

**Greg Parle report on 10th meeting of CSITC held in Ouagadougou,
Burkina Faso November 16, 2008**

Unfortunately due to a pilots strike by Air France I was unable to attend the Meeting of the CSITC task force. However, after discussions with people who did attend I can report the following.

1. Encouraging participation in CSITC round trials

There were 69 testing facilities and 95 instruments that participated in CSITC 2008-4 round trial. This is the most labs and instruments that have participate in a single CSITC round trial. 2008 results were stable across round trials,

All CCAA labs are now participating in CSITC round trials 2 and 3 which is during ginning time.

2. SFI measurement

Ten HVI 1000 instruments were involved in a SFI study during 2008 CSITC testing. One Australian instrument was involved in study. Results showed that SFI variation was greater when SFI content increased. Also some HVI 1000's performed better than others. Uster are looking at further refinements of HVI 1000 software setups. There will be more SFI trials during 2009.

3. Commercial tolerances in instrument test results

Axel Dreiling presented data from six round trials to show variances between instruments. He recommended the following two limits:
For commercial trade 95% of the results of all labs are inside the average result +/- of this value:

Mic	0.18
Str	2.8
Len	0.034
Uni	1.6
Col Rd	2.1
Col +b	0.8

For Arbitration purposes only labs with a combined properties score of 0.5 or less were used. Roughly 50% of test labs. 95% of the difference between the results of two labs is lower than this range:

Mic	0.21
Str	3.2
Len	0.039
Uni	1.9
Col Rd	2.3
Col +b	0.8

It was decided not to recommend for adoption at this time. Axel's work may be sent to arbitral bodies upon request.

Arbitrations for instrument testing can now be performed by bodies outside ICA. The lab would be agreed to by the buyer and seller. A certified approved lab list will be issued by ICA. There would be a number of CCAA labs that would be eligible to perform instrument arbitrations. This is in the new ICA rules for instrument testing of cotton.

4. CSITC 5th Sample

Australia has sent samples from a bale of 350B to Memphis to be included in a future round trial. At this time Australian samples will be sent out as 5th sample for CSITC 2009-2 round trial. Normally the 2nd round trial is sent out around April and results received in July. We should also find out at this time whether this bale is suitable for calibration purposes. I will send a report on this as soon as I receive all information.

Recommendations to Australian Industry

- It is important that Australian labs are participating in future CSITC Round trials. Our results show that we are up there with the best labs. I also believe they will get better over time with CCAA's ongoing development of BMP standards for instrument testing. Australia is the only country that compares its own results of all instruments that participate in CSITC testing which is analysed by Rene van der Sluijs and sent to each lab. It is also pleasing to note that repeatability between CCAA instruments improved for all properties in 2008 for CCAA check test program.
- While commercial tolerances for trade and arbitration have been put on hold it would be good to analyse CCAA labs to ensure we

are within the specs suggested by Axel. I will talk to Rene to see if he can analyse this.

- Further bales should be sent to participate in future CSITC round trials
- Instrument Colour difference between HVI 100 and HVI 900 models. This was an issue but not reported this time. I will check with Axel to see if differences are still there. This is important for future objective classing in Australia

The date for the next CSITC meeting has not been determined.

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