

## Greetings from the Chairman:

Dear Colleagues;

I hope that everyone will enjoy these exciting days while 2017 is ending and new year upcoming. I remember as like yesterday, 2017 had started with new hopes. Now we are completing a year. During this time we have achieved a number of significant milestones. I don't want to say these again and again but the thing I must remembered is IAF endorsement as a sub-scope of the IAF MLA. As you know IPC is the scheme owner of the world-wide operated "IPC Management System Auditors certification scheme" and during the 31st IAF General Assembly the IPC Management Systems Auditor Certification Scheme has been endorsed. This is also the first personnel certification program to be endorsed by IAF. From now on IPC scheme will be globally used as the common competency based personnel certification scheme for Management System Auditors. We achieved a tremendous development for every organization involved with auditor certification. Actually this is the result of long years of works and just a beginning. With your support I believe that we will do more comprehensive works in the Personnel Certification field.

I would like to thank our great team for their hard work over the past year as well as our growing number of members. I look forward to another busy and productive year and wish you all a very happy New Year.

With very best wishes,

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Chairman. IPC



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## ISO 19011 FDIS is on the way!

Revision of the management system auditing guide is progressing well.

The ISO 19011 standard, published for the first time in 2002, is known as the "Guideline for auditing management systems". The purpose of the guide is to guide companies in conducting internal and supplier audits, "on par with" ISO management system standards, most notably ISO 9001. The comprehensive revision of the International Quality Management Standard in September 2015 has consequently led to a corresponding revision of the ISO 19011 – what is the current status?

Early December 2017: The three-month comment phase for the first draft standard (ISO / DIS 19011: 2017) ran from 3 August to 25 October. At the subsequent meeting of the lead project committee ISO / PC 302 in Mexico from 6 to 10 November 2017, the ISO / DIS was revised following the implementation of a number of proposed amendments. Due to the large number of comments, details have been changed or updated in almost all chapters. Many inconsistencies of the DIS were eliminated. Finally, PC 302 voted for the creation of a FDIS.

Significant changes;

Compared to the current version of 2011, the structure and scope of application will be largely maintained - the focus of the guideline is on internal and external management system audits. It is also applicable for 3rd party management system certification, but here the ISO 17021 - 1 2015 ff is the requirement standard.

The systematic and extended consideration of risks and opportunities in the audit represents a substantial change in content - a new audit principle "risk based approach" is introduced. The appropriate consideration of the risk and opportunity analysis during auditing was a topic of discussion on several occasions and was ultimately adequately implemented. This point is important because this form of auditing significantly influences the planning, execution and reporting of an audit.

Another topic of the last session was the updating and harmonization of terms and definitions. It was achieved that the most important terms of ISO 9000: 2015 should now also be used in ISO 19011. Contents of the common basic structure of the ISO Management System Standards (HLS) published in 2012 were taken into account, but not directly referenced.

The chapters surrounding the audit program and the audit planning and implementation have been supplemented by some new content (incorporation of the strategic direction, consideration of external and internal issues as well as the interested parties and many more).

The generic competency descriptions for auditors in Chap. 7 have been structurally retained, but in many details updated and expanded - now more emphasis is placed on identifying the competencies of auditors instead of knowledge and skills. The focus is on ensuring the overall competence of the team with regard to each individual audit. The previous annex with discipline-specific competence requirements will be removed.

The supplement ("additional guidance for auditors for planning and conducting audits") provides additional guidance for auditors to plan and conduct audits - addressing several new topics based on many comments on DIS: auditing of leadership engagement, supply chain, compliance, context, life cycle, virtual activities and locations are added as new chapters.

Thomas Votsmeier, German delegate of DIN in ISO PC 302 and standardization expert assesses the new ISO 19011 2018 as follows:

"A good standard set of rules for auditing management systems has been systematically reviewed and improved. The result of this revision is not fundamentally new, but a well-developed and adapted to the state of the art of the current management system standards version. Current trends and developments have been taken up, so that now a consistent set of rules is available for all questions around the auditing. This ISO 19011 contains valuable suggestions and tips on all audit-related issues - every auditor should be familiar with the contents in order to be able to audit beneficial for sustainable business success. "

Schedule;

In January 2018, first the English-language FDIS will be created, so that the publication of the final version of the new guide in April 2018 can be expected. The currently valid version from the year 2011 will be replaced.

Members of the ISO PC 302 Mexico Meeting



## **ISO 45001 Occupational health and safety management systems – final voting!**

*ISO 45001 Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements with guidance for use*, will help organizations provide a safe and healthy workplace for its workers and other people, prevent deaths, work-related injury and ill health as well as continually improve occupational health and safety (OH&S) performance. It has reached the Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) stage, meaning interested parties can once more submit feedback on the draft before its final publication expected in March 2018.

The upcoming standard will follow in the footsteps of ISO's other management systems approaches, such as ISO 14001 (environment) and ISO 9001 (quality). It will also take into account other international standards in this area including OHSAS 18001, [ILO-OSH guidelines](#), various national standards and the ILO's international labour standards and conventions.

ISO 45001 is being developed by ISO project committee ISO/PC 283, *Occupational health and safety management systems*.

## ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 Transitional Arrangements

During the Joint Annual IAF/ILAC 2017 meetings in Vancouver, there was considerable discussion about transition to the 2015 ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 standards, and it was agreed that there was a need to gather more reliable, robust, and up-to-date information to assist in future decision making.

To achieve this, IAF members (i.e. IAS) were requested to provide two sets of data as follows, to support discussions during the Frankfurt 2018 Mid-term meetings:

1. Data as of 31 December 2017 to be gathered throughout January 2018.
2. Data as of 28 February 2018 to be gathered throughout March 2018.

Also an IAF resolution was agreed as shown below:

*IAF Resolution 2017-13 – (Agenda Item 9) Transitional Arrangements for the ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 - The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that at the end of the transition period, 15 September 2018, all ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 certifications shall expire or be withdrawn.*

*As of 15 March 2018, CABs shall conduct all ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 initial, surveillance, and recertification audits to the new versions (ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015). The outcomes of such audits shall be considered by the CAB for further decision on accredited certifications to ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004 as deemed appropriate.*

## ISO/IEC 17025 - General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories

An overview of ISO/IEC 17025, and how it can help testing and calibration laboratories demonstrate their capacity to deliver trusted results, is now available to download, for free, from <http://bit.ly/2E7apmK>

ISO/IEC 17025:2017, General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories, is the international reference for laboratories carrying out calibration and testing activities around the world. ISO/IEC 17025:2017 was developed jointly by ISO and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) under the responsibility of the ISO Committee on conformity assessment (CASCO). IPC has also participated actively in the development of that standard.

## IAF MD 20 - More on MS auditor Competence

IAF MD 20:2016 “Generic Competence for AB Assessors: Application to ISO/IEC 17011” was issued on 25 May 2016 and it is expected to be applied from 25 May 2018. This document defines the generic competencies for Accreditation Bodies assessors involved in the accreditation of Certification Bodies/Conformity Assessment Bodies. The objective of this document is to enable Accreditation Bodies to harmonize their application of ISO/IEC 17011 for the accreditation of Certification Bodies/Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs).

Annex 1 contains the competency profile for Accreditation Body assessors. When an assessor does not perform one or more of the tasks as delineated in this document, the AB can consider the



exclusion of application of the respective competencies shown in Annex 1.

Annex 2 contains additional information to assist in understanding the competency profile. While these competencies and associated knowledge and skills should be considered by the AB when evaluating assessors or the assessment team, the AB does not have to have documented evidence of its assessors (or assessment team) meeting every individual competence or all of the knowledge listed.

However if the competencies are considered by the AB, then the AB may consolidate the evidence of conformance (e.g. summary results of an onsite evaluation). Typically these competencies can be demonstrated in a variety of ways; but most commonly during interviews, personal interaction and/or during onsite evaluations. The document can be downloaded from:

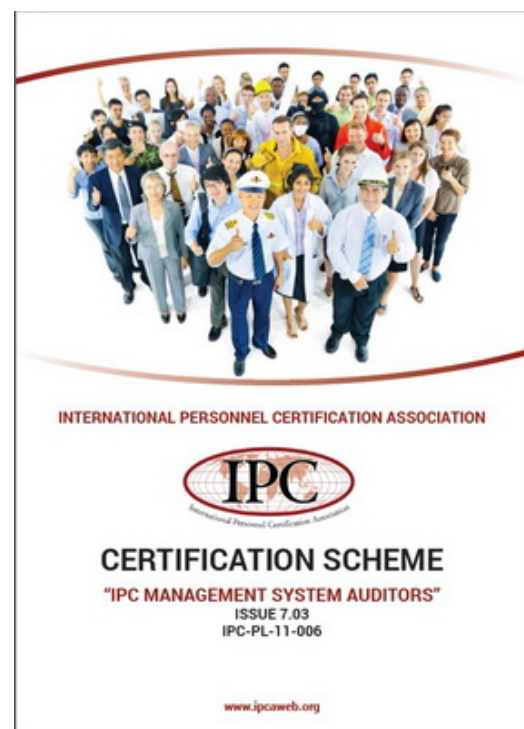
[IAF MD 20:2016 Generic Competence for AB Assessors: Application to ISO/IEC 17011](#)

## IPC's IAF endorsed scheme now in PRINT edition.

IPC is the scheme owner of the world-wide operated IPC-PL-11-006 "IPC Management System Auditors certification scheme".

This IPC scheme which is the first personnel certification scheme ever to have achieved official endorsement by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) is now available in print version. Copies are available by IPC secretariat ([secretary@ipcaweb.org](mailto:secretary@ipcaweb.org)). There is no charge for IPC members. For third party orders a minimal shipping and handling fee will be charged depending on the quantity and delivery address.

The same document can be downloaded in pdf format, for free, from IPC website at <http://bit.ly/2E6PAb0>.



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**Wishing you a season filled  
with beautiful moments and  
cherished memories**