



Pneurop

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Welcome to 50 Years of Pneurop Activities

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Welcome to our guests

- Officials from DG Enterprise
- Permanent Representation delegates
- Delegates from CEN, CETIM & FME
- Company representatives
- Staff of Orgalime
- Representative of CAGI
- Guest Speakers



Pneurop 50 Years - A Celebration

- The formation of the European Committee of Manufacturers of Compressors, Vacuum Pumps and Pneumatic Tools



In the Beginning

- August 1957 - BCAS wrote to the German and French Associations suggesting a meeting of manufacturers should be held
- A meeting of the three took place in December 1957
- At the meeting it was agreed that a further 7 countries should be approached to join the new manufacturers' association



In the Beginning

- A working group was set up to establish the rules and guidelines for the first meeting
- First meeting was held in London in October 1958 to establish Pneurop
- The countries in attendance were Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland
- Initial rules and regulations were finalised in April 1959 with the above countries confirming their membership to Pneurop



The Original Structure

- Managing committee - one President and two Vice-Presidents
- Plenary meeting for all members to attend which should agree the running of the Association and the work tasks of the subcommittees
- Co-ordinating committee : to co-ordinate the work of the sub committees, deal with procedural issues and the financing of these committees
- Budgets - Pneurop initially had no budgets as financing was at the national level



The Sub Committees

- The sub committees were to do the technical work of Pneurop. They were :-
- SC 1 Secretary Germany. Compilation of multilingual glossaries & classifications of compressors, vacuum pumps and pneumatic tools.
- SC 2 Secretary Sweden. Comparison of national test rules for compressors and vacuum pumps to establish a harmonised standard.
- SC3 Secretary France. Comparison of national test codes for tools to establish a harmonised standard.



Sub Committees

- Initial number of sub committees was 3
- In the mid 1980's this had risen to 20
- Current number of sub committees is 7



Plenary Meetings

- The first meeting was in 1961
- A meeting has been held every year since



The Work & Output from Pneurop

- The work and output is too numerous to present here but some of the activities are listed :
- Standards, drafting, verification, publishing and publicizing
- Technical papers and position papers
- Round robin testing and test methods
- Working on standards which will be published as ISO standards
- Working with the EC and their consultants where industry involvement is required
- Agreement on the requirements of directives



International Co-operation

- Working closely with CAGI on the need for standards - their creation as Cagi/Pneurop standards and progression into ISO standards.
- This co-operation started in the mid 1960's with the noise test standard for compressors.
- This has been a close association ever since and one of our guest speakers is Dan Ryan representing CAGI



Secretariat

- General secretariat was held by Peat Marwick initially
- In 1968 this was taken over by BCAS until 2000
- Orgalime took over in 2000 and Pneurop became officially registered in Belgium with Articles of Association



Thank you

- Thank you for listening to a brief report on the history of Pneurop for the past 50 years