



**Message from the ISO Secretary-General
Alan Bryden
to the Asociația de Standardizare din România
(ASRO),
on the occasion of its 10th anniversary
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It is with great pleasure that I convey the good wishes of the worldwide ISO family, which now comprises the national standards bodies of 157 countries, to ASRO.

Even though ASRO is a young organization, it has been able to build on the experience of 80 years of standardization in Romania and participation in ISO going back to 1950, making Romania one of our oldest members.

In the past, Romania has participated in ISO at the strategic level, serving three terms of service on the ISO Council. Today, ASRO participates in policy development as a member of our committees specializing in the standardization needs of the conformity assessment community (CASCO), developing countries (DEVCO) and consumers (COPOLCO).

At the technical level, ASRO is a participating member of 150 of the technical committees (TCs) or subcommittees (SCs) that develop ISO standards and an observer on another 382, which means that it has a presence on more than 77 % of all active TCs and SCs.

Among these participations, ASRO has shown a particularly keen interest in the development of the ISO 9000 family of quality management standards and showed the depth of its commitment to the ISO system by graciously hosting the 21st plenary meeting of ISO/TC 176, which is responsible for the ISO 9000 family, in October 2003.

The demand for ISO standards has never been greater and our scope is continuously evolving to meet the requirements of the international community for practical tools to help address challenges such as the environment – including climate change – health, security, the dissemination of innovation, water and nutrition. We need the fullest possible participation of our members to meet the demands upon us and hope that in future, we can count even more on the already appreciated contribution of ASRO.

On behalf of the ISO family, I wish the ISO member for Romania, ASRO, a happy 10th anniversary.