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