

The Board met in Sydney in February and reported on progress in the development of policy and procedures. The Board welcomed Trevor Robinson from CASA who will work with Keith Johnston on matters of common interest of the Board and CASA. Trevor has a wide range of aircraft industry experience which will greatly benefit the Board.

Of particular interest at the meeting was the proposed withdrawal of CAO 108.8 and 108.10 relating to penetrant and magnetic particle inspection. These may be used where no other approved inspection instructions exist. CASA plans to replace these outdated procedures with current data in the form of Advisory Publications (CAAP). Draft versions of these CAAPs are still under review by CASA. The chairman also communicated to CASA apparent discrepancies between the requirements for renewal of CASA Maintenance Authorities (NDT) and that of the Australian Standard AS 3669-2006. A consultative approach to aligning the process has been offered by the Board.

Internationally, there continues to be progress in Europe with individual country NANDTBs as well as the European Forum of NANDTBs. The Forum met for its first meeting in Paris in December 2006. No one from the Australian Board attended. The Second meeting of the Forum is to be in Istanbul in late June. The Australian NANDTB is copied in to

all the Forum correspondence including meeting minutes, which keeps it well informed.

Elsewhere, in the UK, PCN/AERO qualification/certification has now fully replaced the PCN/GEN Appendix A which was previously used for aerospace personnel. Taking account of the renewal requirements in EN 4179 (5 yearly), the UK NANDTB will continue to recognise certificates issued under the Appendix A (Aerospace) until 31 March 2011.

Level 3 aerospace personnel certified under the Appendix A will also have certificates recognised until the same date, and renewal continues to be through the structured credit system or by examination. Documented evidence of meeting the structured credit system for level 3 re-certification must be submitted to the British Institute for NDT Certification Services which will review and assess its compliance prior to recertifying. This process is followed because despite EN4179 being an employer based standard, the UK NANDTB chose to only recognise certifications issued under the control of the BINDT.

Lastly, it can be reported that the domain name [www.ndtboard.com](http://www.ndtboard.com) has been registered to the National Aerospace NDT Board of Australia, and the web page is expected to be on line very soon.

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the opportunity to observe the operation of an AQB under AS 3998/ISO 9712 so that he could transport the AINDT model back to Canada.

### Victorian Branch Annual Golf Day, 2007

The Vic Branch golf day was held on Friday the 30th of May at Spring Valley Golf Club with a small energetic group of golfers made up from Attar, Imperial Oil, HRL and Aben Technical. With rain coming from what appeared to be a horizontal direction for sometime and given

that there was a hurricane warning it certainly required some dedicated golfers to continue through the day.

Congratulations went to Andrew Rintoul from Attar who won the day with 37 points and Brad Langford from Imperial Oil who won the longest drive. The weather conditions definitely created some problems on the day with no one winning nearest the pin trophies. Thank you to DR May and Co, ATTAR, and GE Inspection for their support of the day.

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