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To: ISO/TC 176 P-Members, O-Members and Liaison Organizations

Re: Announcement concerning the Chairmanship of ISO/TC 176

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Dear Member,

The TC Secretariat is pleased to inform members that the ISO Technical Management Board has recently approved the nomination of **Dr. Gary Cort** as the new incoming Chairman of ISO/TC 176 for the period 2008-2013. He succeeds **Dr. Trevor Smith**, who has served as Chairman since 2002. The Secretariat offers its congratulations to Gary on the approval of his appointment. His many years of experience in quality management will serve him well in his new role as ISO/TC 176 Chairman and we look forward to the Committee's continued support.

The TC Secretariat also wishes to express its deepest appreciation for the dedicated work and energy of the outgoing Chairman, Dr. Trevor Smith. Trevor has provided outstanding leadership to the Committee over the past five years. Among many accomplishments, his tenure saw the Committee oversee implementation of the 2000 editions of the ISO 9000 series, manage an innovative interpretations process, and implement the process approach in the TC itself. Trevor's strong interpersonal skills led to improved linkages with many stakeholders in the area of standardization, including key ISO committees and external groups.

Our upcoming meeting in Novi Sad, Serbia will see the transition of the TC Chairmanship. This will provide an opportunity for the members to give a fond farewell to Trevor and to welcome Gary in his new challenge.

Sincerely,

David Zimmerman  
Secretary ISO/TC 176



## Biography Dr. Gary Cort



Dr. Gary Cort began his career at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in the United States in 1980 after earning his Doctorate degree in Physics from Texas A&M University. As postdoctoral fellow at Los Alamos, Dr. Cort conducted research into superconductivity and magnetism. After a brief period working on Space Shuttle flight systems at NASA's Johnson Space Center, he continued his career at Los Alamos first as a manager for software engineering at the Neutron Scattering Center, the Yucca Mountain Project and the Strategic Defense Initiative. He eventually led the Quality Management Group, which deployed an enterprise-wide quality management system used by all operational elements at Los Alamos.

In April 2000, Dr. Cort joined Intel Corporation in Chandler Arizona, USA as the Director of Software Engineering Quality Systems. In this role he deployed a comprehensive engineering quality-management system based on the Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI), ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 across 26 sites in 11 countries.

Dr. Cort joined Research in Motion Limited in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada in October 2003 holding the position of Vice-President, Software Quality. His work at RIM has included:

- Leading the development of an innovative product development life cycle system deployed internationally across all engineering and manufacturing elements of RIM,
- Leading the effort to obtain ISO 9001 certification for RIM's Software Engineering Division,
- Integrating elements of ISO 9001, SEI CMMI, Malcolm Baldrige, and Six Sigma standards and methodologies into a comprehensive, customer-focused quality system for RIM, and
- Creating partnerships with Canadian universities and professional societies to enhance the influence of the quality community throughout the region.

In addition to his industry experience, Dr. Cort was an Adjunct Professor of Software Engineering at the University of New Mexico. In this capacity he developed a graduate-level course on software engineering, including various quality elements.

He is a Senior Member of the American Society for Quality, and has also been involved with the Association for Computing Machinery and the IEEE Computer Society.