

## **Report from the inaugural meeting of the U.S. TAG to ISO TC 229- *Nanotechnologies***

The ANSI-accredited U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to ISO TC 229 *Nanotechnologies* held its inaugural meeting at the National Institute of Standards and Technology on July 19-20, 2005. More than 45 representatives from academia, government, industry, non-government and standards developing organizations, with Dr. Clayton Teague as Chair and Head of the Delegation, attended the plenary to formulate the U.S. positions in preparation for the first meeting of ISO TC 229 scheduled for November 9-11, 2005, in the United Kingdom.

ANSI staff presented to TAG members an overview of the ISO standards process, the roles and responsibilities of the TAG and the role of U.S. delegates in international standards setting activities. The TAG reviewed the agenda for the initial ISO TC meeting, including a review of the title and scope of the TC, as well as discussed potential structures of the Technical Committee. TAG members formed ad hoc working groups to address matters requiring further clarification and study. The results of these ad hoc working groups will be presented to the entire TAG at their next meeting.

The U.S. TAG plans to meet in September and again in October to further refine the U.S. positions and appoint U.S. delegates to the inaugural ISO TC 229 meeting. Any interested parties that would like to participate on the U.S. TAG should contact Heather Benko ([hbenko@ansi.org](mailto:hbenko@ansi.org), 212/642-4912) for further information and a TAG membership application.