The 18th face-to-face Council meeting of the Global Forum on Maintenance and Asset Management (GFMAM) was hosted in Paris, France by the Institut Français d’Asset Management Industriel et Infrastructures (IFRAMI) from February 11 to 15, 2018 after the ISO TC 251 committee meetings. The ISO TC 251 committee is responsible for the development of the ISO 55000 Asset Management standards. On Saturday, February 10, 2018, GFMAM members attended and presented at the Asset Management International Workshop discussing the maturity of Asset Management in the following countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Japan, Argentine, United Kingdom, United States, Middle East, South Africa and Netherlands.

Two new societies joined the GFMAM bringing the total number of member societies to 12. The new societies are Japan Association of Asset Management (JAAM) and Belgian Maintenance Association (BEMAS). Both societies were officially welcomed to GFMAM.

In general, the time of the GFMAM representatives during the face-to-face meetings was split between decision-making meetings, meetings to discuss and advance joint projects, and attending the CIFRAMI 2018 conference presentations. The GFMAM members also contributed several well-received presentations to the CIFRAMI conference.
Progress on active projects is described below.

**Review of Assessor Competency Scheme (Project 14)**
This project is an in-depth review of the current GFMAM document, GFMAM ISO55001 Auditor/Assessor Specification. Specification statements received for Sections 4.0, 5.0, & 7.0. Commitment made by member bodies to provide input to other sections in a timely manner in order to develop full range of specification statements. 80% of statements received and work in progress to finalise and review.
Key activities to be completed will include assimilation of responses, language check and weighing of competency requirements. This project is led by AMC.

**Asset Management System Scheme Specification (Project 15)**
The Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) document titled: Asset Management System Scheme, requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of Asset Management Systems, was approved by GFMAM following detailed review and comment. Stakeholder engagement approach to be finalised in order to provide further input to the document. Feedback from Stakeholders will lead to additional document revision. This project is led by AMC.

**Knowledge base modelling tool (Project 16)**
This project sets out to map the inward references of the GFMAM document suite as well as outward references to ISO55000, ISO55001 & ISO55002 creating a visual end to end traceability map. The project will create an internal pilot HTML website by which a person can navigate their way through the GFMAM documentation in addition to reading each document from end to end. It will provide a baseline for configuration for the mappings of each document and provide the means to test changes before they are made with respect to GFMAM and/or ISO55000 documentation.

The team is currently evaluating the commercial and technical aspects of rolling out the mapping tool to multiple users. This project is led by AMC.

**Criteria for Evaluating Asset Management Indicators (Project 19)**
This project is to set the criteria and methodology for defining and evaluating Indicators in Asset Management.
Many organisations and industries have developed measures and KPIs for activities covered by ‘Managing Assets / the Management of Assets’. IFRAMI started a project to develop an approach for defining relevant measures for ‘Asset Management’ and is proposing to share this project with GFMAM members. Project scope document was submitted and approved. This project is led by IFRAMI.
Specification of Maturity Assessor (Project 17)
This project will achieve the following objectives: (1) To produce a specification that describes the Asset Management knowledge, skills, understanding and experience for undertaking Asset Management maturity assessments, (2) To trial and validate this specification, and (3) To produce communications material that explains the relationship between these maturity projects and the GFMAM Competence Specification for ISO 55001 Auditor / Assessor. This project is led by IAM.

Guidelines for Maturity Assessment Frameworks (Project 18)
The project will achieve the following objectives: (1) To produce guidelines that describe the principles and attributes of fit-for-purpose maturity assessment methodologies, frameworks or tools that are aimed at assessing maturity ‘beyond ISO 55001 compliance’, (2) To leverage existing knowledge from other maturity assessment guidance material, for example quality and safety excellence, and (3) Trial and validate these guidelines. This project is led by IAM.

GFMAM Maintenance Framework Update
GFMAM proposed a revision to the Maintenance Framework document to address opportunities for improvement. GFMAM Council approved to allow the proposal to be submitted in writing and reviewed at the next Council meeting. This project will be led by PEMAC.

Marketing
The marketing actions were reviewed by the Council. The marketing team is working on the following:
- Introduction letter to potential members
- Package for societies interested in joining as new members
- Short promotional video of GFMAM
- Regular updates of the GFMAM website

GFMAM sponsored the coffee break of the ISO TC 251, committee responsible for the development of the ISO 55000 Asset Management standards.

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