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Australia.

**Attention:** The Secretary of COMMITTEE EL-024, Mr. Terry McGovern.

Dear Sir:

During the recent ICLP Conference in Krakow, Poland, 2. - 6. September 2002, the question of the CVM and the FIM method was discussed in the ordinary sessions. In addition ICLP was happy to provide an extraordinary session for further discussions of the same methods due to a request from the chairman of the COMMITTEE EL-024 of Standards Australia, Professor Mat. Darveniza.

The two methods mentioned are interesting, but so far agreements have not been reached, neither concerning the methods nor the parameters selected. On the contrary several points of criticisms were raised. Thus, the methods are still under discussion and debate.

According to the opinion of the Scientific Committee of ICLP, the introduction of any new method in standards in general (or even an inclusion in an appendix for information) should be avoided until consensuses have been reached on the applicability and validity of the new method. This opinion also applies in the case of the CVM and FIM methods, for which reason it is recommended to postpone the inclusion in the new standard until consensuses in the international scientific community have been achieved.

For the information of the COMMITTEE EL-024, ICLP will still keep the subject of lightning attachments and methods for the improvement of the efficiencies of the individual parts of the lightning protection system on the agenda (and thus items like CVM and FIM), looking forward to new contributions and new discussions.

Finally, ICLP will also in the future be pleased to provide Standards Australia with the results achieved as a consequence of the submitted contributions and discussions at the conferences, and thus be ready to support the Standards Australia in its work concerning Lightning Protection.

On behalf of the Scientific Committee of ICLP

Professor C. Mazzetti,  
President of ICLP.