

CANENA Update to 80th IEC General Meeting: Frankfurt (10 – 14 October 2016)

Key Accomplishments

- July 2016 saw the launch of the first edition of “[CANENA Connects](#)”. This is an online newsletter published 3-4 times per year, and distributed to all CANENA members and other industry stakeholders within the CANENA database.



- NEMA’s Communications Department is assisting in the development of this online newsletter, upcoming improvement of the CANENA.org website, as well as additional promotion of CANENA in general and the upcoming Annual Meeting in particular.
- The CANENA Planning Committee has had their initial meetings to begin work on the overall meeting theme and informational program for the 2017 AGM to be held in Canada.
 - Venue is the Marriott Toronto Airport Hotel, Canada
 - Date is week of 20 – 24 February 2017
 - The focus will be on “CANADA’s Conformity Assessment and National / Regional / International Standardization Structure”.
 - Standards Council of Canada (SCC) CEO, John Walter, will be the keynote speaker. His presentation will touch on SCC’s role in developing international trade agreements (CETA, TPP) and standards/compliance harmonization.

- The 2017 meeting will be the second of three successive AGM events where a centerpiece of the respective meetings' activities will include visits to the Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) of each host country.
 - 22 February 2017 tour & presentations at CSA Toronto lab
- These SDO visits during the consecutive CANENA annual meetings support further learning and understanding of process similarities and differences that each respective SDO follows for internal review and resolution of comments, along with the relevant committee & constituent comment review and resolution, combining to lead to the continued successful publication of harmonized standards.
- Current THSC meetings administered by NEMA:
 - THSC 20: Building Wire and Cable - Resolve comments on balloted amendments to tri-national building wire standards; finalize draft bi-national metal-clad cable standard; resume development of tri-national photovoltaic wire standard.
 - THSC 121A WG6 Meeting – Transfer Switch Equipment

Goals and Strategic Objectives for the Coming Year

CANENA intends to revise its overall strategy which is currently designed to position CANENA as the facilitator and provider of technical expertise to support standards harmonization in this hemisphere for the electroindustry and the electrical infrastructure that is common to the majority of countries in the region.

Issues, barriers, concerns or opportunities related to your interaction with the IEC

None.

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