



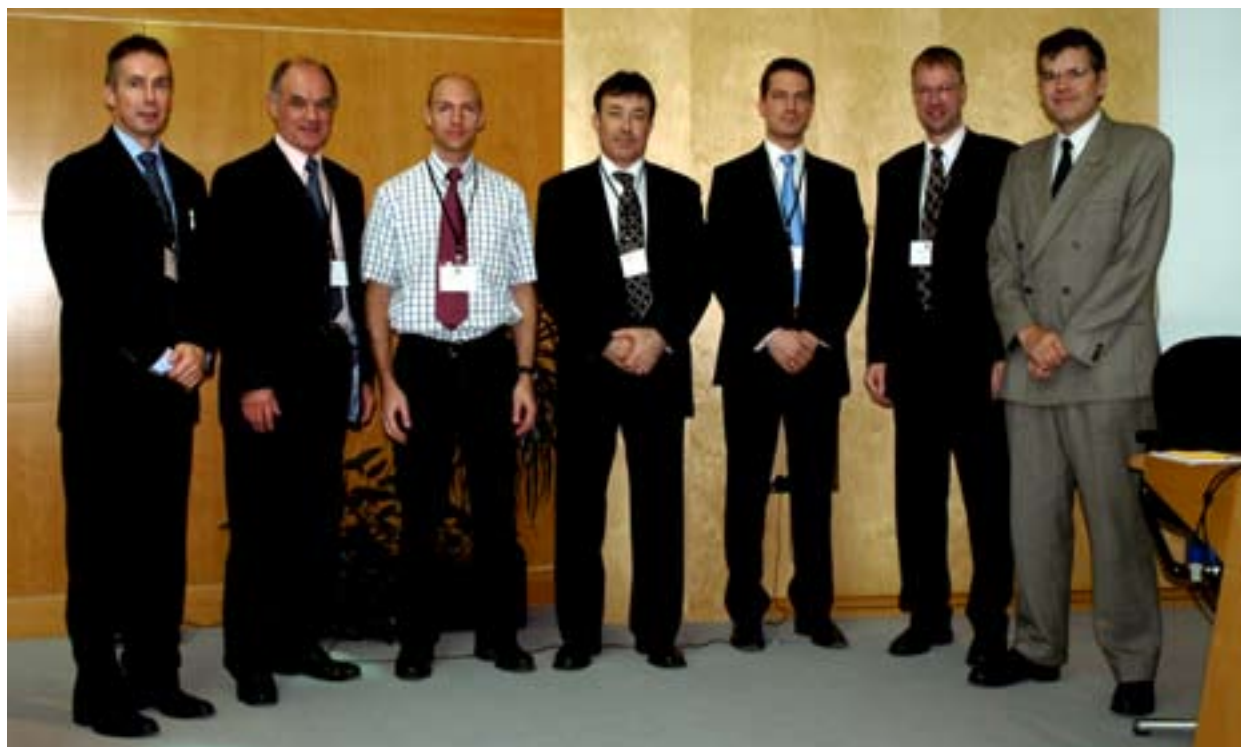
## Conformity assessment

An important factor in both business and the regulatory field is provided by conformity assessment – a range of activities including inspection, testing and certification.

It has been estimated that standards and related conformity assessment activities have an impact on 80 % of world commodity trade – so an understanding of laboratories and inspection bodies is useful for many customers. To assist them, ISO in 2009 published the ISO/IEC Pack: *Conformity assessment – Laboratories and inspection bodies*.

The collection of standards and guides contained in the ISO/IEC Pack have been developed by the ISO Commit-

tee on conformity assessment (ISO/CASCO). In addition to its standards development programme, ISO/CASCO organized a workshop in November 2009 in Geneva on the theme of “The role of International Standards in managing the global supply chain and traceability”. The workshop was simultaneously broadcast via Internet – a first for this annual event.



*The ISO/CASCO workshop participants included, notably:*  
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