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A new work item proposal on Knowledge Management systems – Requirements has been submitted to ISO by SII (Israel).

This proposed Standard sets the requirement for Knowledge Management systems in organisations and deals with the establishment and maintenance of Knowledge Management systems, instilling a culture of Knowledge Management and sharing in Knowledge Management solutions and in the manner of measuring the knowledge in organisations. The Standard is applicable for all types of business, private and public organisations, independent of the field of business and their size, and also for non-profit organisations.

For more information or to provide any comments on this proposal, please email Varant Meguerditchian, National Sector Manager: varant.meguerditchian@standards.org.au by Thursday 13 March 2014.

2. Re-allocation of ISO/TC 43 and SC 1

DS (Denmark) has informed the Central Secretariat that it wishes to relinquish the Secretariats of ISO/TC 43 Acoustics and ISO/TC 43/SC 1 Noise.

ISO/TC 43 has published 199 Standards in the field of acoustics, including methods of measuring acoustical phenomena, their generation, transmission and reception, and all aspects of their effects on man and his environment.

ISO/TC 43/SC 1 has published 117 Standards.

If you are interested in discussing Australia assuming either Secretariat role, please email National Sector Manager jason.lazar@standards.org.au for more information by Friday 14 March 2014.

3. Nano-labelling for consumers

Nanotechnologies are increasingly pervading the products we buy, yet we are often unaware of their existence. In order to better inform consumers about their presence, ISO has developed a document which offers manufacturers a harmonised approach for the voluntary labelling of their nanoproducts and products incorporating nanotechnology.

The ISO technical specification, ISO/TS 13830:2013, Nanotechnologies — Guidance on voluntary labelling for consumer products containing manufactured nano-objects, provides guidance on the format and content of voluntary labels for consumer products containing manufactured nano-objects. It recommends, among other things, placing the term “nano” on product labels.

More information is available from: http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index/news_archive/news.htm?refid=Ref1806

4. New ISO DEVCO Chair

ISO has appointed Dr Lalith Senaweera of Sri Lanka as DEVCO chair for 2014.

Dr Senaweera has been recognised as a Fellow by the world authority of Quality and Quality management, the American Society for Quality (ASQ), the largest and world-renowned body supporting the development and enhancement of the knowledge of the professionals in the field of quality.

5. ISO training sessions

Each year, the ISO Central Secretariat organises training sessions in Geneva free of charge for the staff of ISO members and professionals engaged in producing ISO standards.

Information on the 2014 training sessions, including pre-registration form and deadlines for application, may be found on ISO Online at www.iso.org/training-dates
1. Standards Australia’s CEO in IEC e-tech

In a world that is technologically fast paced, Dr Bronwyn Evans, the new CEO at Standards Australia, is focusing on standards that can help innovation thrive.

IEC e-tech interviewed Dr Evans for the November 2013 edition asking questions about her involvement with Robogals, work with the IEC and priorities for Standards Australia.

The interview can be read at http://www.iec.ch/etech/2013/etech_1113/fam-3.htm?mlref=etech

2. IEC Global Visions - LSIS

IEC Global Visions interviewed Dr Ja-Kyun Koo, CEO of LSIS, a global leader in the field of power solutions, automation and green business. In this interview, Koo explains why it is so important for a company to be able to monetise Research & Development (R&D) and Intellectual Property (IP) investment and how a standardization strategy can help in this.

Koo explains that technology based companies have to significantly invest in R&D on the one hand and to find the right balance between protecting their innovations and IP while building their income and markets on the other. LSIS is successful in both.


3. IECEx general meeting

In September 2013, the IECEx held its general meeting in Fortaleza, Brazil. Over 100 experts from 26 countries took part during the week with 30% of attendees coming from industry (manufacturers, end users, regulators and service facilities). This level of involvement by industry in the direct management and operation of the IECEx System and its Schemes is a major element of its ongoing success.

As part of the 2013 IECEx meetings, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) organised a day long regulatory workshop with over 100 participants and representatives from various parts of Latin America.

Every year at the IECEx meetings, there is a tradition of having a dedicated training workshop to ensure that participants are kept up to date with developments in the IECEx Schemes and the IECEx Online Certificate System. This year’s workshop covered new and updated operational documents including those being developed to cover trade agents and local assemblers.

More information about the general meeting is available from: http://www.iec.ch/etech/2013/etech_1113/ca-2.htm?mlref=etech