



The PE 100+ Association Newsletter July 2010 Advisory Board Meeting 2010

Annual PE100+ Advisory Committee Meeting 2010 in Brussels, 14-15 June

The Annual PE100+ Association Advisory Committee Meeting was held in Brussels on 14th – 15th June 2010.

The meeting was attended by a large industry panel of 45 participants among which several local guests. The meeting theme was: “PE Pipe systems best fit to sustainable development and environmental challenges”.

The meeting was chaired by **Henri Van Speybroeck**, and started with the usual report from the President of PE100+ Association, **Ulrich Schulte**, on the activities of the association and its plan for the future, with emphasis on the strong communication activity ongoing on a worldwide scale and the development of our web site into different foreign languages.

David Lowe from Exova gave an update on the progress achieved for the realisation of non destructive testing methods for butt-welded and electro-fused joints; microwave techniques show a great potential for detecting critical situations.

Sandor Aranyi from TEPPFA presented an important project accomplished on behalf of TEPPFA by an authoritative consultant on the environmental sustainability of PE pipes. A full Life Cycle Analysis has been done for a specific functional unit in drinking water distribution and will be the basis for the industry to present EPD according to ISO/CEN standards.

Successful experiences for utilisation of conventional and peelable PE pipes were presented by two representatives of important end users: **Dietmar Hoelting** from Gelsenwasser (DE) and **Lawrence McGurk** from National Grid (UK)

A large part of program was occupied by discussion about trenchless technologies and the contribution brought by PE100-RC material. **Klaus Breyer** from GSTT discussed the reasons why these technologies are more and more necessary, highlighting both cost saving and reduced environmental impact versus conventional installation methods and showed how ISST and GSTT work to promote them worldwide. **Thorsten Späth** from Egeplast showed how the newly developed PE100-RC material have helped pipe producer to offer

specific piping solution for the need of trenchless installations; attention was also given to the specific test requirements needed to assess performances and quality of these materials and pipes.

Finally, **Tony Radoszewski** from PPI presented the challenges and opportunities of PE pipe systems in the US.

The meeting was concluded by an intense general discussion where participants expressed their suggestions for future work to be performed by the Association.



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