

Meetings of COPANT Technical Committees in Buenos Aires

The technical committees TC 151 and TC 152 of COPANT held their meetings in Buenos Aires for the study of standards on energy efficiency and electrical safety at the hemispheric level.

The annual meeting of the Technical Committee 152 (TC 152) Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies and the Technical Committee 151 (TC 151) Electrotechnics and Smart Grids of the Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT) were held on September 26 and 27 in Buenos Aires.

COPANT is a civil association, which brings together the National Standards Bodies (NSBs) of the Americas, which currently has 34 active members and 10 adherent members.

IRAM chaired the Argentine delegation and organized the meetings that were held with the support of the AAIEE (Argentine Association of the Electrical and Electronics Industry) at the headquarters of FEDEHOGAR, who collaborated in this standards hemispheric event.

The agenda of the meetings included projects COPANT standards for energy efficiency labeling on equipment with different energy sources: electric motors, solar heaters, fans, TVs, LED lamps, heaters and gas boilers and vehicles. During the meetings, the delegations of each country presented their positions from a technical point of view, and also exposed the problems that are generated in different countries from the diversity of the products they manufacture or import.

Opening meetings at FEDEHOGAR was in charge of Eng. Carlos Cornejo as President of AAIEE, which welcomed representatives of all delegations and stressed the importance that this event has for the sectors involved.

The organization of the agenda was carried out entirely on the basis suggested by the Secretariat of the TC 152 and the contributions of the member countries of the committee. On the other hand, TC 151 maintained in its agenda the tasks related to the maintenance of the standard COPANT 1710 on general requirements of security for appliances and the particular requirements for air conditioners.

The meetings of the Technical Committees TC 151 and TC 152 held this year in Buenos Aires called for 14 countries with 76 attendees representing a new record, surpassing the one obtained in 2012 during the meetings also held in Buenos Aires.

Each meeting regarding these subjects is superseding the previous one, closing projects of already treated standards that will undoubtedly be of great utility as the best base of regulation of different countries of the American continent, as well as by the presentation of requests for the treatment of new products and the natural updating of the standards already studied.

At the end of the second day of meetings, INEN from Ecuador proposed to hold the meetings of the coming year; the proposal was approved, so the 2017 meeting venue will be Quito.

At a time when the world is aiming at the rational use of energy, the regional implementation of energy efficiency labeling processes of various products, which is added to the processes related to electrical safety, begins to acquire greater relevance in order to inform users about the efficiency characteristics of the equipment to be acquired. These are the fields of work of TC 151 and TC 152 at the hemispheric level.

In that sense, both committees have also begun to function as a forum for information and exchange of experiences in the implementation of energy efficiency labeling and safety requirements. This allows gather invaluable experience to focus on both issues in different countries of the region.

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Delegations during the TC151 and TC 152 meetings in Buenos Aires

