

The 2004 APMC Workshop Report

The APMC CMM Workshop 2004 welcomed 44 participants from Germany, Canada, USA, South Africa, and the U.K.

The workshop was hosted by NRC's Integrated Manufacturing Technologies Institute in London and the Technical Presentations program included speakers from universities, manufacturers and the users community.

The feedback on workshop organization and technical presentations was very positive and participant comments will be helpful in directing our future activities and in planning the 2005 workshop (APMC 2004 Evaluation Form summation).

Main topics during open discussions:

Certified Operator Program

APMC members wish to continue the efforts on the Certified Operator Program despite the problems the APMC Steering Committee has faced in moving forward on this initiative since 1999. It was suggested that it would make a lot of sense to partner with our US colleagues. Dr. Greg Hetland, a presenter at APMC Workshops, is a member of numerous US B89 and ISO standards committees and proposed to make a special presentation in the US about the activities of the APMC.

Increased APMC Workshop Participation

One reason for low workshop registration may have been that the INMS Dimensional Metrology Group has been very active last year and this year with the 3 + 1 day Dimensional Metrology Course and CMM workshop in November 2003 and the 2 day CMM workshop in May 2004. Another factor may be that some people prefer to have the meetings in the fall because they are busy before the vacation period and with the International Quality Expo every second year in June.

APMC Election Results

Mr. Dan Connelly (GM Oshawa) was elected Chairman and Mr. Gary Vale (Technical Measures Inc.) as Vice-Chairman. INMS' Kos Doytchinov was elected Secretary. Having a Chairman from GM will give the APMC more and welcomed exposure to automotive companies and their suppliers.