

groupement français de coordination pour le développement des essais de performance des combustibles, des lubrifiants pour moteurs et autres fluides utilisés dans les transports

The evolution of the GFC with the reorganization of the CEC in background

The industrial associations (and no longer national organizations) are the only members of the "new" CEC, but CEC organizes workshops in which the national organizations are invited to take part and we thank CEC for this possibility of exchange and mutual information.

The development of a new CEC method, previously based on good will and job sharing, is now performed, after a call for tender, by a single laboratory. This laboratory develops the method and organizes a round robin test. This practice presents advantages for a quick development but may limit the number of developed methods. For example, the previous ECTC thought this structure was not adapted to their activity and asked GFC to host them as CTAF.

The objective of GFC is to create methods but also to resume methods not being supported by the CEC, WITHOUT ANY COMPETITION WITH THE CEC. The GFC is ready to welcome surveillance groups, who would not be any longer supported by the "new" CEC, if they wish.

All these evolutions lead to an internationalization of the GFC, and its constitution has been modified accordingly; English will be used if necessary in working groups.

The statistical approval of the GFC works will continue to be managed by the CTAS on a basis equivalent to that of the CEC methods.

The GFC continues more than ever, complementarily to the "new CEC", to ensure the development, the maintenance and the necessary exploitation of the methods needed by industry and to offer a forum of technical exchanges to its some fifty members (small and medium size companies, large groups, labs, users..) of the automotive industry and other kinds of transport.