



The EFAEP Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Working Group represents Environmental Experts in ISO Committee TC 207

In order to better represent the interests of European environmental professionals the Working Group “Environmental Management Systems” (EMS) of EFAEP applied for and obtained liaison status to Subcommittee 1 of TC 207 and could hence attend the meeting in Cairo in June 2009.

Know-how concerning Environmental Management

TC 207 is the technical committee of the International Standardisation Organisation (ISO) dealing with „Environmental management“. It is supported by several sub-committees (SC). SC 1 „Environmental Management Systems“ has been responsible to develop (and still is responsible to revise) ISO 14001 and related standards & guidelines such as e.g. ISO 14005. Other subcommittees to TC 207 are covering topics such as Environmental Labelling, Life Cycle Assessment or Green House Gas Management.

TC 207 mainly consists of experts of different standardisation bodies (e.g. DIN, BSI) or accreditation bodies. “As a Liaison Partner we are not able to vote but can participate in discussions. Therefore we have the possibility to voice concerns of environmental professionals related to the relevant standards.” stated Cornelia Fricke, representing EFAEP during the last SC 1 meeting in Cairo.

ISO 14005 - Step by Step towards ISO 14001

With ISO 14005 SC1 is currently developing a guidance for the Step by Step implementation of ISO 14001. While this guideline should support organisations in implementing the requirements of ISO 14001, language, not only content, was one main focus for Cornelia Fricke on behalf of EFAEP.

The current status is a revised DIS (Draft International Standard), which has been distributed for comment to the different countries involved in the process.

Next Steps for ISO 14001

In 2009 no mandate existed to re-write ISO 14001. However, Cornelia Fricke as EFAP liaison partner for ISO could participate in a working group concerning future challenges of ISO 14001. The objective of this working group is to identify possible difficulties and opportunities ISO 14001 might face in the future – of course taking in mind future decisions concerning a revision of ISO 14001. These include

- topics which have already been included but have not yet been detailed in ISO 14001 such as improving the environmental performance,
- topics broadening the scope like GHG and energy management, links to risk management and social accountability, as well as
- positioning and promoting ISO 14001.

As liaison partner for the ISO TC 207 Cornelia Fricke would like to incorporate the views of EFAEP experts in her further work. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome:

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