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The Hellenic Society of Nondestructive Testing (HSNT), was founded in 1987 by a small team of scientists and specialists in NDT in Greece by approval of the City Court of Athens under the Resolution N° 2861/1987.

HSNT is the only Hellenic national non-profit society for NDT.

HSNT encompasses today more than 400 members who come from the universities and industries of the country. There are three membership categories in the Society: Honorary, Full Member and Associate or Student Member.

Among them, are 70 professors at various Hellenic Universities, 20 corporate organizations, all ASNT level III certificate holders in Greece, more than 80 Greek industries, companies and organizations with approximately more than a 1000 NDT inspectors. Included between them are: the Hellenic Aerospace Industry (EAB), Hellenic Organization for Standardization (ELOT), Olympic Airways (OA), Shipyards, Refineries, Hellenic Electricity Industry (PPC), Hellenic Council for Accreditation (ESYD), Hellenic Air force Research Center (HARC), Hellas Lab Association, Civil and Military Aviation and Hellenic Petroleum Co.

According to HSNT statutes, the purposes of the Association are as follows:

- To promote the technology of NDT in Greece.
- To organize lectures and educational seminars in NDT.
- To promote theoretical and practical research in NDT and publish the results.
- To provide advice on NDT quality control.
- To continually keep members up-to-dated in NDT subjects.
- To make available and publish magazines, pamphlets and books on NDT.
- To promote the NDT interests of its members.

The Society cooperates with similar societies worldwide, such as the British Institute of NDT, the American Society for NDT etc, in the interest of promoting NDT technology.

The society is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors (BoD), which is elected by the General Assembly in a secret balloting. The BoD is elected for a two-year period.

The BoD assembles regularly once per month. Its function is to govern the Society based on the statutes and the law, to administer the personnel, to execute the decisions of the general assembly and to manage the society's resources. The president of the society heads the BoD.

Main activities

From its establishment, HSNT was quickly recognized internationally as the national association for NDT in Greece.

HSNT is a member of ECNDT, from 1987 (London 15-9-1987) to 1998 and a founding and full member of the new EFNDT, from 1998 (Copenhagen 25-5-1998). Also, HSNT is a member of ICNDT, from 1989 (Amsterdam 22-4-1989).

The society has signed agreements of mutual cooperation, with other NDT societies, as: ASNT OF America (1991), ABENDE of Brazil (1992), DGZfP of Germany (1998), BUSNDT of Bulgaria (2000) and SSNDT of Slovenia (2004). It has also signed the agreement of multilateral mutual recognition of NDT - Personnel certification schemes with other European countries (EU/EFTA), during a special meeting in Nice/France during 1994.

HSNT is a founding member of Balkan Peninsula Society of NDT (BP S NDT) and of the East European and East Mediterranean Society of NDT (SEEEM NDT).

Members of HSNT participate in various national NDT committees and councils including:

- The NDT Technical Committee of ELOT, TC 70 "Nondestructive testing of materials". This Committee was established in 1992 and its main purpose is the elaboration of European NDT standards and their translation into Greek, as well as the cooperation with CEN/TC 138.

- The Hellenic National Council for Accreditation (ESYD), and
- The Hellenic Association of Laboratories (Hellas Lab), which is the national member of Euro Lab, since 1998.

The article written in the scientific magazine 'Insight' in the June 1999 issue, (Vol. 41, No 6, pp. 350-371, June 199) with the title "NDT in Greece" was important for the international recognition of HSNT.

HSNT organized Conferences:

- 1st Hellenic-Belgian Conference on NDT in Patras, Greece, May 22-23, 1995. In co-operation with BANT.
- One-day conference on NDT entitled: "NDT's role in Quality Assurance", on November 23, 1998, National Technical University of Athens, Zographou Campus.
- 2nd International Conference, entitled: "Emerging Technologies in NDT" in Athens, on May 24-26, 1999. In co-operation with BANT, ALPnD, University of Patras and the Vrije Universiteit Brussels.
- HSNT 2nd conference on NDT, University of Volos on June 17, 2000.
- HSNT 3rd National Conference on NDT, Thessaloniki with equal success, on June 9, 2001.

- HSNT 4th Annual National Conference on NDT, held, together with the 2nd NDT Conference of the Balkan Peninsula Society of NDT (BPSNDT), November 2, 2002, National Technical University of Athens, Zografou University Campus.
- HSNT 3rd International Conference on NDT, Chania Crete-Greece, October 15-17, 2003.
- HSNT 5th Annual National Conference on NDT, to be held, on November 18-19, 2005, National Technical University of Athens, Zografou University Campus
- HSNT is currently preparing its 4th International Conference on NDT, which will take place in Chania Crete, on October, 2007.

The Society and some of its certificated members have organized training seminars on various NDT methods and have also certified (at level II) NDT personnel, according to ASNT and EN 473 standards.

HSNT was accredited by the Hellenic Accreditation System (ESYD) in March 2005, according to ELOT-EN-ISO/IEC 17024 standard, as an Independent Certifying Body, in order to run Examination Centres for Qualification and Certification of NDT personnel in Greece.

At this moment HSNT has approved one Examination and Certification Center (KETEPE in Bolos, Greece).

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