

**Minutes of the
ad-hoc
SWIIS TC Meeting (TC 9.5)
July 8, 2005, 12.00 – 12.15am
Congress Center, Prague
Room 3.4**

Agenda:

Working groups

Present:

M. Hersh (UK)
P.Kopacek (AUT)
L.Stapleton (IRL)

According to the results of discussions during and after the two Sessions at the IFAC World Congress the following two new Working Groups in the IFAC TC 9.5 are:

1. Working group on “**Ethics in Control Engineering**”
Chair: M. Hersh (UK)
Scope: Will be prepared by Marion

2. Working group on “**Automation in End of Life (EoL) Management**”
Chair: B. Kopacek (AUT)
Scope:
End of Life Management (EOL) is currently a hot topic not only in the electronics industry. Currently mostly IT equipment and goods of consumer electronics are considered. In the nearest future automation equipment has also to be taken into account. There are three possibilities depending on the age and kind of the device: Resell – Reuse – Recycle called the “3R`s”.For recycling fully or semi-automated disassembly will gain in importance in the nearest future especially for automation devices. Developers of automation devices have to take into account EoL because of regulations and laws as well as according to ethical codes contributing to protection of the environment.
Automation can contribute to EoL by automate and humanize the recycling process.