

10 YEARS OF DAP

10 years of DAP- certainly not a time historically remarkable – but given that the development of accreditation, that is the assessment of competence by independent institutions is only 15 - 20 years old – 10 years in a relatively early stage of development is a time period with lots of changes and dynamics. That it is worth reporting on it.

On 8th December 1988 Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs (BMWi) assigned the Federal Institute of Material Research and Testing (BAM) to found the BAM Accreditation System (BAS). On 1st October 1992 the German Accreditation System for Testing (DAP) developed from this elemental cell of accreditation via the Accreditation System Federal Government – Governments of the Lands (BLAS) as business establishment of the Association of Material Testing Institutions (VMPA). The DAP German Accreditations System was finally founded two years later, on 1st June 1994. Dr. Fjedor Eßer, Mr. as Managing Director, had enthusiastically directed the before-mentioned phase of development. For the following 10 years, we are listing the continuous development of the DAP in form of a table. It will be presented in detail during a festive colloquium on occasion of the ten years of existence of the DAP in association with the retirement of the present Managing Director Dr.-Ing. Klaus Berner and the introduction of the new Managing Director Univ.-Professor Dr.-Ing. habil. Kurt Ziegler. Certainly one will be able to refer to it during another opportunity. Nevertheless, a short historic overview of the most important facts:

01.07.1994	Foundation of the DAP German Accreditation System for Testing Office: Berlin-Friedrichshagen Müggelseedamm 109/111 Managing Director Dipl.-Ing. Manfred Kindler	2004	Signatory to the EA MLA for Testing, Certification (Products) and Inspection Bodies
30.08.1994	Listing of the DAP as a limited liability company in the commercial register with the VMPA as sole shareholder	01.10.2004	Change of Management from Dr.-Ing. Klaus Berner to Univ.-Professor Dr. Ing. habil. Kurt Ziegler
September 1994	Evaluation of the DAP by the EAL for testing laboratories	Dr.-Ing. Klaus Berner	DAP Managing Director

30.11.1994	Signatory to the EAL-MLA for Testing
June 1995	Establishment of the Moscow Office at the Baumann Institution
August 1995	Moving from Friedrichshagen to Adlershof, Rudower Chaussee 5 / Albert-Einstein-Straße 5
16.11.1995	Signatory to the EAC MLA Certification (Products)
June 1996	Establishment of the Minsk Office
1998	Closing of the Offices in Moscow and Minsk
10.07.1998	Dr.-Ing. Klaus Berner replaces Dipl.-Ing. Manfred Kindler as Managing Director
18.08.1999	Adoption of 5 other shareholders DGzFP, DVS, GL, LGA, VdTÜV
September 1999	1 st re-evaluation by EA for testing laboratories and product certification bodies
16 th /17 th October 2000	Signatory to the EA MLA for Testing and Certification (Products)
June 2001	Moving to Agastraße 24, Gebäude R2
October 2002	First customer interviews by DAP
02.11.2002	Signing of the ILAC MRA (Mutual Recognition Arrangement)
February 2004	2 nd re-evaluation by EA for testing laboratories, certification bodies for products and inspection bodies

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THE JOURNEY TO TUNIS – AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION TUNAC AND DAP

On 28th June 2004, the Tunisian Accreditation Council TUNAC celebrated its 10th company anniversary with a festive colloquium in Tunis. During the occasion, three agreements on cooperation were simultaneously signed with the EA, the BAM and the DAP. The Tunisian Minister for Industry and Energy, Mr. Merdessi Fathi, his Undersecretary of State, Mr. Khelil Lajmi, the German Ambassador, Dr. Kössler, Mr. the General Director, Ms. Neila Gongi, Director Aymen Mekki, Mr. from TUNAC, Mr. Daniel Pierre from EA Prof. Dr. U. Mittmann, Mr. from the BAM, Dr. K. Berner, Mr. from the DAP as well as approx. 150 delegates from Tunisia took part in the festive colloquium.



Ms. Gongi, Minister Merdess, Ambassador Dr. Kössler, Prof. Mittmann, Dr. Berner

Both accreditation bodies after previous talks and through the services of the VDTÜV, the BAM and the GTZ (Association for Technical Assistance) agreed in Berlin in February 2004 to work closely together in Tunisia and North Africa where TUNAC plays a dominant role. The following areas are state in the agreement:

- Strengthening and evaluation of the TUNAC system
- Exchange of experience in all fields of accreditation
- Organisation and evaluation of interlaboratory comparisons
- Training and examination, if possible organisation of a joint pool of assessors and exchange of assessors
- Organisation of information meetings
- Joint accreditations in Tunisia and the North African countries

To implement the above-mentioned cooperation as fast and efficient as possible, both accreditation bodies nominate coordinators. To get to know each other's systems, on-site assessments for visitors should be organised.

I would like to thank Director Aymen Mekki and Mr. Detlef Jahn from GTZ – and here I may include Prof. Dr. Mittmann, for the good support in Tunisia and for the guided tour through the ancient Karthago, the city of artists Sidi Bou Saïd and the Medina of Tunis

Dr.-Ing. Klaus Berner
DAP Managing Director

INTERLABORATORY COMPARISONS FOR TEXTILES AND ELASTOMERS

The participation in proficiency tests has been used by many testing laboratories for the external quality assurance and for the validation and verification of test methods. Unfortunately, in some testing fields there are very few or even no proficiency tests. Therefore, our aim is to let you know in regular intervals when we receive information on proficiency tests seldom organised.

The Institute for Interlaboratory Studies (iis) in the Netherlands operates at international level and offers its proficiency tests in more than 60 countries. The institute, according to its statement, is independent and since 2000 has been accredited by our Dutch colleagues (RvA) as provider of interlaboratory comparisons.

The iis among others offers the following services: interlaboratory comparisons for chemical and physical tests of products of mineral oil (lubricants, diesel, petrol), chemical substances (e.g. organic solvents), consumption products (plastics, PVC, textiles, leather) and mechanical technological testing of elastomers. For the time being we have no experience concerning the quality of these interlaboratory comparisons. For more information please consult the website of iis www.iisnl.com.

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INFORMATION MEETING ON ACCREDITATION OF PROVIDERS OF INTERLABORATORY COMPARISONS

As reported in the last DAP News, DAP started the accreditation of providers of interlaboratory comparisons. We offer all interested persons the participation in an information meeting in the premises of the DAP on 29th November 2004. The general topic among others will be the general requirements for the accreditation as a result of the basic documents, the DIN EN 45004, ISO-Guide 43 and ILAC G 13. In addition, information will be given on the technical requirements as well as on the first practical experience.

The lecturers will be Dr. Hinrichs, Mr. from the Material Testing Institute of Braunschweig and Prof. Dr.-Ing. Frenz, Mr. from the University of Applied Sciences Gelsenkirchen. For more information and the register form please consult the compartment training on our website www.dap.de.
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