

## CEC ACTIVITY REPORT JANUARY –JUNE 2024

### 1. Chair Introduction

The CEC Management Board (MB) held three meetings during 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2024. We started the implementation of the revised CEC strategy after the 2023 review. At the June meeting, CONCAWE advised the CEC MB of their resignation from CEC as a member organisation. Their membership will cease at end December 2024. Please note that Fuels testing within CEC will continue to be supported by CEC MB and any interested company will be able to participate.

Following some discussions about a new Chair for CEC, Dr Klaus Fieweger was proposed by ACEA for the role of independent Chair. I am pleased to say that this was supported by the CEC MB and he will take over as Chair in September 2024. As this is my last newsletter again I'd like to thank all MB members and all those contributing to the CEC in whatever capacity for their support over the last two years. It was also good that many of the CEC Working Group Chairs were able to join the June CEC MB meeting for a short time whilst we shared information.

CEC MB have agreed to set up a workshop in Brussels for February 2025. The purpose is primarily educational to explain the role and structure of CEC and its participants and provide a forum for sharing knowledge and experience.

CEC compliance with all applicable laws and regulations has been another consistent area of MB activity as various sanctions have been applied by the EU and US government. We have developed a process of due diligence around participants in CEC activities, companies or individuals who wish to purchase test methods and/or participate in Working Groups. We will also be ensuring those companies signing up for the Working Groups are making a meaningful contribution to the group, as outlined in CEC Guidelines.

The F-098 SG continues to try and extend the life of the test as far as possible. Terms of Reference for a successor test for diesel injector coking (F-119) have been developed and approved by CEC MB. An invitation letter to join the Test Development Group (TDG) has been circulated to potentially interested organisations.

## 2. List of Board Members and Responsibilities

### 2.1. List of Board Members

Philip Reeve	ATC, Chair
Mike Conroy	CONCAWE, Vice-Chair
Paul Decker-Brentano	ACEA
Peter Schick	ACEA
Ralf Meyke	ATC (temporarily replacing Walter Kudlich)
Marco Corradi	ATC, Treasurer and Compliance
Hervé Marie	ATIEL
Beate Heisterkamp	CONCAWE
Catherine Maillard	ATIEL

### 2.2. Management Board Responsibilities

Issue	Leader	Backup	Admin, Secretariat
General Administration	Philip	Mike	Kellen
Finance/Compliance	Marco		Kellen
Website	Marco		Kellen
Monitoring Lubricants Groups (SG)	Catherine (engine)/Hervé (Bench)	Hervé/Catherine	Kellen
Monitoring Fuels Groups (SG)	Mike	Beate	Kellen
Monitoring Transmissions (SG)	Ralf	Hervé	Kellen
Monitoring Reference Fluids Groups + Rating	Marco (Lubes)/Mike (Fuels)		Kellen
Articles of Association / Guidelines	Philip	Mike	Kellen
External Communications	Philip		Kellen
Quality/SDG	Ralf (Lubes)/Mike (Fuels)		Kellen
Lubricant Tests Development:	N/A	N/A	Kellen
Fuel Test Development:			
TDG-F-113 - IDID	Mike	Beate	Kellen
Confidentiality Issues	Philip	Mike	Kellen
CEC Strategic items	Philip	Mike	Kellen

## 3. Strategic items

As noted in the introduction, we have started the implementation of the revised CEC strategy. We are currently working on:

- CEC MB and Organisational Structure – new independent Chair and funding approach, implications of CONCAWE resignation
- ACEA roadmap and cost/resource implications – ACEA LD are looking at possible replacement of L-106 (DV6), L-111 (EP6), L-099 (OM646 wear), L-054 (M111FE) and a modified Noack (L-040). ACEA HD are looking at a piston ring liner wear test, replacement for L-101 (OM501) and extending L-118 (OM471) to look at more parameters. Longer term a new hydrogen fuel test is possible.
- CEC Policies / Guidelines – updating the guidelines and making best endeavors to ensure compliance with sanctions
- Resources, resource monitoring and identification of resource gaps – in line with the ACEA roadmap and needs statements
- Budget in relation to ACEA roadmap – as above
- Skills/training needed – planned workshop
- Communications – planned workshop, greater participation in MB meetings, potentially other communication activities

## **4. Update on TDG's - Activity report – timeframe January – June 2024**

### **4.1. TDG-F-119 – replacement test for F-98-08**

The Terms of Reference (ToR) have been approved by the MB.

This is the first time that the new TDG process will be used. The TDG will write the technical tender and the CEC MB the commercial tender. At this stage the cost to join the TDG (TDG-F-119) is zero and the sponsor cost will be clarified after the TDG has started and the lead lab tender is finished. This will have to be included in the sponsor letter as this is a new procedure.

After the lead lab tender is selected, companies will decide whether they join formally the TDG or leave.

There is no hardware sponsor, so this will be the first test development without an OEM.

The invitation letter has been sent out and a first meeting to discuss the new test will be held in Vienna on 26th Sept. 2024 from 14:00 to 18:00 (hosted by DTC Testing).

## **5. Update on SG's - Activity report – timeframe January - June 2024**

### **5.1. SG-F-20**

The group plans to replace the test engine with a refurbished engine. The engine is similar to the old one and the test results are also similar.

When the group makes the decision to switch, the test method number must be changed. E.g. CEC F-020-24.

The SG does not have enough parts that could be distributed and they would like to restrict access as they are afraid that they won't be able to run the test for a longer period.

The SG would like to have clarity on the CEC guidelines regarding access restriction to engine parts, engine oils and reference fuels.

There was a similar case within a lubricants group and the reference oil supplier knows that he is only allowed to sell these oils to the group member companies.

### **5.2. CEC L-104**

Frank Hahnenberger is replacing Michael Schulz as Chair of CEC-L-104.

### **5.3. CEC L-107 M271 Evo Chair**

Ralf Meyke's appointment as Chair of CEC L-107 replacing Tim Hadaway was formally confirmed by the CEC MB (following earlier email approval).

### **5.4. CEC L-117**

Kris Polley's appointment as Chair of CEC L-117 replacing Tim Hadaway and Frank Hahnenberger as the Secretary have been confirmed by the CEC MB.

### **5.5. CEC L-118**

There was a request on additional funding of the SG. There is currently a problem with 1 laboratory failing to meet the referencing limit requirements. There is a strong possibility that an additional reference test will be required at another, independent, laboratory to help define the root cause and then additional funding will be needed. The secretariat replied that it's the group's responsibility to agree an ad-hoc funding mechanism. The MB can act as a facilitator for such a discussion if required but the group is responsible for organising and managing the discussion, documenting the agreement and implementing the decision. The role of the MB is as a neutral facilitator should such a role be required.

## **6. CEC's Position on ISO 17043:2023 and ISO 17025 Accreditation**

CEC's Position on ISO 17043:2023 and ISO 17025 Accreditation was sent to all Working Groups in February following questions received on this topic. The document can be found [attached](#).

## **7. Update on TMS**

The TMS has been very active with routine operations: many new users have replaced others, lab instruments have been added and new batches cleared for service. There have also been several new chairs of test types. Additionally, PDC has provided support for users having access issues.

PDC have also provided monthly updates regarding the running of the TMS and provided assistance on developing a new test type. This has included re-working the schema and liaising with the new test type committee in order to ensure that it is ready for public use.

PDC also held a meeting in August regarding the direction of the main CEC website. This meeting also facilitated discussions of new features within the members area, which we will be working to implement.

## **8. Workshop 2025**

We are pleased to announce that the next edition of the workshop will take place on Thursday 27 February 2025 in Brussels. The CEC MB and the secretariat are working on the programme and a save the date invitation will be distributed shortly. A workshop dinner will also take place the evening before (February 26<sup>th</sup> from 19:00).

## **9. Upcoming events and activity for 2024/2025**

- Management Board Meeting on 12 September, 2024 in Brussels
- Management Board Meeting on 4 December, 2024 by teleconference
- SG-L-84 Meeting on 18 September, by teleconference
- SG-L-114 & SG-L-117 Meetings on 24 September, by teleconference
- TDG-F-005, SG-F-16, SG-F-020, SG-F-23 Meetings, 24 September 2024, hosted by DTC Vienna
- SG-F-98 and SG-F-110 Meetings, 25 September 2024, hosted by DTC Vienna
- TDG-F-113 & TDG-F-119 Meetings, 26 September 2024, hosted by DTC Vienna
- SG-L-106 & SG-L-111 Meetings 18 October 2024, by teleconference
- SG-L-54, SG-L-99, Meeting, 21 October 2024, by teleconference
- SG-L-118 Meeting, 22 October, hosted by Daimler Truck
- SG-L-104 & SG-L-107 Meetings, 4 November 2024, by teleconference
- SG-L-101 Meeting, 20 November, hosted by Daimler Truck

*It is important all working groups meet at least once a year either physically or virtually.*