



# IFAN Newsletter

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### From the President



Dear Colleagues,

In September we celebrated our 50th Members Assembly in London hosted by our UK member the British Standards Society and the British Standards Institution. At the meeting that we had an excellent workshop covering the work of ISO/IEC JTC1/SC42 who have

already built a comprehensive framework for artificial intelligence, which is a critical area of standardization.

We also elected my successor as IFAN President, Vered Oren from the Israel Standards User Society. Vered has been a wonderful supporter to IFAN and has led many of our virtual workshops and also our marketing and communication strategies over several years. Vered has excellent relationships with our international stakeholders and I am delighted that she is taking on this role.

For my part I have been honoured to have had your support over the years and also being able to continue the work of my predecessors since we were established in 1974 in Paris. IFAN continues to be an advocate and constructive voice of standards users and is the only international standards user group and so its role is ever more critical in these exciting times we live in.

In this, my last newsletter to you, thank our Secretary Andrea Beppard-Smith who has worked tirelessly for IFAN in her other roles at BSS and as chair of our superb European Working Group. I would also like to thank the excellent work of my Board colleagues and our members around the world.

I will continue as immediate past President and will do all I can to support Vered and the standards users we serve. Finally I must also acknowledge the very constructive and positive association we have with ISO, IEC and CEN CENELEC and CASCO.

My best wishes to all our readers and I hope to see you all again in 2024 when we celebrate our 50th year as the Voice of Standards Users!

*Ross Wraight*, IFAN President

### IFAN's next President

Elected at the 50<sup>th</sup> IFAN Members' Assembly

The International Federation of Standards Users (IFAN) is pleased to announce the election of Mrs. Vered Oren as its next President, effective January 1st, 2024.

Vered Oren becomes the first woman to hold this position, marking a transformative moment in IFAN's history.

Vered Oren's career in standardization spans 28 years, and is characterized by her expertise in strategic marketing and international affairs within the realm of standardization. She has a track record of championing collaboration and nurturing excellence across the industry.

Mr. Ross Wraight, IFAN's outgoing President, said, "Throughout her career, Vered has been instrumental in advancing the interests of Standards Users and shaping industry best practices. Her global perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing Standards Users uniquely positions her to lead IFAN into an era of unprecedented growth and innovation. We extend our heartfelt best wishes to her."

Vered Oren, shared her thoughts: "I am deeply honoured to take on the role of IFAN President. Alongside our dedicated team and the expansive network of Standards Users associations and professionals around the world, we are poised to blaze new trails for IFAN, fostering knowledge exchange and creating opportunities for active engagement in international standardization."

# Laurent Oberlé is awarded the André-Marie Ampère Award

The André-Marie Ampère Award honors individuals who have demonstrated their faithful and exceptional commitment to standardization in the field of electrotechnologies.

Congratulations to Laurent Oberlé, President of our French national IFAN member, ACANOR, for this award.

Since 1992 Laurent has worked for the electrical equipment manufacturer the SOCOMEC Group where he has held various positions.

For the last 17 years, he has taught standardization and transversal skills at the University of Strasbourg. He chaired, at European level, the "Joint Working Group Education about Standardization" and IFAN's WG16 "Education & Training".

In particular, he was Chairman of the Technical Commission A6 of Gimelec, and has been a member of the IEC TC85 since 1994 and participates in the work of its working groups WG8, WG20, MT18, MT19, MT23, IPG1, IPG12. As convener of MT19, he obtained the Award of the IEC and in particular for his role as convener of the PT61557-12 which developed edition 1 of the standard produces data loggers.



## IFAN International Standards Users Survey 2023

In the last few years we have seen growing interest from standards users in sharing their experience, concerns and ideas for improvement in access to and distribution of standards. It is clear that what we thought were important but unrelated areas in fact are often interconnected. The interconnections themselves could bring important new insights in the standards world.

Our aim is to bring to the surface a set of data that can help to understand these interconnections. The data is from 250 standards users worldwide, including from users handling standards from another country or countries outside their own.

The idea came from IFAN's French Standards User Group member ACANOR, to whom we are grateful. The report's compiler is IFAN's Working Group on standards access and distribution.

### Interesting Revelations

- 80% of the respondent companies are involved in standards development
- They like remote meetings for much of their work
- 30% aren't concerned about how standards development will be funded moving forward
- 12% have had difficulties accessing standards when working from home
- Only 40% find DRM to have no impact regarding standards access
- 25% find DRM difficult
- 35% don't use locked standards
- 30% of companies can use tagged content now
- Copyright issues remain muddy for hyperlinking and internal use of standards data
- 50% are unwilling to pay more for additional functionality

If you would like a copy of the survey, please email: [ifan@ifan.org](mailto:ifan@ifan.org)

# IFAN Webinar

## ISO 45003 - Wellbeing at Work

We're thrilled to share the exciting aftermath of our recent webinar on ISO 45003 - Wellbeing at Work - How does it work? Users, experts, and tutors' perspectives. The response from our esteemed standards users has been truly remarkable, and we're here to give you a glimpse into the insightful discussions that took place.

### **\*\*Webinar Highlights:\*\***

In an ever-evolving world where well-being is paramount, our webinar dove deep into the subject of how ISO 45003 can revolutionize well-being in workplaces. The engaging sessions were moderated by Vered Oren, President, of the Israeli Standards Users Society (ISUS), and led by prominent figures in the industry who shared their invaluable expertise:

**\*\*Ms. Kate Field\*\***, Global Head of Health, Safety, and Well-being at the British Standards

Institute (BSI), set the stage by introducing us to ISO 45003 and its extensive benefits.

**\*\*Mrs. Dalia Yaron\*\***, Director of Standardization at The Standards Institution of Israel (SII), delved into the challenges and strategies related to marketing and selling ISO 45003 training courses.

**\*\*Mr. Chris Sibley\*\***, Head of Safety Operations at EMCOR, provided insights into successfully implementing ISO 45003 within his organization.

**\*\*Mr. Chaim Oren\*\***, Wellbeing Expert and Podcaster, shed light on global trends in workplace wellbeing, adding a dynamic perspective to the discussion.

The recorded webinar is now available on IFAN's website, YouTube channel, LinkedIn and Facebook. Please share it with your friends and colleagues to expand IFAN's awareness.

You can watch the webinar on [YouTube](#)



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# ISO 45003 - Wellbeing at Work

## – How does it work?

Users, experts, and tutors' perspectives

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The graphic features a central grid of six icons representing diverse people in professional settings. To the left, a woman in a red top and white shirt stands with a smartphone. To the right, a woman in a white top and red pants sits on a server rack. Below the grid, a man in a pink shirt sits cross-legged with a laptop, and a woman in a green top and blue pants stands with a laptop. The background is light blue with large white leaves.

# 50<sup>th</sup> IFAN Members' Assembly

## IFAN Board changes

At the Members' Assembly there were 3 vacancies on the IFAN Board to be filled with a start date of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

Our President Mr Ross Wraight steps down and the role of President was filled by Ms Vered Oren, President ISUS.

Dr Bernhard Angermaier, Audi, also steps down as a Member of the Board on 31 December and following an election by correspondence, Ms Vivian Xia of CAS was elected as a Member of the Board from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

Mr Keith Wilson indicated that he wished to step down as Treasurer at the 49<sup>th</sup> MA in Berlin, and is currently acting as caretaker Treasurer.

The post of Treasurer has responsibilities and accountabilities are similar to other small NGOs / Charities / not for profit companies.

There are four main responsibilities. The President and Board take strategic decisions. The Members' Assembly takes decisions specified in the Statutes and Rules, the main one being scrutiny and approval of the annual budget.

Full details can be read [here](#).

If you would like to apply for the post of Treasurer, please write to the:

[Secretary@ifan.org](mailto:Secretary@ifan.org)

This year the 50<sup>th</sup> IFAN Members' Assembly and Workshop was held on 7<sup>th</sup> September and was kindly hosted by BSI. The event was actually held in IFAN's 49<sup>th</sup> year, due to there being 2 members assemblies in one year.

In 2024, IFAN will be celebrating its beginning 50 years ago.

The welcome address was given by Mr David Bell, Director of Standards Policy, BSI who noted that the meeting was being held on the hottest day of the year so far. He mentioned the changes that has taken place since IFAN was last in London. Smart standards are here which will see standards go straight into machines for use.

We also face the climate emergency, the London Declaration was adopted 2 years ago ensuring that all standards take into account their impact they have on climate change, he urged IFAN to also take this into account.

The President thanked Mr David Bell for his warm welcome and BSI for kindly hosting IFAN.

The workshop comprised 2 sessions, the first was on Artificial Intelligence [AI] and Standards, the first speaker was Mr Yoav Evenstein who gave an overview of ISO IEC JCT1/SC42 AI, Mr Evenstein shared some useful links to the work of SC42:

For any updated survey of published deliverables please see our website as it constantly updates:

[ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 42 - Artificial intelligence](#)

Please also see online recording of our SC42 workshop - IFAN members can find great value in the recordings and watch them on demand.

<https://jtc1info.org/technology/subcommittees/ai/workshops/w3/>

The Second speakers were Ms Sahar Danesh, BSI Senior Government Engagement Manager and Ms Joy Tan, BSI Senior Standards Manager, Digital & Digital Manufacturing, BSI's AI Hub and key themes in the international standards AI programme.

Ms Tan's power point is [here](#) and Ms Danesh's powerpoint is [here](#).

The second session focused on Standards for Users and the first speaker was Ms Roberta Gerasymchuk, who told us about the ISO Customer Matters Programme, Ms Gerasymchuk's powerpoint can be viewed [here](#).

The next speaker was Ms Sofia Vichot, who spoke about the IEC Innovation and New Revenue generation initiative, Ms Vichot's presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Our Keynote speaker was Mr Nelson Al Asso Filho Director of Standards ABNT, who spoke about Digital Transformation and Innovation - Bridging the Gap for User-Centric Solutions in Standards Development, Mr Al Asso Filho's presentation can be viewed [here](#).

The workshop moderator was Ms Vered Oren, President of ISUS, IFAN members from Israel.

In the afternoon was the formal Members' Assembly.