



Agenda Item 11.5:

OIML Bulletin



1 Current status of the OIML Bulletin

The OIML Bulletin (ISSN 0473-2812) is the Quarterly Journal of the *Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale*. It is a forum for the publication of technical papers, general interest papers and other diverse articles addressing metrological advances in emerging and traditional areas including trade, health, the environment and safety – fields in which the credibility of measurement remains a priority.

The Editors of the Bulletin encourage the submission of articles covering topics such as national, regional and international activities in legal metrology and related fields, evaluation procedures, accreditation and certification, and measuring techniques and instrumentation.

The Bulletin is available free of charge in electronic format [via the OIML website](#) and its target audience is Members of the International Committee of Legal Metrology, OIML Corresponding Member Representatives, manufacturers, legal metrology field inspectors, test laboratories, and liaison organisations.

Thanks to the wide range of topics covered and its long-standing existence since 1960, the Bulletin is much appreciated by OIML stakeholders.

2 Production and necessary resources

The Bulletin is produced quarterly by the BIML, under the responsibility of the BIML Editor in Chief (the BIML Director) and the BIML Editor. Articles submitted for possible publication are first screened by a member of the BIML technical staff and are then edited by the Editor for linguistic and stylistic content. Once the author has approved any editorial or technical changes proposed by the BIML, the layout is done by the BIML Editor and the final proof is submitted back for approval by the author prior to publication. Preparing each edition of the OIML Bulletin involves a significant number of email exchanges with the authors and the equivalent of about 30 person-days across the team at the BIML.

3 Mentors

The concept of “Mentors” was launched by the CIML President and by the Editors of the OIML Bulletin during the 54th CIML Meeting in Bratislava (2019). It has now become the key mechanism for developing the content of the Bulletin and is extremely successful.

The Editors of the OIML Bulletin continue to publish each edition based on a central theme, with the valuable support of “Mentors” who coordinate each chosen subject.

At the 57th CIML Meeting in 2022 the CIML reiterated its support for the “Mentor” concept, and four editions of the Bulletin have been produced since then on a variety of themes.

4 Survey

At the request of the CIML President and the Presidential Council, in order to ensure that the OIML Bulletin remains an attractive international journal and to gauge Members' level of satisfaction, in May 2023 the BIML launched a short survey among CIML Members and OIML Corresponding Member Representatives. The intention of the survey was to gather feedback on what could potentially make the Bulletin even more attractive to both readers and authors, and also to find out whether readers would appreciate the addition of highly technical, peer-reviewed articles. The questions posed were as below.

Do respondents:

1. consider that the present structure of the Bulletin suits the needs of the OIML and the international legal metrology community?
2. consider that the mentored "themes" in recent editions of the Bulletin have improved the quality of its contents?
3. wish to suggest topics for further themes?
4. consider it beneficial to add a section to comment on previous articles (e.g. a "Letters to the Editor" section)?
5. see an advantage in including a section with one or two peer-reviewed, scientific-oriented articles relevant to legal metrology?
6. wish to suggest any other type of information that could be included in the Bulletin?

In total, 13 CIML Members (Algeria, Anonymous (2), Cuba, Germany, Monaco, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey, Zambia) and 6 OIML Corresponding Member Representatives (Costa Rica, Guyana, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Panama, Rwanda) replied to the survey. Below is a summary of the number of Yes/No replies for each question:

1. Yes (18/18)
2. Yes (18/18)
3. Yes (7/18) – No (11/18)
4. Yes (12/18) – No (6/18)
5. Yes (15/18) – No (3/18)
6. Suggestions received for future topics: Upcoming legal metrology events / Country-specific information / Digitalisation / QI-AI-Risk management / RLMO publications / Industry testimonials / Experiences of legal metrology institutes / Statistics on certificates issued



5 Observations

The BIML notes that the level of response to the survey was limited, as only 15 % of the total OIML membership replied. The BIML was, however, pleased to witness the high level of satisfaction expressed concerning the direction the Bulletin has taken since the launch of the “Mentors” concept in October 2019. This confirms that the present structure and content of the Bulletin appropriately suit the needs of the OIML and the international legal metrology community.

Nevertheless, the responses also indicate that there is potential for further developments, namely to potentially include a new “Letters to the Editor” section and also a section with one or two peer-reviewed, scientific-oriented articles relevant to legal metrology, subject to suitable articles being received and appropriately qualified individuals volunteering to participate in a peer-review editorial panel.

6 Draft Resolution for the Working Document

Draft Resolution no. CIML/2023/ ...,

The Committee,

Notes the continued success of the concept of “Mentor” for key topics of the OIML Bulletin,

Thanks those individuals who have been Mentors for recent editions, those who have already offered to be Mentors for future editions, and all the contributing authors,

Encourages Members to nominate themselves as Mentors for key topics of future editions,

Tasks the BIML Editor with introducing a new trial “Letters to the Editor” section, and with exploring possibilities to publish peer-reviewed, scientific-oriented articles with relevance to legal metrology,

Requests appropriately qualified individuals to nominate themselves to form a peer-review editorial panel,

Encourages Members to submit scientific-oriented articles for peer review, and

Confirms its continued support for the OIML Bulletin.