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# Foreword

*Celebrating*  
50 Years

## of the International Accreditation Service

Fifty years ago, in 1975, the International Accreditation Service (IAS) accredited the first testing laboratory. This accomplishment was the result of its vision to enhance public safety, build trust in systems of conformity, and support the credibility of organizations around the world. What began as a single accreditation program focusing on the construction industry has grown into a dynamic, internationally recognized accreditation body with a far-reaching impact across multiple sectors of society.

Today, IAS stands as a trusted nonprofit organization headquartered in Brea, California, offering more than 20 accreditation programs that touch nearly every corner of modern life—from food and water safety, to environmental science, healthcare, information technology, and beyond. IAS not only administers established programs, but also partners with government agencies and industry stakeholders to develop customized accreditation solutions where none previously existed—filling critical gaps and addressing emerging needs in the global marketplace.

In addition to its core accreditation services, IAS is also committed to advancing education and professional development. Through its partnership with the California State University system, IAS supports accessible, high-quality online learning opportunities in conformity assessment. The organization also publishes the International Journal of Conformity Assessment (IJCA) and offers student scholarships to help prepare the next generation of accreditation and conformity assessment professionals.

This 50th anniversary commemorative book celebrates the legacy, impact, and continuing evolution of IAS. It honors the leadership, staff, assessors, customers, and global partners who have shaped its journey—and looks ahead to a future defined by innovation, growth, and service to the public good.

To learn more about IAS and its programs, visit [www.iasonline.org](http://www.iasonline.org).





## Letter from the Chair of the IAS Board – Sergio T. Ascunce

### **Dear Colleagues, Partners, and Friends,**

It is with great pride and deep appreciation that I welcome you to this special publication commemorating the 50th anniversary of the International Accreditation Service (IAS). This milestone is more than a celebration of longevity—it is a testament to the enduring mission, integrity, and global impact of an organization that has become a trusted leader in accreditation.

As Chairman of the IAS Board of Directors, I have had the honor of witnessing firsthand the dedication, expertise, and passion that define this organization. Our success has always been rooted in service—service to quality, to competence, to public safety, and to the communities we support around the world. It is this shared purpose that binds us together and propels us forward.

This book offers a reflection on our journey—highlighting our origins, our challenges, our achievements, and the people who helped shape our legacy. It also looks ahead to a future full of promise, as IAS continues to adapt, innovate, and lead in a rapidly evolving world.

On behalf of the entire Board, thank you for being part of this remarkable story. We are proud of how far we've come—and even more excited for what lies ahead.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' and 'A' followed by a period, all enclosed within a circular flourish.

**Sergio T. Ascunce**

Chair, Board of Directors  
International Accreditation Service



## Letter from the President – Raj Nathan

### **Dear Colleagues and Friends,**

It is with great pride and heartfelt appreciation that I welcome you to this commemorative publication celebrating the 50th anniversary of the International Accreditation Service (IAS).

I want to express my sincere thanks to the IAS Board of Directors, both past and present, for their leadership and vision. Your strategic direction has been vital to our mission and growth. To our committee members, technical experts, and working group contributors, your knowledge and commitment continue to ensure that IAS accreditations remain credible, relevant, and technically sound.

I also extend my deepest appreciation to the IAS staff, whose dedication and professionalism have made our work possible. Every success over the last 50 years is built on the contributions of those who serve with excellence, both in the office and in the field.

To our customers and accredited organizations, thank you for placing your trust in IAS. Your commitment to quality and continuous improvement inspires our work every day, and we are honored to support your goals through our accreditation services.

We also extend our gratitude to our parent organization, the International Code Council (ICC). The strength and support of ICC have been critical to our evolution, and we are proud to be part of a family of organizations that shares a common commitment to safety, resilience, and public service.

As an active member of the global accreditation community, IAS also wishes to thank our colleagues and accreditation bodies in ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation), IAF (International Accreditation Forum), and APAC (Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation). Your collaboration, partnership, and shared commitment to international recognition and harmonization have enriched our work and helped strengthen trust in accreditation worldwide.

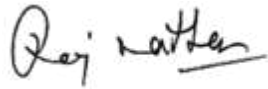
Finally, we honor the legacy of Mr. Chuck Ramani, IAS's founding president. Chuck's vision and leadership laid the foundation for all that IAS has achieved. His enduring

contributions continue to guide our mission and remind us of the power of innovation and perseverance.

As we look to the future, IAS remains committed to serving the evolving needs of industry, regulators, and the global conformity assessment community. With strong partners and a dedicated team, we are confident that the next 50 years will be as impactful as the last.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

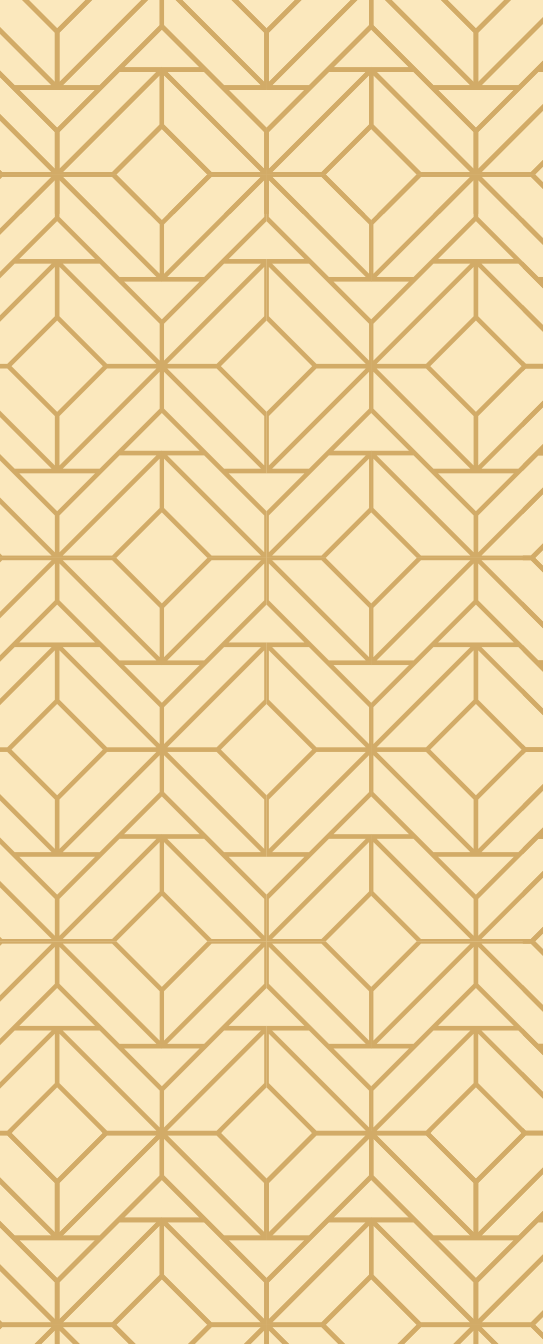
With sincere gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raj Nathan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Raj" and last name "Nathan" clearly distinguishable.

**Raj Nathan**

President

International Accreditation Service



# THE PEOPLE OF IAS

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Chuck Ramani, Patrick McCullen



Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation, Chuck Ramani







# Chuck Ramani

– Founding President of IAS

Chuck Ramani's name is synonymous with the International Accreditation Service (IAS). As its founding president, Chuck played a pivotal role in the formation, vision, and global recognition of IAS as a leading accreditation body. His leadership laid the foundation for what would become a world-respected organization, driven by integrity, technical excellence, and public service.

Chuck's journey in conformity assessment began on November 21, 1973, when he was hired by John Nosse to work for the International Conference of Building Officials. The organization approved (i.e., accredited) its first testing laboratory in 1975 when accreditation of testing laboratories was a relatively new concept in the construction industry. Drawing from his deep experience in engineering and regulatory affairs, he saw the potential for accreditation to elevate quality and public confidence. With that vision, Chuck helped shape IAS from a single-program operation into a multifaceted organization that would go on to serve industries as diverse as manufacturing, environmental testing, building safety, food safety, healthcare, and beyond.

During his tenure, Chuck was known not only for his strategic foresight but also for his collaborative spirit. He built strong relationships with stakeholders—from local building departments to international regulatory bodies—always championing transparency, competence, and mutual recognition. Under his leadership, IAS grew to be a trusted name, recognized by governments, industry, and fellow accreditation bodies around the world.

With gratitude and admiration, we honor Chuck Ramani for his service, his vision, and his lasting impact on IAS and the world of accreditation.

Meet the IAS President:

# Raj Nathan



***“Champion of Accreditation, Advocate of Global Conformity”***

Raj Nathan's journey with the International Accreditation Service (IAS) reflects an extraordinary career marked by technical excellence, visionary leadership, and a profound commitment to advancing accreditation across the globe.

Beginning his career as an engineer with ICBO Evaluation Service in Whittier, California, in 1991, Raj brought with him a sharp analytical mind shaped by his earlier engineering work at a testing and certification organization, as well as in aerospace manufacturing, underpinned by his graduate engineering training from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Over the years, he steadily rose through the ranks at IAS—becoming Manager in 2002, Director in 2005, Vice President in 2010, Senior Vice President in 2015, and ultimately President in 2018.

Under Raj's leadership, IAS not only expanded its global reach but also strengthened its technical depth and credibility. A respected voice in international conformity assessment, Raj has represented IAS and the United States in numerous high-level forums. He has served as a Lead Evaluator for APAC, Vice Chairman of the Board for the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC), Executive Committee member of the IAF and member of the Joint Executive Committee of ILAC-IAF. He is a founding Board member of the NAAF (North American Accreditation Forum). He served previously as the Chairman, APLAC Inspection Committee. He has led many evaluation teams representing APAC to evaluate accreditation bodies in Japan, Thailand, Mexico, India, Kazakhstan, Singapore, among other countries.

In addition to being a seasoned engineer and a recognized leader in the conformity assessment world, Raj is also an innovator and visionary. He played a key role in helping IAS grow and diversify by leading the creation of new accreditation programs and launching the International Journal for Conformity Assessment (IJCA), among other initiatives that have left a lasting mark on the industry.

While Raj is an astute businessman with a deep understanding of global market dynamics, he is equally known for his compassion and mentorship. He believes in the value of education, capacity building, and in extending support to organizations and professionals in regions where accreditation systems are still developing. His leadership is marked by a spirit of collaboration, inclusion, and service to the broader mission of improving quality infrastructure worldwide.

Raj Nathan embodies the mission and spirit of IAS: technically grounded, globally respected, and committed to public trust and global progress. His legacy continues to inspire professionals across borders and generations.





Raj Nathan, Bob Risser, President and CEO PCI



Raj Nathan presenting to DCRA



Dr. Sri Ghanthan, Raj Nathan



Assessment at Clark Pacific



Raj and Nimmi at IAS meet in Athens, Greece



Raj Nathan, Sara Yerkes



IAS team in Brea, California



## IAS Staff, Past and Present: **The Heart of Our Success**

An organization is only as strong as the people behind it, and IAS has been truly fortunate to be powered by a dedicated and talented team since its founding. From the earliest days to today, IAS staff—past and present—have demonstrated unwavering commitment to excellence, professionalism, and service. Whether answering phones, managing finances, coordinating complex assessments, supporting IT infrastructure, or handling customer needs, each individual has played a critical role in advancing our mission. Many have worn multiple hats, stepped up in times of need, and gone above and beyond with quiet determination. It is through their collective efforts that IAS has grown into the trusted, globally recognized accreditation body it is today. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary, we honor and thank every staff member who helped shape our journey—you are the foundation of our success and the reason we look forward to a bright future.





Kostas Papakostas, Ravi Kanipayor



Giulia Suriani, Osman Vural



Bandusoma LHD



K.T. Noushad, Kartik Iyer



Igor Erenburg



Karhik Easwar, Milan Neupane



Raj Nathan, Ganesh Bhat

Amy Gensicke, Vice President, at work



John Nosse, Chuck Ramani, Patrick McCullen



John and Mary Bridget Pakianadan







Mohan Sabaratnam, Asli Diker, Esra Uysal



Ganesh Bhat, Milan Neupane



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Raj Nathan, Patrick McCullen, Nancy Libby, John Pakianadan, Chuck Ramani



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John Nosse, Chuck Ramani, Nancy Libby, Raj Nathan, Jay Elbetta





Jon Traw



John Nosse



Bob Heinrich



Patrick McCullen



Nancy Libby



Arunan Kattilaparambil

# People Who Shaped IAS

Over the years, the International Accreditation Service (IAS) has been fortunate to be guided, supported, and inspired by exceptional individuals whose leadership, expertise, and dedication have helped shape the organization into what it is today. While there are far too many contributors to name here—each leaving their mark on our success—we would like to recognize a few whose impact has been especially significant.

We honor **John Nosse**, retired president of ICBO ES and ICC ES, whose vision and commitment to excellence set a high standard for our industry. **Jon Traw**, retired CEO of ICBO, played a pivotal role in strengthening IAS's foundation and expanding its reach. **Bob Heinrich**, former CEO of ICC, brought strategic insight and steady leadership during key transitions. **Patrick McCullen**, retired Senior Vice President of IAS, was instrumental in advancing programs and services, always with a focus on customer needs. **Nancy Libby**, retired Manager, Administration, provided invaluable behind-the-scenes support, keeping operations running smoothly and ensuring a welcoming environment for staff and stakeholders alike.

We also remember **Arunan Kattilaparambil**, a dedicated lead assessor whose passion for quality and unwavering professionalism left a lasting legacy.

To all these remarkable individuals—and to the many others not mentioned by name—IAS extends heartfelt gratitude. Your contributions have been woven into the fabric of our history, and your legacy continues to shape our future.





## About *Patrick McCullen*

Patrick McCullen served as Senior Vice President and Chief Technical Officer at the International Accreditation Service (IAS). His humor often lifted the room, but it was his depth of knowledge and experience that made him a trusted source for any technical question.

Patrick began his career with ICBO Evaluation Service, a predecessor to IAS, on January 1, 1990, in Whittier, California. When IAS was incorporated by the State of California in 2002, he became a member of the organization's original team.

At IAS, Patrick reviewed assessment reports, monitored accreditation staff activities, and ensured adherence to the IAS Rules of Procedure and Accreditation Criteria. He served as technical manager for accreditation programs, chaired the IAS Technical Advisory Council, and represented IAS in national and international organizations including APLAC, ILAC, NACLA, and IAAC. He also served as Chair of the APLAC Sub-committee on Inspection.

In 2012, he received the John Nosse Award for Technical Excellence from the International Code Council (ICC), honoring his vision, leadership, and contributions to accreditation. He also received a special service award from the National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA) for more than a decade of work helping to establish a national laboratory accreditation system in the United States.

Earlier in his career, he held a management position at a major U.S. testing company, where he oversaw a diversified product testing laboratory, trained staff, authored protocols, and conducted educational programs. He also served as an expert witness for the California Attorney General in flammability investigations and represented the laboratory on ASTM Committees E5 (Fire Standards) and E36 (Conformity Assessment).

Patrick graduated from Whittier College in Whittier, California, and accumulated more than 35 years of experience in product testing, inspection, certification, and quality control. After a distinguished career, he retired from IAS on December 31, 2015.



# Mohan Sabaratnam

## Honored with Technical Excellence Award by Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation

Mohan Sabaratnam, Senior Vice President of the International Accreditation Service (IAS), received the Award for Technical Excellence at the 2024 Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC) Annual Conference, held July 16, 2024, in Dubai, UAE.

With more than 30 years of dedicated service, Mohan has made significant contributions to the conformity assessment community through his work with numerous APAC technical committees and working groups. He began his career with the Singapore Government Accreditation Body, later held key technical management roles at NATA in Australia, and now serves as Senior Vice President at IAS. His contributions to the Asia Pacific technical community include his tenure as ILAC Coordinator – ILAC Secretariat from 2002 to 2007. From 2015 to 2018, he served as Quality Manager for the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) and played a crucial part in its transition into the current APAC and its new Secretariat.

Mohan is renowned for his pivotal role in developing the Reference Material Producer (RMP) requirements in the Asia Pacific region and was a respected trainer and presenter at RMP workshops. His expertise in the programs of both the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has been instrumental in shaping discussions and technical documents at APAC, ILAC, and IAF meetings. Known for his approachability and mentorship, he has guided many APAC delegates through complex accreditation standards and regulations.

“Mohan has made significant contributions to the accreditation and conformity assessment profession that impact regulators, industry, and the general public. IAS is extremely proud to join professionals around the globe in congratulating him on a job well done,” said Raj Nathan, President of IAS.



Jennifer Evans, Chair, APAC, Mohan Sabaratnam



# *Nancy Libby*

## Steady Hand Behind the Scenes

Nancy Libby began her career with ICBO, the predecessor to IAS, on December 15, 1986, and quickly became a trusted and essential presence within the organization. Nancy was among the original staff members when IAS was established. From the very beginning, she brought a level of dedication, organization, and depth of knowledge that made her indispensable.

Nancy had a remarkable ability to manage complex details with precision and grace. Whether supporting the IAS Board, working closely with committee members, or assisting staff across departments, she was widely recognized as the “backbone” of many vital operations. Her efforts provided structure and continuity that allowed others to excel in their roles. It was no surprise when she was honored as Employee of the Month in January 2006.

After 28 years of exceptional service, Nancy retired on November 30, 2015—but her connection to IAS didn’t end there. She has continued to contribute through occasional work, offering her insights and experience when needed. Nancy’s legacy is one of quiet strength, unwavering reliability, and deep institutional knowledge—qualities that helped shape IAS into the organization it is today.

# IAS Assessors: *An Appreciation*

At the heart of the International Accreditation Service (IAS) lies an extraordinary team of assessors whose expertise and commitment have been essential to our success for the past 50 years. These highly qualified professionals travel across the globe—often spending long hours in transit and on-site—to evaluate companies and organizations for compliance with international standards. Their role is critical: they ensure that accredited entities are technically competent and operating with integrity. IAS assessors are not only technical experts but also ambassadors of quality and trust. Their tireless work strengthens the credibility of accreditation and upholds the reputation of IAS. We extend our deepest gratitude to our assessors for their service, professionalism, and vital contributions. They are an integral part of our mission, and their dedication continues to shape the excellence that defines IAS.







2018 Assessor Forum Panel Speakers, Raj Nathan



2018 Assessor Forum, Fullerton, California



Osama Younan



IAS Assessor Forum, Fullerton, California



2018 IAS Assessor Forum, Fullerton, California



At SGS, Santiago, Chile



Raj Nathan and Chuck Ramani



Raj Nathan and Sandi McCracken



Raj assessing cedar shake and shingle mill





Terry Eddy



Mike Bouse



Vijay Rulkar



Mohan Sabaratnam presenting IAS Ambassador Award to Larry O'Connor



Dr. Venkatesh Thuppi at IAS Assessor Forum



Mohan Sabaratnam presenting IAS Award for Technical Service to AK Mishra



Nancy Libby



IAS Team with U.S. State Department in Lima, Peru



Assessor Training, Athens, Greece



Assessor Meeting, Athens, Greece



IAS metal program assessors meeting, Brea, California





IAS Assessment at fabrication facility



Dr. William Fitzjohn, Larry O'Connor, John Pakianadan, Sandi McCracken assessing special inspection agency.



Presentation of Accreditation Certificate to Henderson, Nevada, Mike Bouse and Ronald Lynn



Dr. Max Porter  
IAS Lead Assessor.



Roy Fewell and Gaddis Farmer on assessment at Chickasaw Nation



Assessor meet in 2025, Bengaluru, India



Tony Francis in Punta Arenas, Chile



Taranath at Trinidad Cal Lab Assessment



CERPER Lima, Perú 2023





David Musselwhite training



Tim Foster, Doug Sickles, Larry O'Connor



Mr. and Mrs. Arunan Kattilaparambil, Greg West



Assessing at fabricator



Sandie McCracken giving a presentation





Udo Lampe, IAS Board Member



Joel Dramis, Building Official,  
Port St. Lucie, Florida, with IAS  
Building Department Accreditation  
Mark on building.



Raj Nathan assessing



Prafulla Yelve



Dimitrios Katsieris presenting



IAS Logo on Building Dept. vehicle







Taranath B.N. assessing in Saudi Arabia



Building Dept., City of Kelowna, BC, Canada



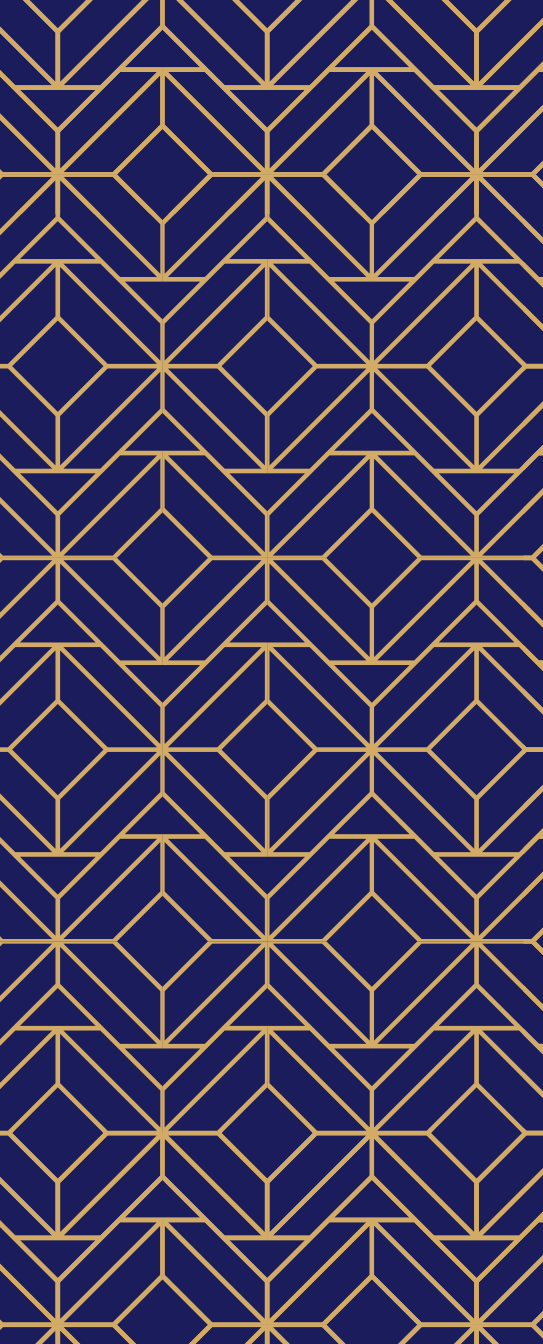
Kellee Fernandez, Chuck Ramani, Sam Palmer Clark County Bldg. and Fire Prevention, Nevada.



DC Department of Buildings receiving certificate of accreditation



Selso Mata, City of Plano, TX, receiving Building Dept. Accreditation



IAS  
A HISTORICAL  
VIEW

# The IAS

# MISSION & VISION

*Guided by its unwavering mission and vision, IAS has spent the past 50 years advancing quality, safety, and innovation across industries worldwide*



## Mission

To provide the highest quality accreditation services for all concerned with public safety and sustainability through the principle of “One Test, One Inspection, One Certification Worldwide.”



## Vision

To protect lives and property through accreditation of competent organizations providing services, products, and oversight worldwide.



# IAS Board Chairs and Board Members THROUGHOUT HISTORY





**Sergio T. Ascunce**  
Miami-Dade County, Florida | 2025



**James Toscas**  
Chicago, Illinois | 2016–2017



**Majed A. Dabdoub**  
Cincinnati, Ohio | 2003–2008



**Samuel Palmer**  
Clark County, Nevada | 2024



**John Barrios**  
Tampa, Florida | 2009–2015



**Bob Heinrich**  
Whittier, California | 2002



**Jon "Rocco" Davis**  
LIUNA, Rancho Cordova, California |  
2018–2023



**Michael W. Bouse**  
Henderson, Nevada | 2008–2009



IAS Board Meeting



Sara Yerkes, Rocco Davis



Jeff Gust



Jim Toscas



Rocco Davis, Stuart Tom



Osama Younan



Selso Mata

# Past Board Members

*In alphabetical order:*

Melanie Adams, J.D. – 2014–2016

Shahriar Amiri, CBO – 2016–2022

Khaled Awad – 2019–2023

John L. Barrios, CBO – 2005–2017

Robert G. Blanton – 2004–2006

Michael W. Bouse – 2005–2009

Tim Bradley – 2009–2014

James Brothers – 2004–2007

Jim Brown – 2015 – 2016, 2020–2023

Bill Chambless Jr. – 2004

Michael Clack, CBO – 2002

Majed A. Dabdoub – 2003–2011

Cindy Davis – 2009–2011

Jon "Rocco" Davis – 2011–2024

James M. Harper – 2002

Isam Hasenin – 2007–2016

Devang K. Jhaveri – 2017–2021

Greg Johnson – 2009–2011

Stephen D. Jones, CBO – 2016–2018

Dr. Izz Eddin Katkhuda – 2007–2016

Howard E. Larnard – 2002

Sheila S. Lee – 2004–2007

Ronald L. Lynn – 2007–2009

C. Curtis Mann – 2004–2009

Selso A. Mata – 2009–2016

William J. McHugh Jr. – 2011–2017

Craig S. Morr – 2016–2019

Jack Nelson, CBO – 2002

Betts Nixon – 2004

Alex "Cash" Olszowy III – 2015–2016

John Park – 2002

Patrick Parsley – 2012–2015

Mike L. Savage Sr. – 2023–2024

James W. Sayers – 2017–2019, 2024–2025

Ravi Shah – 2002, 2005–2008, 2011–2012

Thomas Shih, PE – 2002

Stuart Tom – 2016–2020

Guy Tomberlin – 2007–2009

James G. Toscas, PE – 2007–2018

Angie Wiese – 2022–2023

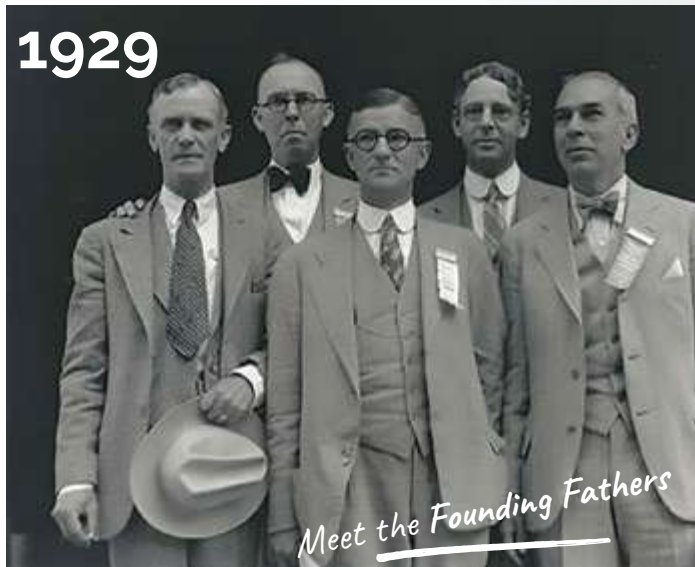
Borjen "BJ" Yeh, Ph.D. – 2023–2024

Osama Younan – 2018–2020





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**Walter Putnam**, VP of PCBOC (far right); **H. E. Plummer**, President of PCBOC (center); **David H. Merrill**, secretary-manager of PCBOC, 2nd from left. The other men are unidentified.

## The Early Beginnings

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) recognizes 2025 as the 50th anniversary because it accredited the first testing laboratory in 1975. However, IAS traces its history back even earlier to the accomplishments and contributions of professional organizations and individuals, predecessors of IAS, who were dedicated to public safety. The founding and accomplishments of IAS would not have been possible without the work of those who came before. That said, our history goes back much earlier to when the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference (PCBOC) was formed in 1922 to develop a building code that could be used by cities, counties, and states, with the primary goal being to make homes and buildings safe for the people that occupy them. The PCBOC was formed in 1922, and the membership of the organization was made up primarily of building departments that were dedicated to developing a building code that could be used to protect their citizens. The PCBOC published its first building code in 1927. The PCBOC would continue to meet annually, where they updated the building code with the latest building safety requirements.

PCBOC formed a Research Committee in 1931 (see July 1959, page 6, *Building Standards Monthly* magazine) whose purposes were to evaluate new building materials devices and methods of construction; to assist industry members in gaining acceptance for new materials, devices and methods of construction without the necessity of approaching each city separately; to secure uniform acceptance of new materials and products on a national basis; and to maintain



a listing of research committee recommendations every month. The idea and creation of this Research Committee would eventually lead to the accreditation of the first testing laboratory years later.

“Through a period of trial and error extending for more than a decade, the PCBOC experimented with various methods and procedures for witnessing and evaluating laboratory tests on new building materials and types of construction and issuing reports covering their findings.”

(*Building Standards Monthly*, April 1952, page 9, Building Standards Monthly Publishing Company).



1959

Reference **Building Standards Monthly** magazine, July 1959.

In 1947, PCBOC became the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO). Its members continued to update the code, which jurisdictions could adopt to ensure that homes and buildings met a minimum set of safety requirements for the benefit of the general public.

In July 1959, the ICBO Research Committee decided that “a designated testing agency approved by ICBO shall conduct testing and research” (*Building Standards Monthly* magazine, July 1959).

1937



In 1973, John Nosse, who was a Research Engineer for ICBO, hired C.P. (Chuck) Ramani as an Associate Research Engineer. John Nosse went on to become President of ICBO Evaluation Service. Chuck Ramani would go on to become the first president of the International Accreditation Service (IAS) in 2002.

In October 1974, the ICBO Research Committee received approval from the organization's management and members to move forward with a **proposal to list testing laboratories** that had been evaluated and found to possess the necessary equipment and personnel to conduct required tests on building products, construction materials, equipment, and construction methods in accordance with applicable standards.



**J. H. NOSSE**  
Research Engineer



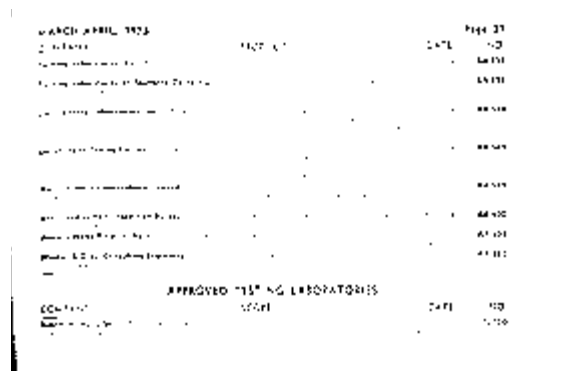
**C. P. RAMANI**  
Associate  
Research Engineer

1975

*Building Standards* Magazine,  
March-April 1975

## First Approved (Accredited) Laboratory—1975

In February 1975, the ICBO Research Committee recognized Robert Haussler of Van Nuys, California, as the first Approved Testing Laboratory, designated TL-100. The TL-xxx number format established at that time is still used by IAS for accredited testing laboratories. At that time, however, the term “accreditation” was not yet commonly applied as it is now. Robert Haussler’s achievement was featured in the March/April issue of *Building Standards* magazine.



## Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation

The **International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)** was created in 1977 to harmonize technical requirements for testing and calibration laboratories.



It was eventually formalized in 1996 as a cooperative arrangement when 44 national bodies signed a memorandum of understanding in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

In November 2000, full members of ILAC from 28 countries met in Washington DC to sign an arrangement to promote the acceptance of technical test and calibration data for exported goods.

The list of ILAC signatories has now grown to 118 accreditation bodies, impacting 100,000 laboratories, 14,200 inspection bodies, 680 proficiency testing providers, and 290 reference material producers.

The **International Accreditation Forum (IAF)** is a worldwide association of accreditation bodies and other bodies interested in conformity assessment in the fields of management systems, products, processes, services, personnel, validation and verification and other similar programmes of conformity assessment.



## Founding Member of APLAC

In July 1991, the **Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC)** was created as a regional cooperation body whose members were accreditation bodies in the region. The objective of the organization was to facilitate the mutual recognition of laboratory accreditation bodies in the Asia Pacific region, and we were a founding member of APLAC.



In April 1999, we became a signatory member of the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA). This was a significant achievement because it meant that when a laboratory was accredited, the testing reports published by the laboratory would be recognized by other accreditation bodies around the world that were also signatory members of APLAC.

The **Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC)** was established on 1 January 2019 by the amalgamation of two former regional accreditation cooperations – the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) and the Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC).

APAC is the regional accreditation cooperation for the Asia Pacific region and is recognised by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).



# Raj Nathan Joins

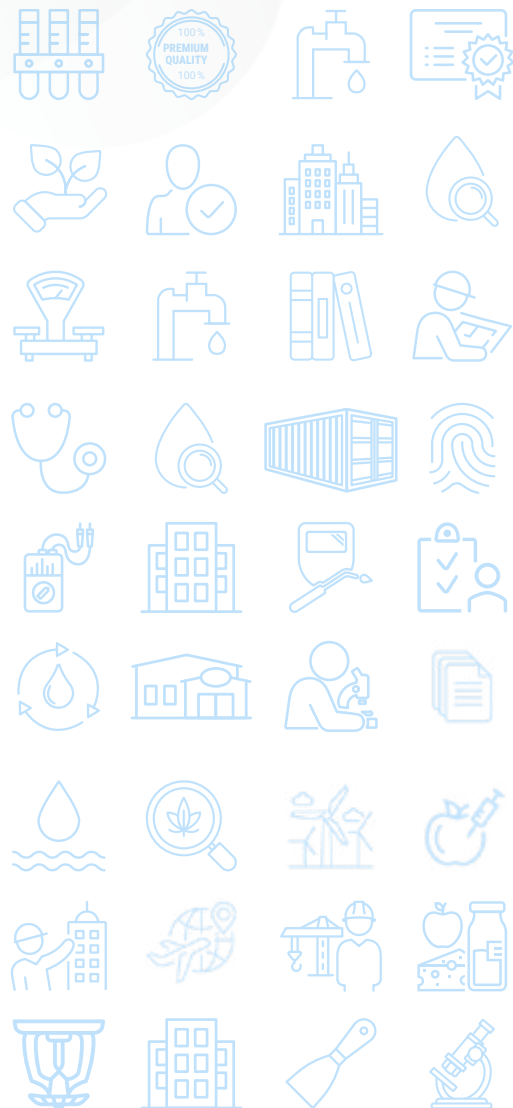
In 1991 Raj Nathan was hired by ICBO Evaluation Service at their headquarters in Whittier, California



## International Accreditation Service (IAS) was Incorporated

On March 22, 2002, the International Accreditation Service (IAS) was established in California, as an independent, nonprofit, public-benefit corporation. Chuck Ramani became IAS's first President. Raj Nathan joined the new organization as a member of the management team. The headquarters was located at 5360 Workman Mill Road in Whittier, California. Several other staff members, including Patrick McCullen, John Pakianadan, Nancy Libby, and Carrie Marshall, also transitioned from ICBO ES to the newly formed IAS.

Initially, IAS offered accreditation programs for testing laboratories, inspection bodies and to the fabricators. Its early focus was on companies serving the building and construction industry. IAS steadily expanded its reach, developing new accreditation programs across a wide range of industries worldwide.





## IAS logo evolution



# IAS Highlights

## 1975

- In February, the ICBO Research committee recognized Robert Haussler of Van Nuys, California, as the first Approved Testing Laboratory. It was given the first number TL-100. The same TL-xxx number format is used by IAS today for accredited testing laboratories.

## 1991

- ICBO Evaluation Service (ICBO ES), the predecessor to IAS, was a founding member of the Asia-Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC), a regional cooperation body whose members were accreditation bodies in the region. The objective of the organization was the mutual recognition of laboratory accreditation bodies in the Asia-Pacific region.

## 2000

- Hosted the APLAC General Assembly on October 26–27 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Pasadena, California.

## 2002

- IAS was established as a nonprofit, public-benefit corporation.



## 2003

- IAS accredited INyMET (CL-101) of Mexico as the first Calibration Laboratory.
- The State of Florida contracted IAS to develop the first building department accreditation standards.
- The IAS Testing Laboratory Accreditation program was recognized by the United States Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC).
- IAS accredited its first maritime inspection agency, National Marine Consultants, Inc., for inspection of ocean-going vessels and cargo.

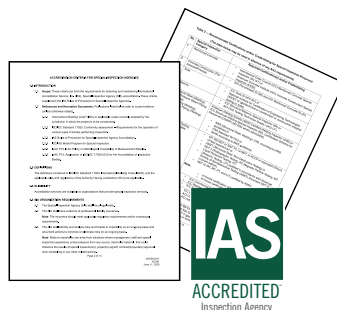


## 2004

- The United States Coast Guard granted recognition to the IRS Testing Laboratories accreditation program.
- IAS worked with the Housing and Building Research Center (HBRC) Egypt to develop a joint laboratory accreditation program in Egypt. IAS signed a Memorandum Protocol with HBRC in April 2004.
- IAS accredited the first testing laboratory for fire protective clothing and hazmat gear under NFPA standards.
- APLAC MRA Council recognized IAS for calibration laboratory accreditation.
- IAS and Laborers AGC Education and Training Fund signed a joint agreement.
- The first registration for accreditation of building departments was received from the City of Las Vegas.
- IAS launches a new program for the accreditation of Special Inspection Agencies.

## 2006

- The City of Las Vegas became the first major jurisdiction to require that special inspection agencies meet the accreditation criteria for IBC Special Inspection Agencies (AC 291).



## 2007

- IAS commenced its Product Certification Agency Accreditation Program, based on ISO/IEC Guide 65, with two initial applicants.
- The first child safety laboratory assessment took place.
- IAS hosted the APLAC Board of Management and MRA council meetings in Long Beach, California.
- The first Egyptian testing laboratories were assessed.
- IAS and Centre of Excellence for Applied Research & Training (Cert) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates established a Memorandum of Understanding for Accreditation Services.
- The first meetings with New York City regarding the Special Inspection Accreditation Program took place.
- IAS held a meeting with the Metal Building Manufacturers Association regarding IAS accreditation.
- IAS accredited its first field evaluation body.
- IAS and Higher Colleges of Technology Centre for Sustainable Infrastructure Development (CSID) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, established a Memorandum of Understanding for Accreditation Services.

## 2009

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- Underwriters Laboratories (UL) test facility in San Jose, California, became the first test lab to be IAS-accredited to test products for compliance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Energy Star requirements.



## 2010

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- Israel Berger and Associates became the first New York City-based special inspection agency to become IAS-accredited.
- IAS hosted a delegation from the China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment (CNAS) at IAS headquarters.
- The IAS accreditation program for testing laboratories met the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requirements for laboratories.
- Construction Practices Survey was presented to Emirate of Abu Dhabi Department of Municipal Affairs.

## 2011

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- IAS issued its 500th accreditation.
- IAS was accepted as a member of the International Accreditation Forum, Inc. Multilateral Recognition Arrangement.



- The Florida Division of State Fire Marshal's Bureau of Fire Prevention became the first to earn IAS Fire Prevention and Life Safety Department accreditation.
- The IAS Assessors Forum took place at the Norwalk Double Tree in Norwalk, California.

## 2012

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- IAS and Building Officials Association of British Columbia signed a Service Recognition Agreement, which outlined specific steps to introduce the IAS building department accreditation program to building departments in the province of British Columbia, Canada.
- The New York City Department of Buildings implemented rules requiring special inspection agencies to register with the city, and mandating accreditation for firms working on larger projects.
- The International Code Council and IAS jointly published the Building Department Administration, 4th edition. This comprehensive one-stop resource is critical to the successful management and operation of building safety administration.



## 2013

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- IAS accredited the Jeddah Food Control Laboratory, one of four accredited Saudi Food and Drug Administration laboratories located at strategic ports of entry into Saudi Arabia.
- IAS issued the first Building Department Accreditation to a county in the State of Virginia - Arlington County.



- IAS issued the first accreditations under its new Management System Certification Body (MSCB) Accreditation program.



- IAS accredited the City of Kelowna, B.C.—the first Canadian building department to receive IAS accreditation.

## 2014

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- IAS conducted an assessment in Panama City of Fall Line Testing & Inspection Panama City, Panama, which had received a multimillion-dollar extension to complete testing on the new third set of locks for the Panama Canal. Fall Line was originally contracted in December 2010 by the Consortium Grupo Unidos por el Canal to perform all concrete and soils testing for the expansion.

## 2015

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- The IAS Assessors Forum was held at Embassy Suites in Brea, California.
- IAS and the Institute for Credentialing Excellence, Inc. entered into an agreement to jointly sponsor a program for personnel certification bodies seeking accreditation to ISO/IEC Standard 17024, *Conformity assessment – General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*.

## 2016

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- The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement recognized IAS for achieving full signatory status for accrediting Management System Certification Bodies (MSCB) in the areas of Quality Management Systems and Environmental Management Systems.

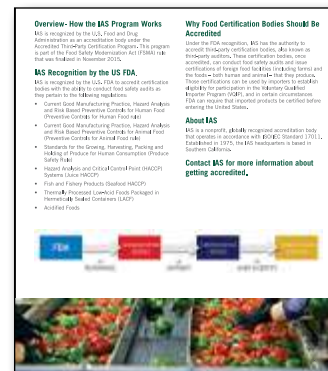
# 2017

- The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) recognized the IAS Accreditation Program for Personnel Certification Bodies under its COOL Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) program, a joint initiative of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.
- IAS established a program for accrediting medical laboratories to demonstrate compliance with the international standard, ISO 15189, *Medical laboratories – Requirements for quality and competence*.
- The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized IAS to provide accreditation services under the formaldehyde emission standards for the composite wood products rule.
- In October, IAS was recognized by FSSC 2200 to provide accreditation in the food industry.
- Clark Pacific, an IAS-accredited fabricator, was an integral member of the team that constructed the new 176-acre, 2.8-million-square-foot Apple Campus 2 in Cupertino, California.

# 2018

- Raj Nathan assumes office as President of IAS.
- Helga Alexander, Manager of the IAS Calibration Laboratory Accreditation Program, was appointed as chair to the APLAC Calibration Laboratory Committee.
- IAS accredited the first company under the Global GAP program.

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recognized IAS as an accreditation body under the Accredited Third Party Certification Program for a period of five years.



- IAS accredited 1,000+ customers.
- IAS received its first application for Medical Laboratory Accreditation.
- IAS held a global assessor forum at Marriott Hotel, Fullerton, California.

# 2019

- IAS accredited the testing laboratories that were involved in the construction of the Doha Metro Rapid Transit System with the close cooperation and supervision of ASHGHAL, the local regulatory body for public works.
- Best ISO Certification Company Limited became the first certification body to achieve accreditation from IAS under the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Third-Party Certification Program. This accreditation recognizes companies that certify food facilities for exports to the U.S. market.



# 2020

- The NELAC Institute (TNI) recognized IAS to provide third-party assessments and accreditation, which enabled IAS to accredit environmental laboratories to the TNI Environmental Laboratory Standard.
- Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre, an IAS-accredited testing laboratory, launched the Emirates Mars Mission and the Hope Probe—the first step in a 7-month journey to gather critical scientific data about Mars’s atmosphere.
- The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) and IAS announced a cooperative agreement for fabricator inspection accreditation.
- IAS launched the Forensic Laboratory Accreditation, Reference Material Producer (RMP) accreditation program.
- IAS launched the Proficiency Testing Provider (PTP) accreditation program.



- IAS was recognized to provide assessments under the State of California Water Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP).
- IAS launched the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC).
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recognized IAS under the Accreditation Scheme for Conformity Assessment (ASCA) pilot program to accredit testing laboratories that perform pre-market testing for medical device companies.

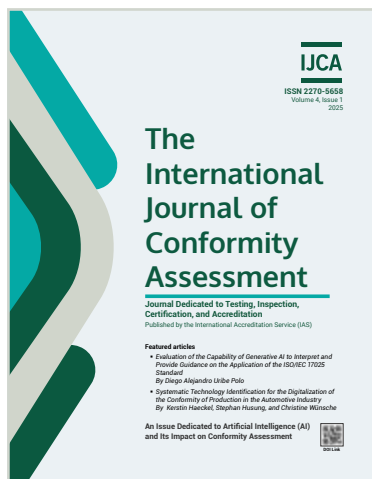


# 2021

- IAS was granted recognition by QS Scheme, a leading German food safety standard representing quality assurance from farm to shop.
- California State University, Dominguez Hills and IAS offered “Accreditation, Standardization, and Conformity Assessment, a 4-module online certificate program.
- IAS introduced the Building Department Recognition program.

## 2022

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recognized IAS under its Laboratory Accreditation for Analysis of Foods (LAAF) program to accredit certain types of food testing laboratories to meet the standards established in the FDA LAAF Final Rule.
- IAS published the inaugural issue of the International Journal of Conformity Assessment (IJCA), a peer-reviewed journal of conformity assessment academics and practitioners.



## 2023

- IAS hosted the 2023 Asia Pacific Accreditation Body Cooperation (APAC) Annual Meeting at the JW Marriott in Anaheim, California. The 150+ attendees represented 27 different economies. The APAC Annual Meeting was the organization's first in-person gathering since 2019.

## 2024

- IAS held the first ELAP Symposium for environmental labs in Fullerton, California.

## 2025

- IAS celebrates its 50th anniversary.
- IAS moved into a new office in Brea, California.
- IAS offers 20+ accreditation programs.
- IAS has customers in 65 countries.
- IAS held customer meets in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Kuwait and India.
- IAS crossed 1850+ customers globally.



APAC Annual Meeting, Anaheim, California, 2023





2023 APAC Annual Meeting, Anaheim, California



IAS team with Christine Sotelo, California ELAP



IAS Customer Meet in Kuwait, 2025



Helga Alexander, Prafulla Yelve



APAC 2023 Annual Meeting Finale


## IAS on the Move: **Global Headquarters Locations**


Since its founding in 1975, the International Accreditation Service (IAS) has made several moves that reflect its growth and evolving operational needs. The organization's first office was in the historic General Mills building in the City of Whittier, California, nestled at the corner of Norwalk /Workman Mill Road and Beverly boulevard. That location served as IAS's home during its formative years. The building, emblematic of a bygone industrial era, was eventually demolished, and the site is now occupied by a condominium complex.

As IAS grew in stature and scope, it became necessary to find a new home that could support its expanding staff and programmatic needs. In 2014, IAS moved to Brea, California, settling into a modern office designed to better accommodate its operational goals and technological capabilities.

That location served IAS well until the end of 2024. As the organization continued to evolve, a new opportunity arose within the same building when a more suitable office space became available. Recognizing the value of continuity and the advantages of a tailored workspace, IAS moved into the new suite, remaining in the building while enhancing its layout and functions to better serve its staff and customers.

Each move in IAS's history reflects a step forward in its ongoing mission to promote public confidence and global trust through accreditation. From Whittier to Brea, from a historic industrial site to a modernized professional office, the journey of IAS's office locations mirrors the organization's dynamic progress over the decades.

**1975**   
5360 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, California 90601

**2014**   
3060 Saturn Street, Suite 100  
Brea, California 92821

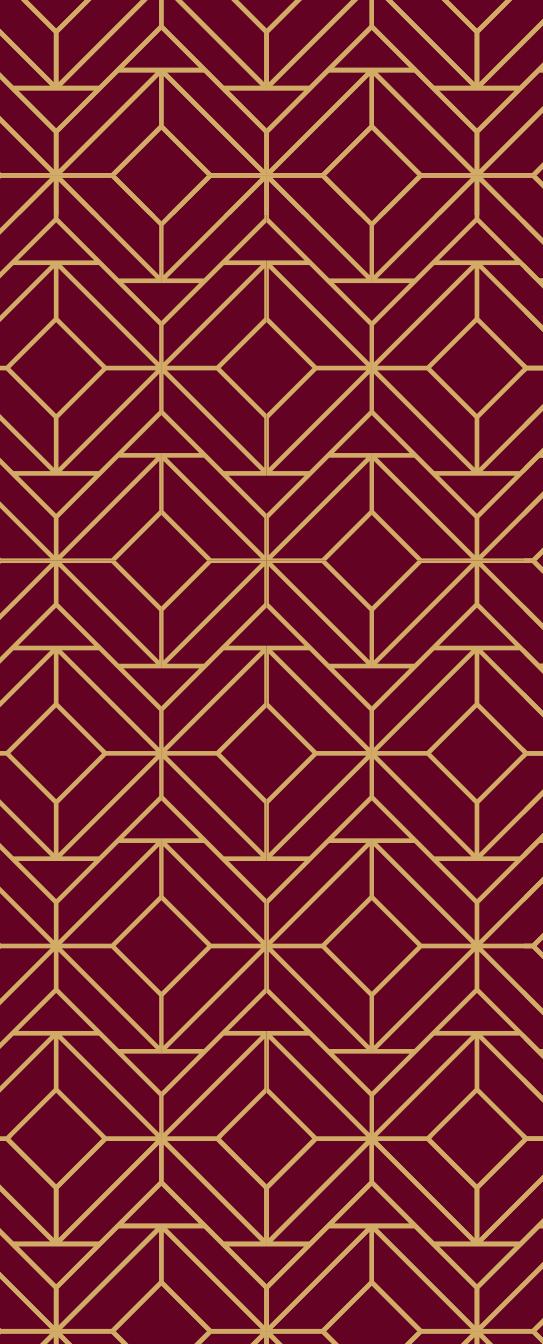


IAS, Whittier, California



Anna Carson, Katie Jones,  
Karthik Easwar, 2014





IAS TODAY



## EXPANDING HORIZONS:

### The Growth of IAS Accreditation Programs (1975–Present)

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) traces its roots back to 1975 when it accredited its very first testing laboratory. This pioneering lab specialized in the testing of construction and building materials—marking the beginning of IAS’s foundational role in supporting safety, quality, and compliance in the built environment. As a subsidiary of the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), and later the International Code Council (ICC), IAS remained closely aligned with the needs of the construction industry for many years. Early accreditation programs focused on vital sectors such as steel, wood, and concrete fabrication, offering assurance that critical structural components met rigorous performance and safety standards.

As the built environment evolved, IAS responded by broadening its scope to support the professionals and systems that uphold code compliance and public safety. New accreditation programs were introduced for special inspection agencies and building departments—essential players in ensuring that construction practices met regulatory requirements and maintained public confidence. These programs further solidified IAS’s leadership in the construction and regulatory sectors.

A pivotal period of expansion began under the leadership of President Raj Nathan. Recognizing the growing needs of global markets and the evolving nature of conformity assessment, IAS expanded far beyond its construction-focused origins. New accreditation programs were

launched to serve food testing laboratories, medical laboratories, personnel certification bodies, product certification agencies, and standards development organizations. This diversification allowed IAS to support a wide range of industries while continuing to deliver the same level of technical excellence and impartial oversight it was known for.

Today, IAS serves as a globally recognized accreditation body, with programs that meet the demands of regulators, industries, and consumers worldwide. Its growth reflects a long-standing commitment to quality, innovation, and customer focus—principles that continue to guide its work across borders and sectors. From a single laboratory in 1975 to a worldwide presence today, IAS’s journey is a testament to the enduring value of trusted accreditation.





## **Accreditation Programs** Offered as of 2025

- ◆ Aerospace Quality Management System Certification Bodies Accreditation
- ◆ Building Department and Third-Party Service Provider Accreditation
- ◆ Building Department Recognition
- ◆ Calibration Laboratory Accreditation
- ◆ EPA Environmental Laboratory Accreditation
- ◆ Fabricator Inspection Accreditation
- ◆ Fabricators of Container-Based Structures Accreditation
- ◆ FDA Third-Party Certification Program Accreditation
- ◆ Field Evaluation Bodies Accreditation
- ◆ Fire Prevention and Life Safety Departments Accreditation
- ◆ Inspection Agencies Accreditation
- ◆ Management Systems Certification Bodies Accreditation
- ◆ Manufacturers of Cold-Formed Steel Components (AC473) Accreditation
- ◆ Medical Laboratories Accreditation
- ◆ Metal Building Assemblers (AC478) Accreditation
- ◆ Metal Building Systems (AC472) Accreditation
- ◆ Personnel Certification Bodies Accreditation
- ◆ Product Certification Agencies Accreditation
- ◆ Proficiency Testing Provider Accreditation
- ◆ Reference Material Producer Accreditation
- ◆ Special Inspection Agencies Accreditation
- ◆ Special Inspection Agencies – New York City Accreditation
- ◆ Standards Development Organizations Accreditation
- ◆ Testing Laboratories Accreditation
- ◆ Validation and Verification Bodies Accreditation

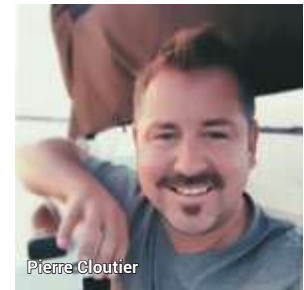
# Training Program and Knowledge Center

Over the years, the International Accreditation Service (IAS) has developed and delivered high-quality training programs used around the world to educate professionals on accreditation processes, international standards, and best practices in conformity assessment.

We gratefully acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Ned Gravel, Manager of the IAS Training Program, whose leadership and expertise have been instrumental in shaping high-quality, globally respected training offerings. We also recognize Jouliana Tchiloyans, Training Coordinator, for her dedication and efficiency in ensuring the seamless delivery and organization of IAS training programs worldwide.

Originally offered exclusively through in-person workshops, IAS's training programs have evolved over the years to meet the growing and diverse needs of global audiences. Today, IAS offers a flexible mix of live, virtual sessions, self-paced online courses, and instructor-led trainings across all time zones, making expert knowledge accessible to professionals regardless of location.

These programs are led by industry-recognized experts who bring extensive experience in accreditation and assessment practices. The training covers a wide range of topics—from understanding ISO/IEC standards to preparing for accreditation assessments—and is designed to support organizations in strengthening their systems and achieving international recognition. In addition to its internal offerings, IAS has also partnered with California State University, Dominguez Hills, to deliver a five-week certification program that provides a comprehensive foundation in accreditation principles. This partnership reflects IAS's commitment to education and capacity building in the global quality infrastructure community.





Larry O'Connor



Helga Alexander



Ned Gravel



IAS Customer and Assessor Meeting India, 2023







Profulla Yelve



Training in Nairobi, Kenya - 2024



Tim Foster, Doug Sickles, Larry O'Connor



Profulla Yelve, Bandusoma, ByungGil Ken Ha, Mingxia Zhang, Kadir and Esra Uysal, Dimitrios Chouliaras





Nairobi, Kenya 2024



## Newsletters and Social Media







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## Expanding the Digital Footprint: From Website to Social Media Engagement

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) launched its first website, [www.iasonline.org](http://www.iasonline.org), on December 1, 2002. This milestone marked IAS's entrance into the digital age, providing stakeholders with an accessible platform for learning about accreditation programs, accessing forms, and staying informed about updates and policies. The website helped streamline communication and increased global visibility for IAS as the organization expanded its services beyond the building industry.

In its early years, when IAS operated as part of the legacy model code organization, listings of accredited laboratories and fabricators were posted on that organization's website. This shared system reflected the close integration between accreditation and product evaluation services under the model code structure at the time. As IAS evolved into an independent subsidiary of the International Code Council (ICC), it established its own website and digital infrastructure to serve its expanding customer base more directly.

Building on this digital foundation, IAS later developed a secure online customer portal to support and streamline the accreditation process. This portal allows applicants and accredited entities to submit and manage applications, upload documentation, track review progress, and communicate directly with IAS staff and assessors. The portal reflects IAS's commitment to transparency, efficiency, and responsive service. It has become an essential tool for both domestic and international customers, making the accreditation process more user-friendly and efficient across time zones and industries.

As digital communication evolved, IAS also established a presence on major social media platforms, including LinkedIn, Twitter (now X), Facebook, and YouTube. These platforms have become valuable tools for sharing news, promoting training opportunities, spotlighting accredited organizations, and engaging with a broader global audience. Social media has allowed IAS to strengthen its brand, foster industry dialogue, and deliver timely updates in a dynamic, accessible format—further supporting its mission of outreach, education, and customer connection in the accreditation community.

# Trusted and Recognized: IAS Accreditation Programs and Regulatory Acceptance

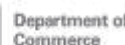
Over the years, IAS accreditation programs have earned strong recognition and acceptance from a wide range of regulatory agencies and government bodies at the federal, state, and local levels. This recognition underscores the technical rigor and impartiality of IAS's assessment processes and affirms the value of its accreditations in safeguarding public health, safety, and environmental quality.

Federal agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have accepted IAS-accredited laboratories and conformity assessment bodies for various regulatory functions, including testing related to environmental monitoring, food safety, and product quality. Additionally, the U.S. military—including branches such as the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Defense—has relied on IAS-accredited facilities for compliance with construction and material standards critical to defense infrastructure and national security.

At the state and local levels, building and safety departments have long depended on IAS accreditation to evaluate and approve entities such as testing laboratories, fabricators, and special inspection agencies. By recognizing IAS accreditation, these agencies can ensure that the organizations they rely on meet consistent, technically sound, and internationally recognized standards of competence. This helps streamline approval processes, reinforces code compliance, and ultimately supports the integrity of the built environment.

State-level bodies, such as the California State Water Resources Control Board, also recognize IAS accreditation as a requirement or pathway for laboratory approval, particularly in areas involving environmental and public health testing. These recognitions enable accredited entities to participate more fully in regulated activities, reducing redundancy and increasing efficiency for both regulators and service providers.

Such widespread regulatory acceptance highlights IAS's role as a trusted partner in public protection, helping to ensure that accredited organizations operate with integrity, competence, and accountability. It also reinforces IAS's mission to support industry and regulators alike through credible, impartial, and globally respected accreditation services.



# Guided by Experts: **The Role of TACs in Shaping IAS Accreditation**

The IAS Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) were established to ensure that IAS accreditation programs are built on a solid foundation of technical expertise and industry relevance. Comprised of professionals from industry, government, academia, and other stakeholders, these committees play a key role in the creation, development, and ongoing maintenance of IAS accreditation programs. Their input helps ensure that program requirements remain aligned with evolving standards, regulatory needs, and best practices. Through regular meetings and active engagement, TAC members review proposed program criteria, suggest improvements, and offer insight on emerging trends, helping IAS maintain the integrity, quality, and global relevance of its accreditation services.



## 2025 IAS Technical Advisory Committees

- ♦ Testing Laboratories Technical Advisory Committee
- ♦ Inspection Bodies Technical Advisory Committee
- ♦ Product Certification Agencies Technical Advisory Committee
- ♦ Building Department Accreditation Technical Advisory Committee
- ♦ Food Technical Advisory Committee
- ♦ Management System Certification Body Technical Advisory Committee
- ♦ Calibration Laboratory Technical Advisory Committee
- ♦ Personnel Certification Body Technical Advisory Committee
- ♦ Medical Laboratory Technical Advisory Committee
- ♦ Proficiency Testing Laboratory Technical Advisory Committee
- ♦ Verification and Validation Working Group





# Active Engagement in Global and Regional Accreditation Cooperations

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) has long been a powerful force in shaping accreditation policies and programs on the global stage. As a signatory member of ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation), IAF (International Accreditation Forum), APAC (Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation), IAS plays an instrumental role in advancing mutual recognition of conformity assessment results worldwide.

## Founding Member Status

IAS was a founding member of both APAC and its predecessor, APLAC, underscoring its long-term leadership and commitment to regional accreditation cooperation.

## Hosting the 2023 APAC Annual Meeting

In a significant milestone, IAS co-hosted the APAC Annual Meeting from June 23 to July 1, 2023 at the JW Marriott in Anaheim, California—marking the first U.S.-hosted APAC meeting in 20 years. This event brought together over 150 delegates from 27 economies, fostering dialogue and collaboration across multiple working groups and technical committees.

## IAS Staff Engagement

IAS personnel are deeply active in numerous ILAC and IAF committees, working groups, and technical initiatives. IAS staff contributed across various domains, including communications, calibration, food, internal auditing, and mandatory document development.



## Why This Matters for Our Customers

IAS's deep involvement in global accreditation bodies delivers clear benefits to our customers:

**Influencing Global Standards:** Through active roles in APAC, ILAC, IAF, and associated committees, IAS helps shape the frameworks and mutual recognition arrangements that facilitate seamless international trade and conformity assessment.

**Enhanced Recognition and Credibility:** Hosting flagship events like the APAC annual meeting and maintaining strategic leadership positions amplify IAS's visibility and influence—translating into stronger recognition for IAS-accredited organizations.

**Technical Expertise and Innovation:** Engagement in working groups ensures that IAS stays at the forefront of accreditation best practices, standards revisions, and emerging technical priorities—directly benefiting our customers through enhanced program quality and relevance.

Through founding memberships, leadership roles (including Raj Nathan's Vice-Chair position since June 2022), hosting high-profile events like the 2023 APAC Annual Meeting in Anaheim, and sustained engagement by IAS staff in ILAC, IAF, and APAC committees, IAS continues to shape the evolution of global accreditation. This strategic involvement benefits our customers by ensuring recognition, relevance, and leadership in the conformity assessment landscape.







At the 2023 ILAC-IAF Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada





Chuck Praeger



Selso Mata



Jim Toscas



Lee Schumacher



Tom Phillips



Patrick McCullen



Sam Palmer



Neville Pereira

## IAS ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE:

### Guardians of the Accreditation Programs

The Accreditation Committee of the International Accreditation Service (IAS) plays a central role in maintaining the credibility, impartiality, and technical integrity of the IAS accreditation process. Serving as an independent body, the committee is composed of representatives from a wide range of stakeholders, including industry experts, regulatory officials, public-sector representatives, and technical specialists from the accredited community. In doing so, it operates free from commercial or political influence, ensuring that all determinations are based solely on objective evidence, established criteria, and international conformity assessment standards.

The Accreditation Committee provides strategic guidance on accreditation policies and procedures, including approval of new accreditation programs and accreditation criteria, helping IAS remain aligned with evolving industry needs and global best practices. Its members contribute diverse expertise, which strengthens the robustness of IAS programs and fosters confidence among regulators, industry, and the public.

By upholding transparency, fairness, and technical excellence, the IAS Accreditation Committee ensures that IAS-accredited organizations meet the highest levels of competence, thereby supporting trust in products, services, and systems worldwide.

#### IAS Accreditation Committee 2025

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2009 Accreditation Committee



2014 Accreditation Committee



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2015 MBCEA at Accreditation Committee Meeting



2013 Accreditation Committee



2016 Accreditation Committee Meeting



Craig Joss



Raj Nathan, Bob Heinrich, Jim Houle

## 500 Customer Reception



John Barrios



Isam Hasenin



Steve Lerman and Dr. Srighanthan



## 2019 Goa Customer Meet



Customer meeting in Qatar

## 2017 Qatar Customer Meet





## *Celebrating Customer Growth*



### 2022 Chile Customer Meet



Over the years, the International Accreditation Service (IAS) has experienced remarkable growth in its customer base, a testament to the trust and confidence organizations place in our work. From the very beginning, IAS has recognized that our customers are the largest contributors to our success, which is why we have remained steadfast in our commitment to outstanding service, responsiveness, and technical excellence. Along the way, we have proudly celebrated key milestones—reaching 500 customers, then surpassing 1000, and approaching 2000, as our reach expanded across the globe and into multiple industries. Additionally, IAS hosts customer meetings around the world, providing valuable opportunities to connect with customers in their regions. These one-day events feature presentations that update customers on our accreditation programs, services, and recent developments. Today, IAS continues to grow not only in numbers but also in the depth and diversity of the organizations we serve worldwide.



### 2025 Bahrain Customer Meet



### 2025 Kuwait Customer Meet



### 2023 Peru Customer Meet





**2025 India Customer Meet**



**2025 Kuwait Customer Meet**



**2018 Saudi Customer Meet**



**2020 Delhi Customer Meet**



ICC Los Angeles Basin Chapter meeting 2015, Building Safety Month. Samir C., Alberto H., Raj N., Chuck R., Isam H., Osama Y.



IAS, MBCEA, MBMA at AIA Expo



IAS and BOABC MOU Signing



IAS exhibit at CALBO Annual Conference

## Partnering with Industries to Elevate Standards and Professional Excellence

The International Accreditation Service (IAS) has worked with a wide range of industries to develop and provide accreditation programs that establish consistent standards and enhance the professional stature of organizations and individuals in their respective fields. By partnering with industry leaders, regulators, and stakeholders, IAS ensures that its accreditation services are tailored to meet the unique needs of each sector while promoting quality, competence, and trust. In addition to delivering accreditation, IAS actively participates in industry events—exhibiting, presenting at conferences, and engaging in discussions that shape the future of standards and best practices. IAS staff also serve on industry committees and working groups, contributing their expertise to the development of policies, guidelines, and innovations that strengthen industries worldwide.





Laura Uraire, Emil Hazarian, Giulia Suriani



Bandusoma assists customer at medical laboratory expo



Emily Pao, Giulia Suriani, Laura Uraire



Bandusoma and Greg West



NAAF Board of Directors Meeting 2025- Brea, California



Tony Zavala and David Musselwhite



At a customer in Peru - Dimitrios K, Karthik Easwar, and Diego Uribe



Alberto Herrera





Customer Meet in India



NCSL India and IAS Joint Meeting, Bangalore, India



IAS and Kazakhstan's National Center for Accreditation Sign Memorandum of Understanding at APAC 2025



INyMET CL-101 personnel Mexico City



Sandi McCracken and MBMA Team



MOU signing- Raj Nathan, Bob Risser, President and CEO, PCI, Sam Palmer



Bandusoma - Technical Committee



IAS staff at ICC Annual Business Meeting, Long Beach, California



Etty Feller, ILAC Chair, Raj Nathan

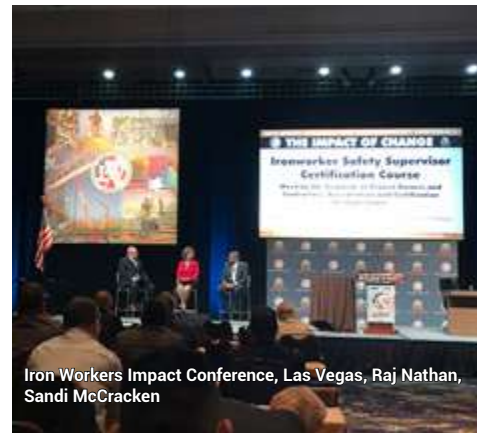


Raj Nathan, New Delhi, India





Thomas Phoenix International, Sandi McCracken



Iron Workers Impact Conference, Las Vegas, Raj Nathan, Sandi McCracken



Raj Nathan at OSHA NRTL Presentation, Washington, DC Oct 22, 2014



Sandi McCracken



Sandi McCracken at training meeting

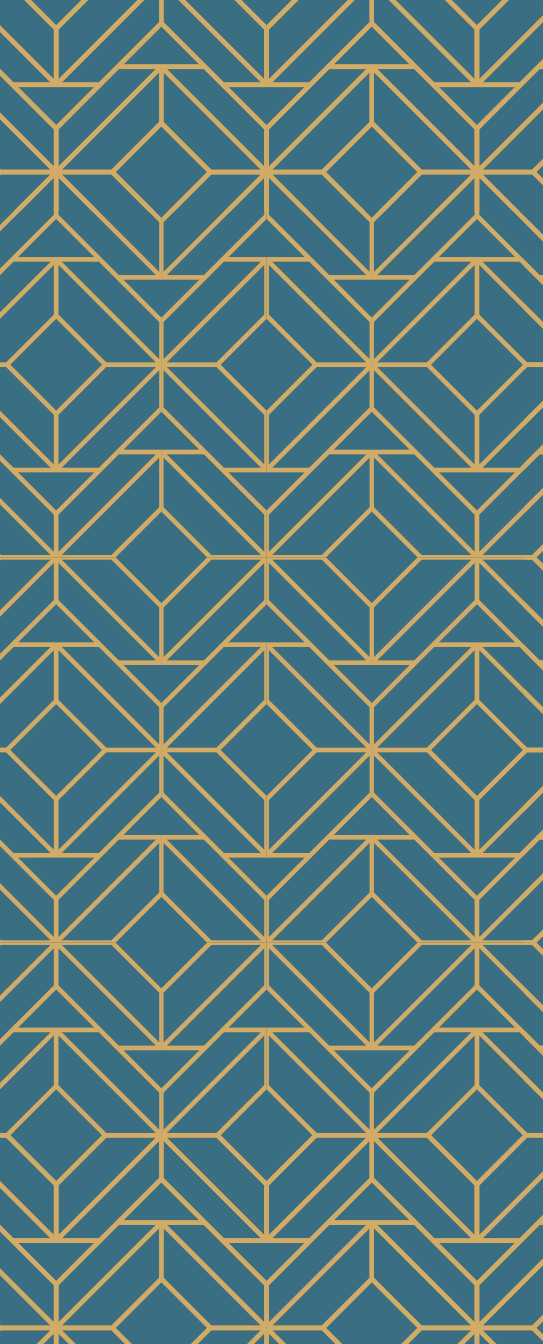


Karyn Beebe, Greg West, ICC Los Angeles Basin Chapter



Perú Expo Alimentaria





WELL WISHES FROM  
CUSTOMERS, FRIENDS,  
AND ASSOCIATES

“It gives me great pride and joy to congratulate the International Accreditation Service (IAS) and its president Raj Nathan on reaching this remarkable milestone—50 years of service and leadership. An anniversary of this significance is not just a celebration of time passed, but of the countless achievements, relationships, and dedicated efforts that have shaped IAS into the globally respected organization it is today.

*I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the staff of IAS, both past and present, whose professionalism, technical expertise, and unwavering commitment to excellence have been the cornerstone of the organization's reputation. To our valued customers and partners around the world, thank you for your trust and collaboration in advancing the mission of accreditation and raising standards across industries.*

*As I reflect on the history of IAS, I am reminded of the many remarkable individuals—visionary leaders with whose help I was able to establish IAS, the hardworking staff, and dedicated committee members—who each played a vital role in building the foundation for IAS's success. Their collective contributions have created an enduring legacy that continues to inspire and guide the organization.*

*Congratulations to everyone at IAS on this golden anniversary. May the next 50 years be filled with continued growth, innovation, and global impact.*”

*With great respect and admiration,*

**Chuck (C.P.) Ramani, P.E., CBO**  
Founder - President, IAS



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It is with pride that I view the recognition IAS has attained in the international arena for its process in accrediting testing laboratories. I inherited the lab accreditation program when I started with ICBO. At that time, the only requirement was that the applicant be recognized by another accreditation program. The ICBO staff developed a robust technical review program, including onsite inspections, to determine whether an applicant facility and staff could properly conduct tests in accordance with technical standards. Current and past staff members labored vigorously to achieve the international recognition it now has. My congratulations to IAS.

**John Nosse**  
Past President, ICC Evaluation Service



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April 17, 2025

Raj Nathan  
3060 Saturn Street, Suite 100  
Brea, California 92821-1732 U.S.A.

Dear Raj,

I'd like to congratulate the International Accreditation Service on celebrating an extraordinary 50 years of growth, innovation and impact. This milestone represents an exceptional achievement for IAS and serves as a testament to the organization's commitment to supporting the building safety industry.

Since the issuance of its first testing laboratory accreditation in 1975, IAS has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in the field, expanding its reach across more than 65 countries worldwide. Over the years, IAS has consistently upheld its mission of providing the highest quality accreditation services for all concerned with public safety and sustainability through the principle of "One Test, One Inspection, One Certification Worldwide."

As a global leader in the accreditation industry, your contributions have positively impacted countless organizations and professionals around the world. But most importantly, you've played a pivotal role in keeping people safe.

On behalf of the International Code Council, I would like to commend the IAS team for their hard work and dedication. I am confident that IAS will continue to lead the way in shaping the future of accreditation on the global stage.

Once again, congratulations on this significant anniversary, and I wish IAS continued success in the years to come.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Belcik".

John Belcik  
Chief Executive Officer  
International Code Council



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### ***Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence*** – A Tribute to IAS

In 1975, the International Accreditation Service (IAS) was established, laying the foundation for a legacy built on integrity and quality for domestic and global trust. What began as a visionary step toward standardizing excellence has, over five decades, evolved into a domestic and global leader in accreditation, proudly serving organizations across the globe.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of IAS, we honor the countless individuals whose dedication, innovation, and leadership have shaped its remarkable journey. From pioneering professionals who set the earliest benchmarks to the current passionate experts driving today's advancements, IAS stands as a testament to their collective contributions.

This milestone is more than a celebration of the past—it's also a moment to reaffirm the commitment to the values that have defined IAS for half a century. With gratitude for its history and optimism for the future, I look forward to the ongoing mission of IAS in continuing to support public safety, fostering innovation, and promoting confidence in both domestic and global markets.

Congratulations to everyone who has been a part of this extraordinary journey. Here's to the next 50 years of excellence.

Respectfully,

**David Spencer**

President, International Code  
Council (ICC) Board of Directors



*Raj,*

*While I was not involved with ICBO/ICC in 1975, I did arrive in 1982. CP Ramani and others were both in ICBO ES and working on what would become IAS. There was a vision with Chuck, Raj and others that honestly the executive team of ICBO at the time did not completely understand. Jon Traw was a big supporter of international focus which gave authorization to grow and expand. I was asked to be the chair of IAS and worked with Chuck and the Board in the early days to help set it up for success. I had a minor role.*

*It is amazing to think about IAS today that Chuck, Raj, Greg West and many others have created as a truly international business that continues to grow and have significant positive impact on the industry and the world. My applause to all in the IAS team that saw the vision and mission of IAS and helped create what it is today. It is hard to believe it has been 50 years and I know all will be amazed at the success of IAS in the years to come. Congratulations Raj, Greg and team on your 50th anniversary and all those that came before.*

**Bob Heinrich**

*Past CEO, ICC*



July 24, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Mr. Raj Nathan  
President  
International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS)  
3060 Saturn Street, Suite 101  
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RE: CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Raj,

I wanted to take a moment to congratulate you and your incredible team on an amazing 50 years of successes with IAS. With its long history and rich legacy, you have built on a successful model and guided it into the global powerhouse that it is today!

I had the privilege of working with your predecessor Chuck Ramani when I was on the ICC Board of Director's and I always admired his commitment and vision for seeing how successful IAS could be. His leadership set the groundwork for the amazing job you and your team are now realizing and expanding.

As a former member of the IAS Board, I am particularly pleased that I served on the committee that selected you to lead IAS and I am continually reassured with the fact that we clearly made the right decision! You have built a wonderful, dedicated, and professional team that is an amazing representation of the Code Council's commitment to providing the highest level of goods and services globally.

Here's to another 50 years of success and I hope that you pass my congratulations on to the rest of the IAS family! Your amazing work has had an impact on an untold number of lives and your achievements only further demonstrate the commitment you and your staff have to being the best in the business.

Congratulations!

Stephen D. Jones, CBO, MCP, MS  
Past-President, ICC Board of Directors  
Past Member, IAS Board of Directors

“Congratulations to IAS on fifty years of accreditation success! I was a code official who came up through the ICBO-ES system model using “acceptance criteria” to evaluate testing labs, inspection agencies, building products, and fabricators. The open hearing process used to develop acceptance criteria was appealing to a regulatory person like me. I was pleased when IAS continued with the “AC model.”

Chuck Ramani was so patient with Board members like me, who were building and fire officials, and new to the concept of accreditation bodies. He talked about MOU's and organizations like APLAC and ILAC. Eventually we began to understand Chuck's broad vision for accreditation bodies. I believe it was at a Board meeting in Palm Springs when the decision was made to create a separate corporation for IAS. John Nelson was our legal counsel. He was excellent as counsel (and also in golf as he made a hole-in one at the ABM golf tournament in Minneapolis in ICBO days).

I was glad when the “new guy” Raj Nathan came on staff. I liked his enthusiasm for the work and doing the job. When I learned he was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, that explained a lot! “In the deed, the glory” as the saying goes.

John Nosse brought so many quality people into the organization. John had the “knack” for recognizing talent. Nancy Libby was the organizer and made it all work. Other people I recall from those early years are Pat McCullen, Jon Traw, Kurt Stochlia, Bob Heinrich, Ron Ogawa (Inspection Concepts).

The camaraderie among the code officials on the IAS Board from around the country was most enjoyable. Sharing stories and problems and finding that the job is mostly the same everywhere was helpful. Chuck and I would go for walks after meetings and talk about various issues.

It is impressive how IAS started from a small beginning and a vision to become the successful worldwide organization it is today with its wide-reaching breadth of accreditation.

**Jim Harper**

Hastings, NE code official, retired,  
and Omaha, NE code official, retired  
Past Member, IAS Board of Directors





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29 July 2025

Mr Raj Nathan  
President  
International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS)  
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USA

Dear Raj

**Congratulatory message to IAS on their 50th Anniversary**

On behalf of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), I wish to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the International Accreditation Service Inc. (IAS) on celebrating 50 years of service as an accreditation body.

After issuing its first accreditation in 1975, IAS has grown into a far-reaching and world-recognised accreditation body. IAS was first recognised as a Full member of ILAC 25 years ago (Testing: ISO/IEC 17025). Since then, AIS has extended its MRA recognition to include Calibration in 2005 (ISO/IEC 17025), Inspection in 2012 (ISO/IEC 17020), Medical Testing in 2023 (ISO 15189) and Proficiency Testing Providers in 2025 (ISO/IEC 17043).

IAS serves diverse industries, including construction, environmental, health, food, electrical and many more. Its programs are recognised by major regulatory agencies globally, emphasising their dedication to quality and trust.

Happy 50th Birthday IAS, and we look forward to continuing working with you for many years to come.

Yours sincerely

Etty Feller  
ILAC Chair



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*International Accreditation Forum, Inc.*

22 July 2025

Mr. Raj Nathan  
President  
International Accreditation Service  
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United States of America

Dear Raj,

On behalf of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), it is a pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the International Accreditation Service (IAS) on its 50th anniversary.

IAS's commitment to excellence has made it a valuable member of the global accreditation community, and its contributions have been instrumental in supporting international trade and regulatory frameworks.

IAF values its collaboration with IAS, a Multi-lateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) signatory member, and looks forward to many more years of partnership and collaborative work to further strengthen the global quality infrastructure through accreditation and conformity assessment.

Congratulations again on this remarkable milestone.

With kind regards and best wishes for continued success,

Sincerely,

Emanuele Riva  
Chair  
International Accreditation Forum (IAF)



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4 August 2025

Mr Raj Nathan  
President  
International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS)  
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USA



Dear Raj

**Congratulations to IAS on 50 Years of Excellence**

It is a true pleasure, on behalf of the Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC), to congratulate the International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS) on reaching the remarkable milestone of 50 years of service.

Since 1975, IAS has played a central role in the evolution of accreditation both in the United States and globally. Its efforts have shaped trust in conformity assessment across numerous sectors—from construction and engineering to environmental and medical testing. With recognitions under the ILAC and IAF Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA/MLA) across a broad range of standards, IAS continues to demonstrate technical leadership and a strong commitment to international best practices. Over many years, IAS' staff have served in many leadership roles, technical positions and as evaluators to strengthen the Asia-Pacific and global conformity assessment structure. APAC members also fondly recall the 2023 APAC annual conference that was hosted in Anaheim, California.

IAS and its predecessor organization were proud founding members of APAC, and of its predecessor organisations, APLAC and PAC, contributing significantly to the development of a strong regional accreditation infrastructure. That spirit of cooperation and vision has helped establish the robust and globally harmonized system we benefit from today.

We commend IAS not only for the achievements of the past 50 years but also for its continued dedication to strengthening confidence in accreditation. APAC looks forward to many more years of partnership and shared progress.

Kind regards

Jennifer Evans  
CHAIR, ASIA PACIFIC ACCREDITATION COOPERATION

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Dear Raj Nathan,

Congratulations to the International Accreditation Service (IAS) on 50 years of unwavering commitment to safety, quality, and trust. Since 1975, your rigorous accreditation of testing and calibration laboratories, inspection and certification bodies, and standards-development organizations has elevated product integrity around the world, safeguarded communities, and empowered companies to do the right thing. Intertek applauds and truly appreciates your leadership in building a safer, more reliable world, and we look forward to many more years of shared dedication to excellence.

Regards,



Sunny Rai  
President,  
Intertek Global Electrical,  
Conncted World & Transportaiton Technologies

**intertek**  
Total Quality. Assured.



On behalf of UL Solutions, we extend our sincerest congratulations to IAS on achieving a remarkable milestone – 50 years of excellence! From its visionary beginnings in 1975, IAS has evolved into a global leader, providing top-tier accreditation services to conformity assessment bodies around the world.

UL Solutions deeply values its long-standing relationship with IAS. This collaborative spirit has been instrumental in UL Solutions achieving the important accreditations for its conformity assessment services. Our mutual dedication to quality, integrity, and safety has made this a truly productive and rewarding journey.

We're proud of our shared achievements and excited to continue this successful relationship well into the future. Here's to many more years of collective impact and mutual success!

**Rick A. Titus**

Accreditation Asset Manager  
UL Solutions



*Please accept my heartfelt congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the International Accreditation Service (IAS). This is a truly remarkable milestone, and I am honored to have been invited to contribute a message to the commemorative book celebrating this historic occasion. I wish I were able to join you in September, but my previous commitments prevented me from being in California to share this moment with you.*

*As a long-standing client and former board member, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the dedication, integrity, and collaborative spirit that IAS brings to the global accreditation community. Over the years, IAS has not only built a strong reputation for excellence but has also fostered meaningful partnerships across borders and industries.*

*Accreditation is a complex and demanding endeavor, and IAS has consistently demonstrated leadership by delivering its services with professionalism, foresight, and a strong commitment to collaboration. This 50-year journey is not only a testament to IAS's resilience and vision, but also to the countless individuals whose contributions have helped shape its success.*

*Today, the name IAS is nearly synonymous with ISO accreditation in the Testing, Inspection, and Certification sector, a reflection of the trust and recognition it has earned worldwide.*

*Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this celebration. I wish you and the entire IAS team continued success as you build on this proud legacy.*

**Khaled Awad**

Chairman  
Advanced Construction  
Technology Services (ACTS)  
Past Member, IAS Board of Directors



To: Raj Nathan  
President, IAS

What an impressive journey, 50 years of continuous success.

I was privileged to serve at several IAS Boards of directors and have witnessed the hard work, dedication and commitment of its leaders and staff.

I have also appreciated the strong sense of family atmosphere within the work environment, something truly unique and admirable.

Without the long-term vision of the leaders and the unwavering dedication of its staff, IAS would not have achieved its stellar status as a global leader now operating in over (65) countries.

IAS was the first international testing laboratory accreditors for our ACES group in 2011. Since then, we have continued the journey together, expanding across the Middle East, to become the region leaders with over 4,500 strong manpower and (28) branches. We are grateful to IAS for their contribution to our success.

Let me congratulate the past and present leaders, and staff of IAS for the remarkable milestone, and wish IAS continued growth and a bright future ahead.

Dr. Izz Eddin Katkhuda  
Partner & Director  
ACES  
Past Member, IAS Board of Directors



Dear Mr. Raj Nathan, President, IAS,

Congratulations on reaching the remarkable milestone of the 50th anniversary of the International Accreditation Service (IAS)! As a member of the board, I have had the great honor and pleasure of witnessing firsthand how IAS has achieved this unique success: through dedication, innovation, hard teamwork, and excellence in upholding the highest standards over the past five decades.

From my own experience, I can assure you that the key factor that has truly set IAS apart is its humanity. Let this be the shining light over all the technical and scientific aspects, and the next 50 years will undoubtedly be filled with continued success, growth, and groundbreaking advancements.

As we celebrate this historic occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to everyone at IAS.

Warmest congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

**Udo Lampe**  
Managing Director, Food Safety Enthusiast  
Member, IAS Board of Directors

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**International Accreditation Service (IAS)**  
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Attention: Raj Nathan

On behalf of everyone at QAI Laboratories, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the International Accreditation Service on reaching an incredible milestone—your 50th anniversary.

For half a century, IAS has set the benchmark for excellence in accreditation, and we are honored to have been part of that journey for over 30 years. Our partnership with IAS has been instrumental in the growth and success of QAI Laboratories. Your commitment to integrity, technical competence, and continual improvement has provided a strong foundation for the services we deliver to our clients around the world.

Being accredited by IAS has enhanced the credibility of our programs and opened doors to new markets and opportunities. We value the trust, guidance, and high standards that IAS has consistently maintained, and we are proud to be aligned with an organization that shares our dedication to quality and innovation.

As you celebrate this significant milestone, please accept our sincere appreciation for your unwavering support and leadership in the accreditation community. We look forward to continuing our collaboration for many more years to come.

Congratulations again on 50 years of excellence!

Warm regards,

Steven Harris  
CEO  
QAI Laboratories



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**International Accreditation Service (IAS) USA**

To: President of IAS  
Mr. Raj Nathan

Dear Mr. Raj Nathan,

On behalf of the National Center of Accreditation (NCA) of the Republic of Kazakhstan and on my own behalf, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations to the International Accreditation Service (IAS) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. This remarkable milestone is a testament to IAS's longstanding commitment to promoting competence, impartiality, and trust in accreditation worldwide.

We deeply value the cooperation established between NCA and IAS, and we are confident that our partnership will continue to grow stronger in the years ahead.

Regrettably, due to official commitments in Kazakhstan during the same period, I will not be able to personally attend the anniversary celebration. Nevertheless, please accept my sincere wishes for the success of this special event, as well as my personal congratulations to you and to the entire IAS team for your outstanding achievements over the past five decades.

We look forward to future opportunities for collaboration and joint initiatives in support of advancing accreditation and protecting public trust.

Kind regards,  
Mr. Iskander Hamitov

Director General  
National Center of Accreditation  
of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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Subject: **Congratulatory Message – 50th Anniversary of IAS**

Attn: **Mr. Raj Nathan, President, IAS**

Dear Mr. Nathan,

On behalf of AGQ Labs, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations to the International Accreditation Service (IAS) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

Since its first testing laboratory accreditation in 1975, IAS has played a pivotal role in strengthening global trust in quality, safety, and compliance. Your commitment to excellence and integrity has established IAS as a benchmark in the world of accreditation, supporting laboratories and organizations in meeting the highest standards.

At AGQ Labs, we are proud to be part of the accredited community shaped by your leadership and vision. We value the professionalism, technical rigor, and continuous support IAS provides to its stakeholders, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration in the years to come.

Congratulations once again on this significant milestone.

Sincerely,

Belén Colmenero de la Torre  
Corporate Manager of Management Systems  
AGQ Labs



Congratulations to IAS on your 50th anniversary! MBMA partnered with IAS to develop and launch the AC472 program in 2010. Since then, AC472 has become the gold standard for excellence and quality among metal building manufacturers.



Regards,

**Tony Bouquot**  
MBMA General Manager





Raj,

Congratulations IAS on 50 Years of Excellence.

On behalf of the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association (MBCEA), I extend our heartfelt congratulations to the International Accreditation Service (IAS) on celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Since issuing its first testing laboratory accreditation in 1975, IAS has earned its reputation as a global leader in conformity assessment—now impacting organizations in over 65 countries worldwide. Your commitment to upholding rigorous standards has advanced safety, reliability, and professionalism across countless industries.

At MBCEA, we are proud to have partnered with IAS in developing our Metal Building Assembler Accreditation Program. Through this collaboration, we are holding our members to higher standards of safety and quality, advancing professionalism for our craftworkers, and ensuring structural integrity and excellence. Our highly skilled contractors and erectors proudly wear their IAS accreditation as a badge of honor.

Thank you for setting the bar high and supporting organizations like ours in striving for better. We look forward to continuing this valued relationship and joining you in shaping the next 50 years of industry leadership and innovation.

With admiration and appreciation,

**Sasha Demyan**

Executive Director

Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association (MBCEA)



Raj,

Congratulations to you and the entire IAS Team on your 50th Anniversary. For the past half-century, you have helped ensure that the highest standards are met by the countless clients that have chosen to achieve one of the most respected accreditation benchmarks in the world. From your humble beginnings as an emerging subsidiary of the International Conference of Building Officials, IAS has grown to one of the most consistent, reliable and respected members of the ICC Family of Solutions. As a previous Director on the IAS Board, I am proud to have been a part of that evolution with you. As the Immediate Past President of the ICC Board of Directors, I look forward to watching your continued leadership as IAS expands its global reach.

*Best wishes for continued success!*

Stuart Tom, P.E., CBO, FIAE  
International Code Council  
Board of Directors



## Congratulations on 50th Anniversary

Dear Mr Raj Nathan, President, IAS,

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of accreditation service of International Accreditation Service (IAS) to the conformity assessment community. I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to IAS on this momentous occasion. In the past half a century, IAS has expanded its scope of accreditation from the field of construction to all types of conformity assessment in a wide variety of fields.

Globally, throughout the years, IAS has provided strong support and offered tremendous contributions to the establishment and maintenance of the international multilateral mutual recognition arrangement for accreditation. This arrangement eliminates technical barriers to trade and has greatly facilitated global trade. This arrangement is underpinned by harmonized accreditation standard and assessment procedure, and IAS has always been a key player of building this foundation stone.

The outstanding achievements are a testament to the excellent work and unwavering dedication of IAS that has brought IAS to this significant point in its history. I can say with confidence that IAS will continue to strike new heights in the future.

Wong Wang Wah

BSc, MSc, FRSC, CChem, FIFST, CSci

Professor of Practice in Quality Assurance, Testing and Certification, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Former Chairman of Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation,

Former Assistant Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, Hong Kong

Former Head of Hong Kong Accreditation Service



*Fifty years ago, before Elon Musk founded PayPal, before Mark Zuckerberg formed Facebook, before Jeff Bezos launched Amazon—Chuck Ramani created IAS. All of these organizations were established after their founders identified an unmet need in society, and all of them turned out to be valuable assets to our lives. But only one was formed wholly to serve society, without a profit motive.*

*The merit of IAS should be measured not in the years it has existed, but in the improvements, it has made to the built environment. It is impossible to comprehend, let alone quantify, the lives that have been saved and the injuries avoided because of the work of IAS.*

*After Chuck retired in 2018, IAS was placed into the capable hands of its current President, Raj Nathan. Raj, who had been fully indoctrinated into the original IAS vision, propelled the organization's international influence to unprecedented levels. As a result, the tremendous value of IAS is now being realized throughout the world.*

*It is humbling to think of how much our built environment has improved in the last 50 years because of IAS, and I am honored to have been a small part of this glorious organization. I congratulate Raj and every member of the IAS team, past and present, and especially its “father,” Chuck Ramani.*



*Best regards,*

**James G. Toscas**

IAS Board Member, 2008–2018

IAS Board Chair, 2016–2017



Raj Nathan, President, IAS  
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#### RE: IAS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congratulatory Message

Dear Raj,

As we celebrate the remarkable 50th anniversary of the International Accreditation Service (IAS), I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you and the entire IAS team of staff, managers, board members and stakeholders who helped shape IAS over the years. Since issuing its first testing laboratory accreditation in 1975, IAS has transformed from a small regional entity into a global leader in accreditation of organizations in many sectors of the economy, impacting over 65 countries worldwide.

This milestone is not just a testament to IAS's unwavering commitment to excellence and quality; it reflects the profound impact that IAS has made in promoting standards, enhancing credibility, and fostering trust across various industries. Your efforts have empowered organizations to achieve compliance and recognition, ultimately enhancing public safety and sustainability and benefiting consumers and communities globally.

Over the past five decades, IAS has set benchmarks in the accreditation landscape, continuously adapting to the evolving needs of the various industries it serves. Steady professional leadership in ensuring rigorous standards and providing invaluable support to professionals has elevated the quality of services and products across the globe. The innovative programs and initiatives you have introduced have not only advanced the field of accreditation but have also inspired countless individuals and organizations to aspire to higher standards.

As we commemorate this significant achievement, we look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of IAS in the years to come. Your legacy of excellence in accreditation will undoubtedly pave the way for future advancements and innovations in quality assurance.

Congratulations once again on this incredible milestone, and to many more years of success, leadership, and positive impact in the world of accreditation!

Isam Hasenin, PE, MSCE, CBO  
President/CEO  
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Past Member, IAS Board of Directors



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April 25, 2025

Raj Nathan  
President, International Accreditation Service

Dear Raj,

I would like to congratulate you and the IAS staff on your 50th anniversary. IAS's contributions to ensuring reliability, accuracy, and performance through its numerous Accreditation programs have fostered public trust and furthered international cooperation. Through its adherence to quality standards, IAS has become a leader in increasing efficiency and transparency within the Conformity Assessment space. The creation and implementation of new and innovative programs has resulted in a reduction of risk for the many sectors you serve while also ensuring consistency and certainty, which are critical, creating a level playing field in trade and commercial activities.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Johnson  
Chief Operating Officer  
International Code Council, Inc.



“Congratulations to IAS on their 50th anniversary! While I was not there at the beginning, I have enjoyed watching IAS continue to build competency and capability in the world of laboratory accreditation over the last 25 years. You now have some internationally recognized customers which is driving the impact of the IAS brand far and wide. Continue to invest in your people and demonstrate leadership in the regional and global accreditation organizations and there is no limit to what IAS can achieve!”

Jeff Gust  
Sr. Director, Metrology, Fluke  
Member, IAS Board of Directors



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Over the past five decades, IAS has grown into a world-renowned organization, extending its reach to over 65 countries. This growth is a testament not only to the vision and dedication of the IAS team but also to the countless individuals and organizations who have contributed to its success. The journey of IAS is a story of collaboration, innovation, and the unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of testing, inspection, and certification across industries worldwide.

This publication honors those whose hard work has made IAS a leader in testing, inspection, and certification. As we celebrate five decades of achievement, we look forward to the continued impact of IAS in the years ahead.

Congratulations to IAS and all who have contributed to its success—here's to many more years of excellence in accreditation!

Best Regards,



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**Dr Chandrajith, PhD**  
**CEO**  
Member, IAS Board of Directors

**Dear Raj Nathan and the International Accreditation Service Team,**

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to IAS on reaching this incredible milestone—50 years of excellence in accreditation. Since issuing its first testing laboratory accreditation in 1975, IAS has grown into a globally recognized leader, making a profound impact in over 65 countries.

Your dedication to upholding the highest standards of quality, integrity, and service, since the days of the founder Chuck Ramani, has strengthened industries, advanced safety, and fostered trust worldwide. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the vision, hard work, and commitment of the many professionals who have contributed to IAS's success over the decades.

As you celebrate this historic occasion, may the next 50 years bring even greater accomplishments, innovation, and continued leadership in accreditation. Congratulations once again, and best wishes for a bright future ahead!

**Sincerely,**  
**Sam Palmer, P.E., CBO, CFM**  
**Board Member, International Code Council**  
**Past Chair, IAS Board of Directors**  
**Engineering Manager, UES**



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Hello Raj,

I just want to tell you that I am proud of IAS and the leaders of the organization. Since I became a Board member and then the Board Chair, deep inside me I knew that the organization is an important one to help people all over the world because of its mission and vision statements and of course because of the people who work for the Organization. Chuck Ramani and you Raj have done a great job for the organization all over the world. Both of you believed so strongly in what the organization is all about; and both of you sacrificed everything for the success of the organization.

I wish IAS the best.

Raj, you are great, keep up the great work, wish you, your family and IAS the best. Please count on me if I can be of any help

Wish you another 100 and more years to come.

**Majed A. Dabdoub**  
Past Chair, IAS Board



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A golden milestone achieved for five decades of growth, achievement, and excellence. We're proud of IAS's journey with its committed team and the dynamic leadership of Raj and wish all the best for many more years of shaping the future and serving the community for limitless opportunity globally.

Best Regards and have a great day!

**Devang Jhaveri**

Past Member, IAS Board of Directors



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IAS Accreditation has gone from a small operation to a worldwide recognized accreditation organization, making a difference in the world in each segment it participates. Each year's successes at IAS was driven by a great team, all focused on delivering the best accreditation services, governmental and industry recognition.

**Bill McHugh**, former IAS Board Member  
Firestop Contractors International Association  
National Fireproofing Contractors Association



July 30, 2025

Raj Nathan, President, IAS  
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**Subject: Congratulations on 50 Years of Golden Service and Technical Excellence!**

Dear Raj,

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the International Accreditation Service (IAS) on the momentous occasion of your 50th "Golden" Anniversary! Fifty years of sustained success is a remarkable achievement, and it speaks volumes about the dedication, vision, and unwavering commitment of your entire organization.

Over the past five decades, IAS has truly set the gold standard in the accreditation industry, particularly through your consistently competent and outstanding technical customer services. As past Chairman of the IAS Board of Directors, I have personally witnessed your team's profound expertise, their proactive approach to problem-solving, and their tireless efforts in providing meticulous support to clients across the globe.

In an industry as complex and demanding as accreditation can be, the reliability and responsiveness of technical support are paramount. IAS has not only met these high expectations but has consistently exceeded them, fostering an environment of trust and efficiency that is deeply valued by your worldwide clientele. Your ability to adapt to evolving technologies, maintain rigorous quality standards, and deliver seamless solutions has undoubtedly been a cornerstone of your enduring legacy.

This golden anniversary is a testament to the leadership and strong foundations that you and past President Chuck Ramani have built over the years. The innovative spirit that drives you, and the outstanding staff and consultants who comprise the IAS family are truly exceptional. I am truly proud to have been affiliated with an organization that consistently demonstrates such excellence and professionalism.

As you celebrate this incredible milestone, I wish IAS many more decades of prosperity, continued innovation, and an ever-expanding global reach. I look forward to your continued success in the years to come.

With sincere admiration and best regards,

Sincerely,

**John L. Barrios, CBO**  
Past Chair, IAS Board





CONCLUSION:  
A LEGACY OF  
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OF IMPACT



John Belcik, Mark Johnson, Mel Oncu, Cindy Davis, Michael Wich, Raj Nathan, Rocio Davis, Dominic Sims, Stuart Tom, David Spencer at APAC 2023, Anaheim, California.

# About Code Council

## HISTORY

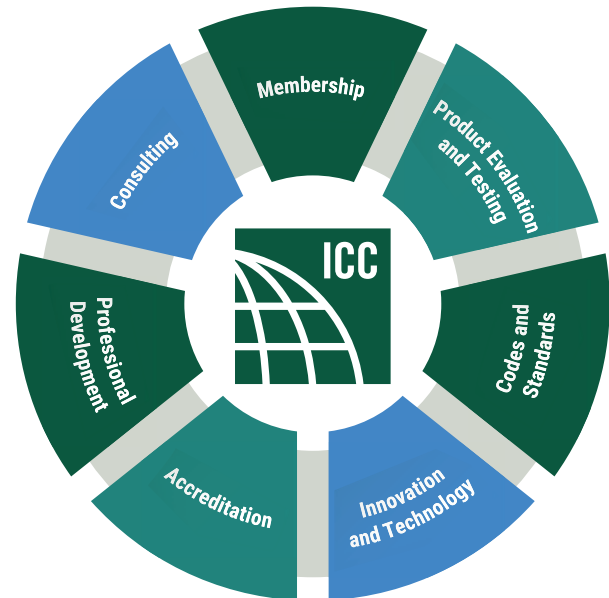
The International Accreditation Service is a subsidiary of the International Code Council (Code Council).

The Code Council was established in 1994 as a non-profit organization dedicated to developing a single set of comprehensive and coordinated national model construction codes. The founders of the Code Council are Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. (BOCA), International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), and Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. (SBCCI). In the early part of the last century, these non-profit organizations developed three separate sets of model codes used throughout the United States. Although regional code development had been effective and responsive to our country's needs, the time came for a single set of codes. The nation's three model code groups responded by creating the Code Council and by developing codes without regional limitations; the International Codes® (I-Codes).

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## 50 Years of Accreditation Excellence

As IAS marks its 50th anniversary in 2025, we honor the people, partnerships, and progress that have defined our first half-century. From humble beginnings in 1975 with a single program in the construction sector, IAS has evolved into a global accreditation body with a far-reaching impact across more than 20 diverse industries. This growth reflects the unwavering dedication of our staff, assessors, and stakeholders who have embraced innovation, upheld technical rigor, and delivered outstanding service.

IAS is proud to be a trusted partner to regulators, industries, and organizations worldwide. Our work—past, present, and future—is rooted in the belief that accredited conformity assessment improves lives. As we look to the decades ahead, IAS remains committed to advancing public confidence, supporting economic growth, and promoting a safer, more sustainable world. Here's to the next 50 years of excellence, collaboration, and purpose-driven progress.

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