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▲ It is with deep regret to share the sad news of **Prof Herbert Osanna, former Treasurer of IMEKO** who served the Confederation for the long period **from 1993 to 2012** passed away on April 13, 2015. We have lost with Herbert an excellent expert and friend. He will live on in our hearts.

A The Treasurer's Report No. 42 for 2014 was approved by the Presidential Spring Meeting this April.

△ IMEKO XXI World Congress 2015 in Prague (August 30 – September 4, 2015)

The deadlines till opening the WC:

☞ July 15, 2015 – End of late registration, fee payment (condition for paper publishing) and full paper sending

August 21, 2015 – Online registration closed

Please follow the website of the XXI WC (<u>www.imeko2015.org</u>) with attention for further news highlighted to the **György Striker Junior Paper Award donated by the former Founding Secretary General of IMEKO, Prof György Striker and his wife, Mrs. Barbara Striker.** An announcement relating to this award will be published on this website. An International Paper Selection Board will decide upon the recipient on the basis of the quality and scientific novelty of the submitted detailed abstract. The Award Ceremony for Gy. Striker J. P. Award will be held **at the Closing Session of the IMEKO XXI World Congress on September 4, 2015.**

△ A Circular was sent to the MOs at the end of May regarding the (re)nomination of IMEKO Officers (with exception of the VP for WC). At the 58th GC Session concurrent with IMEKO XXI World Congress, the General Council shall appoint also the Chair persons and Members of two Standing Committees i.e. the Drafting Committee (DC) and the Credentials and Membership Committee (CMC). The Representatives of the MOs were requested to send their proposals, recommendations for these positions to the IMEKO Secretariat (imeko@t-online.hu) in due time (at least 2 months) preceding the 58th GC Session to be held in Prague from August 29 to 30, 2015. ⁽²⁾ Contributions and comments related to **the Proposal for an IMEKO World Infrastructure prepared by Dr Franco Pavese (IMEKO TC21 Chairperson)** are expected from the Technical Committees. According to an invitation in this subject sent out by the IMEKO Secretariat to the TCs this May, they were asked to send their responses directly to Dr Pavese (<u>frpavese@gmail.com</u>).

△ A Circular in relation to the usual TC reports highlighting the update of the TC Member lists and the news and plans about their activities and events was forwarded to the 24 TC Officers of IMEKO early in June (the deadline as requested is **July 3, 2015**).

 \triangle The possible return of the United States of America through a new MO, the Physical Measurement Laboratory NIST is expected to IMEKO. The correspondence and the discussions with NIST are in progress. In conformity with the President's invitation to the IMEKO 58th GC Session sent to Dr Olthoff, the director of NIST this April, he has expressed his intention of attending <u>as observer</u> the 2nd day of the GC Session as well as IMEKO XXI World Congress in Prague.

Change in the Italian Membership of IMEKO: The National Research Council (CNR) has announced the withdrawal from the Confederation this May. Thanks to quick mediation of Dr Alessandro Germak, the new MO will be the National Metrology Institute of Italy (INRIM) and Dr Germak could remain the official representative of INRIM. The new Italian MO is going to be approved by the 58th GC Session.

Change in the official delegate of the Romanian MO: Prof Radu Munteanu is replaced by Prof Alexandru Salceanu from Romanian Measurement Society (RMS). We thank Prof Munteanu for his activity in the Confederation in the previous years and welcome the new representative wishing him further beneficial cooperation with IMEKO.

A Circular was sent to the MOs regarding the selection process for **IMEKO Distinguished Service Award (DSA) Holders this June**. This award will be extended to the persons provided outstanding services to our Confederation and to those who are active for many years as wellknown specialists in the field of measurement. The MOs are requested to forward their detailed proposals for these persons to the IMEKO Secretariat till mid of July. The experts will be honoured with DSA traditionally at the Closing Session of the IMEKO XXI World Congress in Prague, on September 4, 2015 with the presentation of diplomas commemorating this festive event.

It is our pleasure to keep you informed of the latest news and relevant information of the Confederation. Please follow our website <u>http://www.imeko.org</u> as well.

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