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1. World Accreditation Day 2014

World Accreditation Day is a joint initiative of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).

The annual World Accreditation Day took place on the 9th of June with this year’s theme focusing on the role that accreditation plays in the provision of energy.

IAF and ILAC have published a brochure outlining the issues surrounding the provision of energy and the role of accreditation in addressing these issues. For more information and to view the brochure please visit the IAF website at http://www.iaf.nu/articles/World_Accreditation_Day_2014/272 and the ILAC website at https://www.ilac.org/wad_2014.html.

2. World Standards Cooperation Academic Day

The World Standards Cooperation (WSC) was established in 2001 by three international standards development organisations IEC, ISO and ITU in order to advance the international standards systems of IEC, ISO and ITU. The WSC aims to strengthen cooperation and avoid duplication in the technical work of the three organisations.

The annual WSC Academic Day was set up to promote communication between universities and the standards community. Participants consist primarily of representatives of national standards bodies, standards development organisations, university professors and other academics.

This year the theme of WSC Academic Day will be on ‘encouraging the next generation of standards experts’ and is to be held on the 15th of August 2014 at Ottawa, Canada.

WSC Academic Day will follow the annual workshop if ICES (International Cooperation for Education about Standardization). For registration details and to view the agenda visit the IECS website at http://www.standards-education.org/home/2014-Workshops.
ISO

1. 37th ISO General Assembly

The 37th ISO General Assembly (GA) will be held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil during the ‘ISO week in Brazil’ to be held on 8-12 September 2014.

ISO Week in Brazil will focus on the importance of international standardisation for society and the direction of ISO’s future products, services and systems.

Some of the topics that will be focused on during ISO week in Brazil include:

1) ISO Strategy for 2016-2020;
2) The importance of standards in fields of environment and sustainability;
3) Involvement of small business in the ISO system; and
4) ISO international standards in Brazil’s industry.

Meetings to be held during ISO week in Brazil:

1) ISO Council Meeting;
2) General Assembly (including break-out sessions);
3) Sebrae seminar on SMEs;
4) ISO committee on developing country matters (DEVCO) working sessions & plenary; and
5) Technical Management Board (TMB) meeting.

2. New ISO Management standards essential collection published

ISO has published a new Management standards essential collection which contains all of ISO’s best known management system standards.

The collection applies to any organisation size and industry and aims to help businesses facilitate efficient use of resources, improve risk management and increase customer satisfaction.

The collection includes standards on:

- Business Continuity;
- Energy Management;
- Environment;
- Information Security;
- Product Management;
- Quality;
- Risk Management; and
- Social responsibility
3. ISO TMB has approved training for chairs and convenors

ISO TMB has adopted Resolution 74/2014 at the June ISO TMB meeting. The resolution approved the pilot roll out for training sessions for Chairs and Convenors.

The first training session will take place in Pretoria, South Africa on 19-21 November 2014 and covers training for chairs and convenors from the African region.

ISO has encouraged all national standards bodies to host training sessions in their regions.

4. New IT Management Standards collection published

ISO has published a new IT management collection. The collection consists of more than 60 ISO standards and aims to assist CIO's and IT management in delivering IT services and managing risks.

The collection includes standards on:

- Business continuity and disaster recovery
- Energy efficiency
- Governance
- Information security management (ISO/IEC 27000)
- Project management
- Quality (ISO 9000)
- Records management
- Risk management (ISO 31000)
- Service management; and
- Systems and software engineering: application management, architecture description, software life-cycle processes and system life-cycle processes.

5. ISO/TC 292 Security

ISO has created a new technical committee ISO/TC 292 Security.

The new ISO TC 292 committee is the amalgamation of three committees:

- ISO/TC 223 Societal security;
- ISO/TC 247 Fraud countermeasures and controls; and
- ISO/PC 284 Management system for quality of private security company (PSC) operations - Requirements with guidance.

The creation of the new committee clarifies ISO’s structural organisation on security matters, and prepares ISO to tackle future topics in this field by creating a de-facto coordination body. The new committee will help to limit and prevent conflict or duplication of work and will also assist public administrations/authorities with a general interest and protective mission to optimise their participation in ISO’s work in this sector. Non-Profit organisations with limited resources will also benefit from this simplified structure.

The scope of the new committee on Security is standardisation in the field of security, including but not limited to general security management, business continuity management, resilience and emergency management, fraud countermeasures and controls, security services and homeland security.

The official starting date for the work of this TC will be 1 January 2015.

Standards Australia is currently consulting with stakeholders regarding Standards Australia’s participation on the committee.
6. ISO/TC 291 – Domestic gas cooking appliances

ISO has established a new technical committee ISO/TC 291 – Domestic gas cooking appliance on a provisional basis until the committee agrees to its title and scope.

ISO TC 291 will have the following provisional scope: Standardisation in the field of Domestic Gas Cooking Appliances, considering a whole appliance: terminology, classification, constructional and performance characteristics, test methods and marking.

The secretariat of this Technical Committee has been allocated to DIN (Germany). Australia is a participating member on the new committee.

7. ISO Strategic Plan for 2016-2020

ISO members together with ISO Policy Development committees and some regional groups such as PASC and COPANT are currently involved in a consultation on ISO’s draft Strategic Plan for 2016-2020. The consultation process will continue until 22 August 2014.
IEC

1. 78th IEC General Meeting

The 78th IEC General Meeting is due to be held from 10 - 14 of November 2014 in Tokyo, Japan.

All IEC management meetings SMB, CAB, CB and Council will be held within the five day program. Technical committee and subcommittee meetings that are hosted as part of the General Meeting will be held from 4 – 15 November 2014.

More information on the IEC General Meeting will be provided in due time.

2. 2nd Annual IEC 61850 Europe 2014

The IEC 61850 Europe 2014 is a conference that addresses the information and implementation needs of the European end-user community TSOs and DSOs.

The 2nd Annual conference to be held in Prague, Czech Republic on the 14-16 October 2014 will focus on driving large scale deployment of IEC 61850 across TSO and DSO Smart Grid Infrastructures.

Topics to be discussed at the conference will assist organisations in:

- Securing investment;
- Establishing the right organisational structures;
- Optimising the engineering process; and
- Plan for operational excellence.

The conference will include:

1. Case study led agenda with European utilities that have implemented the standard sharing their experiences;
2. Panel discussions with technical representative of the industry;
3. A pre-conference workshop on fundamentals of IEC 61850;
4. Working Group discussions; and
5. A display of the latest IEC 61850 enabled technologies and services.