



Study Committee B3: SC Members Annual Activity Report

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The progress and success of a Study Committee (SC) depends on the engagement of its members. The members are the link between the SC and their Country/Region. They are expected to act as ambassadors for the SC in their country, to inform on SC activities, to promote the SC work, to recruit members for SC working bodies, etc. SC members are also expected to provide feedback to the SC from their Country/Region concerning satisfaction with our work, need for new studies etc. In the present situation with a rapidly changing operating environment it is very important to have an active flow of information between Countries/Regions and SCs.

Contribution to SC B3 Work

The important role of the SC members is defined in the CIGRE document "Rules for Study Committees", where it is stated that every Study Committee member shall contribute actively to the work of his / her Study Committee mainly by means of conducting activities of the type specified in the Activity (Check List) given in the following Table (Note: it is not expected that the SC member will cover all of the activities included in the Check List). You are asked to report in the Table, column (a), the actual activities in which you were engaged during the past year, and in column (b) give examples of the specific contributions, proposals, recommendations, etc. made by you.

Activity (Check List)	Activity (Actual) (a)	Examples of contributions, proposals, opinions , etc. (b)
Participating in SC meeting and contributing to discussion there	As Member	At 2010 Paris session expressed concern about overlapping proposed ToR's, e.g. between WG B3.32 and WG's A3.29 and A3.30.
Conveying of views, concerns and needs of own country and National Committee. Presenting proposals for new work based on these needs	Via meetings and e-mail	Participated to meetings in WG B3.21, B3.23, B3.31, provided written comments to WG B3.25. Convenor of WG B3.32. In these WG's offered comments from Canadian perspective and/or proposed new subjects.
Communicating the activities, outcomes of studies, availability of technical papers to own country and own National Committee.	Regularly	1. Report on SC B3 activities submitted to CIGRE Canadian National Committee Vancouver – October 2010 2. Encouraged Canadian participation in SC B3 work – several new members. 3. Disseminated information to the SC B3 Canadian forum.
Evaluating and commenting on draft documents circulated among SC members and ensuring in own country efficient processing of questionnaires issued by the working bodies of the SC	Yes	Replied and completed several surveys received from a SC of CIGRE . Provided comments to ToR 's for various newly proposed WG's Provided comments to WG B3.25 document
Actively participating in at least one Working Body of the SC	Main activity:	Active participation in WG B3.21, WG B3.23, WG B3.31 Corresponding member of WG B3.25 Convenor of new B3.32
Proposing specialists from own country as members of working bodies of the SC	Yes	Supported participation to WG B3.25, B3.29 and new B3.31 and B3.32 from new Canadian members
Assisting in preparation and conducting of Symposia and/or Colloquia organised	Partially	At government request my company has imposed severe restrictions that prevent a more active stance. I was



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by the SC		able to participate only to local (Vancouver) events
Considering at National/Regional level what subjects are most appropriate for adoption as Preferential Subjects for Paris Sessions.	With National Committee	Information received from the CIGRE CNC conveyed to the Canadian B3 members. Support and Convenor of asset management subjects, such as newly approved B3.32
Participating in the discussions at the biennial CIGRE Group Sessions in Paris and writing, or encouraging others to write, papers for these Sessions	Regularly in the past, unlikely in the future	I participated to the last two sessions, but severe travel restrictions imposed by my company will prevent me from participating at any planned events this year.
Organising SC B3 group/network in own country	Effort continuing	Communication through Canadian Forum for B3 and encouraging participation by new members.
Writing annual report	Yes	This is my 3 rd report.
Other activities supporting the work of the SC	Restricted	Due to financial restraint measures introduced by my company, my activities are significantly restricted.

Contacts with Target Groups

Our work must meet the needs of our Target Groups and therefore we must be well informed on these groups and their needs. As our link with your Country / Region it is essential that you make and maintain contact with the important Target Group representatives in your Country / Region and establish their needs. You are asked to report in the following Table: in Column (a) the number of representatives contacted; in Column (b) the needs which should be addressed by SC B3. You are asked to identify in Column (c) the communication means which you used to communicate with the representatives of the various Target Groups in your Country / Region.

Target Group	Number of representatives contacted (a)	Target Group needs which should be met by SC B3 (b)	Communication means used to contact the various Target Groups (c)
1. Top Management, Executives	3	- Operational excellence - Provide sharing environment - Networking	Meetings, reports on WG activities
2. Commercial Group <i>Financial Institutions, Owners, Investors, Regulators, Energy Traders, Generators, Distributors</i>	0	Buisness drivers - Economic consideration of technical solutions - Competitiveness	Severe financial and travel restrictions by my company prevent any such activities.
3. Technical Group <i>Equipment Suppliers, Contractors, Consultants, Maintenance Providers, Grid Planners, Grid Engineers</i>	3	Information dissemination - Standardization - New technology	Discussions, meetings, in Vancouver only.
4. Operators <i>Operators (incl. Power System, Generation, Transmission, Distribution), Asset / Facility Managers</i>	2	Life cycle - O&M practices - Asset Management	Mostly as part of the job
5. Science, Education and Public Group <i>Universities, Research Institutes, Young Engineers/ Ma-</i>	2	- New technology - New models - Sharing experience	Mentoring, on the job training



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<i>nagers/Others offered education, Authorities, Media, Non-Governmental Organisations</i>			
6. International Organizations with Similar Scope		As presently are	Severe travel restriction prevent such activity (e.g. participation to Joint IEEE CIGRE Session in 2011)
7. CIGRE Internal <i>Technical Committee, Other Study Committees, National Committees, Ordinary Members, etc.</i>	6	- Inter SC communication to avoid duplications. - Cooperation with other SC's	Forward documents, contacts by e-mail or phone

Please provide comments on the efficiency and effectiveness of the various communication means:

Events in own Country/Region of interest to SC B3

CIGRE Canada Conference in Vancouver, October 2010

This is the last event I was able to participate. I do not anticipate participation to any other events outside British Columbia borders in the coming few years.

Other Comments

Due to the impossibility of travel I am seriously considering offering my resignations from the B3 Study Committee and allowing someone else that is not facing such restrictions to take over the function.

In the past 2 years I have paid my own travel expenses and have taken vacation to participate to CIGRE events. But this situation cannot continue.

As much as I enjoy actively participating to CIGRE-initiated work, I am also seriously considering the transfer of the WG B3.32 Convenor function to someone else, as it will not be possible for me to exercise this function without participating to the meetings.

Unless CIGRE decides to take a proactive approach in convincing Canadian Utilities of the real benefits of CIGRE work and participation, I expect fewer Canadian members to continue their activities in CIGRE in the future.