

FY2023 Expert Exchange Meeting:
"The Path of Chairs, Committee Managers, and Convenors"

- Date: Monday, January 22, 2024, 15:00 - 16:30
(On-site participants until ~17:00 for networking)
- Venue: PMDA, Conference Room 6 (WebEx hybrid)
- Speakers (Super Experts, titles omitted):
H. Takahashi (Tokyo Medical and Dental Univ.) ISO/TC106/SC9 Chair
R. Nakaoka (National Inst. of Health Sciences) ISO/TC150/SC7
Committee Manager
T. Nakamura (Olympus Corp.) ISO/TC172/SC5/WG6 Convenor
- Participants: From 6 TCs (ISO/TC84, 106, 150, 172, 194, IEC/TC62)
28 participants (incl. 9 online), JFMDA, MHLW, PMDA and other related parties

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- Theme 1. Background of Appointment and Twists in Standard Completion
-- The Gap Between Expectations and Reality --

- For Chairs, communication with the Committee Manager, managing the Time Clock (TC), and supporting struggling WGs are essential.
- For Committee Managers (elected from Japan), working with a native English-speaking Chair makes the job easier. Communication with the TC Secretary (gaining support) is important.
- For WG Convenors, neutrality is critical. If trusted by other countries, standards can be completed smoothly. It is necessary to prepare multiple meeting scenarios in advance.

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- Theme 2. Advice from Experience to Future Chairs, Committee Managers, and Convenors (For Young Experts)

- It is important to prepare thoroughly before meetings. We hope participants will engage continuously over the long term. To that end, creating a supportive environment with understanding and backing from colleagues is essential.
- With the ultimate goal of developing Japan-originated standards and bringing useful medical devices to market for companies, the nation, and patients, we encourage contributions to the Japan team while maintaining public interest and fairness.
- By participating in international standardization activities, young professionals can build international connections. We encourage them to be motivated by the opportunity to expand their professional horizons.

(Challenge) Ongoing support for creating an environment that facilitates activities within one's organization and makes it easier to gain understanding and support from colleagues is important.

Post-Event Survey (Summary of Results)

- Response rate: 25/28 85.7%
- Gained new insights from this exchange meeting: 23/25 92%
- Desire for continued events: 25/25 100%
- Key factors for international standardization: Organizational support 60%, Negotiation skills 56%, Language skills 56%...

(Representative Opinions)

- We wanted more time for exchanging views with the Super Experts. -> (1)
- We wanted to hear more in-depth, practical discussions on handling difficult cases. -> (2)

(Future Actions)

- (1) Create opportunities to narrow down themes from topics raised by the Super Experts and explore them in greater depth.
-> Consider continuing to hold Expert Exchange Meetings.
- (2) Consider opportunities for exchanging views on noteworthy cases and their solutions through next year's international standardization activities.
-> Collect information on the current status of each TC utilizing the International Standards Review Organization Subcommittee.