

Meeting Report

IEC Young Professionals Workshop in Minsk, Belarus

12 – 16th October 2015



Authors:

Michael Sacchi

EMC PARTNER AG
Baselstrasse 160
CH-4242 Laufen



Erich Bisang

SCHURTER AG
Werkhofstrasse 8-12
CH-6002 Luzern



2015-11-24

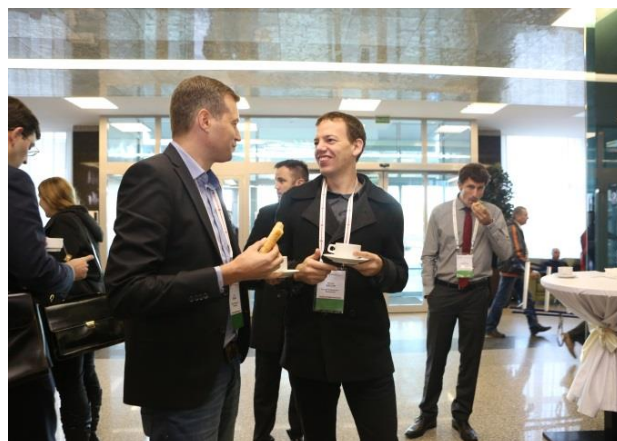
IEC Young professionals program (YP)

Since a few years, the IEC make with the young professionals program a big effort to gain young people for the standardization work. The IEC and Electrosuisse as National Committee need today and in the future experts for the work in the different working groups for the standardization.

The preparation of the young professionals workshop starts a few weeks before the IEC General Meeting in Belarus. We were invited to Electrosuisse in Fehraltorf for a preparation day. The workshop leader of this well organised meeting was the CES secretary Alfred Furrer. We received informations about the IEC structure, the standardization process, the young professionals program and much more. After lunch Bernardo Rieder showed us the Electrosuisse laboratories. An interesting preparation workshop with important information's in context with standardization.

In Minsk, the capitol of Belarus, was the young professionals program part of the 79th General Meeting of the IEC. The over 60 participates came from all over the world with different technical background. We noticed during the three days, how important this program for the IEC is. For example, the list of the involved people looks like the Who is Who of the IEC. Junji Nomura, Frans Vreeswijk, David Hanlon, Katharina Fraga, Jack Sheldon, James E. Matthews - just to pick out some of them. The list would be even longer.

On the one hand we had in different workshops and presentation the possibility to learn how currently the working process on the standards is. On the other hand, we brought up ideas how it could be in the future.



Young Professionals Switzerland - coffee break discussion

We were also as observer in different meetings. Exemplary the impressions of the SC59M / MT2:

This maintenance team is responsible for “Electrical household and similar cooling and freezing appliances, maintenance of performance standard”. In the time of my observation the maintenance team discussed the draft from the Japanese national committee for a new Technical Report. The scope of this new Technical Report was a new definition for the calculation of the food storage volume for cooling and freezing appliances. During my observation no consensus could be achieved for this Technical Report. In the end, the convener decided to go for lunch and to go on with this discussion in an informal ambiance.

Here we saw another important point of standardization beside the technical facts. Building up a personal network, to form an alliance and to persuade other experts. We made use of the different possibilities for interesting discussions with the other participants, the representatives of the IEC and other experts.

At the second day we met members of the National Committee for breakfast. We met the CES general secretary Jörg Weber and the CES vice president Markus Burger. We spoke about our first impression of the Young Professionals Workshop. It was also a great chance to discuss experiences in the national and international standardization process.

Summarized it was a very interesting experience. We can recommend this program to everybody who wants to learn more about standardization. In this program you get information how you can contribute in standardization of the national or international level. Thanks to Electrosuisse to support us as young professionals 2015.