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WISTA-MANAGEMENT GMBH
Adlershof con.vent.
Rudower Chaussee 17
12489 Berlin, Germany

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• Courtyard by Marriott Köpenick
• Best Western Michels Hotel am Schloss Köpenick
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Please bear in mind that the hotel bill must be settled with the hotel.

Conference language
All technical papers will be presented in English, simultaneous translation will not be provided.

Conference Materials
Proceedings
The proceedings will be published as CD-ROM and will be available at the conference. The manuscripts (in English) must be received by DGZIP as an electronic file by 30th June 2007 the latest. Guidelines for preparing the manuscripts will be sent to the authors and also be published at www.certification2007.info.

Abstracts
At the conference, participants will get a booklet with all abstracts of the programme contributions.

Exhibition
The conference will be accompanied by an exhibition. Interested companies we offer a poster wall and a table to present their company.
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CALL FOR PAPERS

Please send your paper submission and the abstract (about 300 words) to tagungen@dgzfp.de using the electronic submission form at www.certification2007.info until 28th February 2007 the latest.

English being the conference language, the contributions must be submitted in English.

Authors may register more than one paper. They will be informed about the acceptance of their contributions until 15th March 2007.

Authors, whose paper was accepted must send their registration form and pay the registration fee until 30th March 2007 the latest.

Topics
- Standardization
- Regulation
- NDT Personnel Certification
- Harmonization of qualification examinations
- Examination specimens
- Training
- NDT quality systems and personnel certification in industry
- Approval of NDT contractors Accreditation

FEES & PARTICIPATION

Please register at the Internet address www.certification2007.info

All fees will be charged in Euro.

The amount of the participation fee depends on the receipt of payment by DGZfP.

Persons who have not paid their registration fee the access will not be permitted.

440 € Speaker (payment by 30th March 2007)
490 € Participant early registration (payment by 30th June 2007)
520 € Participant (payment after 30th June 2007)
300 € Participant day ticket (26th or 27th September 2007)

The fee includes the conference attendance, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunch, proceedings on CD-ROM and the participation in the conference evening incl. VAT.

Deadlines
Call for Papers December 2006
Deadline for registration of Papers 28th February 2007
Information sent to authors about the acceptance of their papers and information on the registration 15th March 2007
Deadline for author’s registration and payment 30th March 2007
Programme April 2007
Early registration 30th June 2007
Deadline for submitting manuscripts 30th June 2007

PREFACE

„Procedures between standards and industrial needs”

Since the first edition of EN 473 in 1993 Europe has got plenty of experiences with third party certification of NDT personnel. EN 45013 was superseded by ISO 17024 in 2003, third edition of ISO 9712 was issued in 2005 and in 2007 the third edition of EN 473 will be issued. This fast development demonstrates the ongoing process of adaptation and improvements. Certification bodies are operating in the middle between the requirements of the mentioned standards and the industrial needs. Tubes, aircraft and rail industries still demand second party (employer based) certification but in some countries no longer exclusively, on the other hand the European Pressure Equipment Directive requires third party certification (independent from the employer). From the very beginning most countries in the world were asking for only one standard, covering qualification and certification of NDT personnel. More political than technical problems prevent the affiliation of ISO 9712 and EN 473 up to now. “Certification 2007” will promote dialogues between accreditation and certification bodies to get better procedures for the certification of NDT personnel in the future.

This conference offers a platform for the discussion of new ideas and proposals among all involved and interested parties to overcome still existing problems and differences.

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