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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of activities undertaken at the direction of the IPC Board of Directors (BoD) during the 12 month period to December 2020.
- 1.2 IPC is working towards responding to the expectations of its stakeholders, in particular to reflect the requirements of the international standard ISO/IEC 17024 in the IPC MLA criteria and in extending IPC schemes. It is also recognized that IPC must be effectively represented at a range of international forums to ensure that the views of members are considered when new Management Systems are under development.
- 1.3 Due to COVID, all IPC activities, included BoD and AGM meetings have been provided remotely.
- 1.4 IPC has renewed its Association Membership of IAF
- 1.5 In addition, IPC is represented to the following technical groups and committees:
 - ISO-TC176-SC2
 - ISO-CASCO
 - ISO/TC 176/SC 2/TG 5
 - ISO-TMBJTCG-TF 14
 - ISO/TC 34/SC 17
- 1.6 IPC complete updating the IAF endorsed IPC Management System Auditors Certification Scheme. Submission of revised version to IAF is expected early 2021.
- 1.7 The mission of IPC – “To provide recognition to individuals who, having demonstrated competence to IPC schemes, can improve the performance of organizations. IPC develops certification schemes to provide recognition for personnel in a range of fields and disciplines; the implementation of those certification schemes through its member bodies; and the evaluation of scheme implementation through accreditation to ISO/IEC17024 and IPC criteria in order to establish confidence in the equivalence of IPC certifications. IPC members also evaluate training providers and training courses, and recognize courses fulfilling the requirements of IPC certification schemes” has been reflected in the activities undertaken by IPC during the past year.
- 1.8 The vision of IPC – “To be the prime provider of personnel certification schemes and achieve recognition of IPC brand worldwide”
- 1.9 IPC Objectives were updated as per clause 2.1 below.

2. Business Planning

- 2.1 The Plenary and Annual IPC General Meetings were held remotely November 5-6, 2020 considered the objectives and priorities for IPC. The members agreed on key objectives for 2021 as follows:

IPC strives to promote business improvement, through the recognition of individuals who, having demonstrated competence to internationally agreed industry criteria will provide an effective contribution to business performance. The organization also aims

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to provide assurance to industry, through the provision of consistent, competent personnel performance worldwide.

To achieve this objective, IPC operates in several ways. First, it seeks to establish internationally accepted, competency-based criteria that govern the certification of professionals and are observed by all personnel certification bodies who are members of the organization. These criteria now concern various personnel certification categories, based on the ISO/ IEC 17024 standard and other related IAF guidelines. In addition, IPC strives to ensure the equivalence of the certification process worldwide, by actively participating in IAF community and by achieving IAF endorsement for IPC schemes. It is through this process and the establishment of IAF regional MLAs that the organization can safeguard the uniformity of the certification awarded by each of its members.

- 2.2 The Business Planning reflected the members' agreement that IPC should continue to work in cooperation with IAF.
- 2.3 The Business Planning also confirms the intention of members identified in the previous year's decision to develop a closer relationship with ISO through consistent participation in relevant ISO technical committees (TC176, CASCO, Food etc.).

3 Work related to ISO/IEC 17024

Ongoing work-related ISO/IEC 17024 includes:

- IPC scheme revision and update.
- Introducing of new IPC scheme in the following area:

IPC certification scheme for "IPC Management Systems Managers" with the following sections:

- a. Quality Management System Managers
- b. Environmental Management System Managers
- c. Risk Management System Managers
- d. Safety Management System Managers
- e. Lean Management System Managers
- f. Maintenance Management System Managers
- g. Diversity Manager System Managers

4 Engagement with IAF

- 4.1 The BoD has continued to support the engagement with IAF as this is perceived as vital to ensure that IPC activities gain wider recognition and acceptance.
- 4.2 Association Membership has been renewed with International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

Both IAF and IPC have decided to develop and maintain a close cooperation between the two organizations to ensure harmonization in the accreditation practices performed by IAF members in the "IPC Management System Auditors" certification scheme and to cooperate in the continuous improvement of the certification scheme

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with the final goal of assuring the highest level of competence in the “IPC Management System Auditors” certification scheme’s accredited CBs.

5 International Engagement

- 5.1 The BoD has recognized the importance of ensuring that IPC has effective input to forums and committees such as ISO TC176, ISO/CASCO, Food Management Systems and others.
- 5.2 To enable this engagement to be achieved, the BoD has agreed to continue nominating experts to undertake liaison roles with relevant groups.
- 5.3 The BoD has also provided suitable allocations in the budget to enable appropriate participation by the nominated liaison at functions organized by these groups.
- 5.4 IPC will continue to be effectively represented at relevant international forums, IAF meetings and selected industry groups.
- 5.5 Members are encouraged to participate in the activities of IPC to ensure that their views are understood and represented in these forums.

6 Organizational Status for IPC

- 6.1 Organizational update
 - 7.1.1 No constitution updates took place during 2020.
 - 7.1.2 The organization registration and contract for management of the IPC secretariat remains to USA, as a non-profit Organization, effective since early 2017.

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7. Membership

EXECUTIVE PARTNERS

EOQ - European Organization for Quality (Europe)

FULL MEMBERS

ALBERK QA INTERNATIONAL TECHNIC CONTROL AND CERTIFICATION CORP. (TURKEY)

AOSH AWARDING BODY (UK)

BVQI- CEPASS.R.L. (ITALY)

CERTIFICATION ASSOCIATION "RUSSIAN REGISTER" (RUSSIA)

CHINA CERTIFICATION & ACCREDITATION ASSOCIATION (CHINA)

DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR QUALITÄT – DGQ (GERMANY)

GLOBAL PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION BODY – GPC (S. KOREA)

HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF CERTIFIED AUDITORS – HKICA (HONG KONG)

NORSK SERTIFISERING AS (NORWAY)

PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD – PECB (CANADA)

QACS International Pvt. Ltd. (INDIA)

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