



Agenda Item 13.1:
Report by the CEEMS AG Chairperson

1 CEEMS Advisory Group annual meeting

The annual meeting of the OIML CEEMS Advisory Group (CEEMS AG) took place on 28 September 2023.

The Chairperson welcomed to the meeting the new CIML Member from India, Mr Ashutosh Agarwal, two new nominated members from the AFRIMETS RLMO, Mr John Paul Musimami (English) and Mr Abderrazak Laouini (French) and a new co-opted expert from the BIPM, Dr Anna Cypionka.

The Advisory Group would like to submit the following report as outcome of the discussion at the meeting.

1.1 Presidential Council meeting

The CEEMS AG participated in the Presidential Council meeting which was hosted by the BIML in Paris during March 2023. The CEEMS AG was represented by both the Chairperson, Mr Jaco Marneweck, and the Vice-Chairperson, Mr Han Jianping. At the meeting, appreciation was expressed to the People's Republic of China for continuing to offer additional secretarial assistance to the CEEMS AG in the form of Mr Guo Su. Representatives of the key pillars of the OIML's work committed to ensuring close coordination between the CEEMS AG, the OIML Digitalisation Task Group (OIML DTG), the OIML Certification System (OIML-CS), and the OIML Regional Legal Metrology Organisations RLMO Round Table to enhance OIML work in all areas. The meeting also reviewed and set new workplan activities for the CEEMS AG which included defining the meaning of a CEEMS country/economy for the OIML, having regular OTE/OTC events during the next five years, as well as setting participation requirements for these events, planning and conducting an in-depth CEEMS survey to include experts in legal metrology, and ensuring continued work and support in developing the OIML publications for which the CEEMS AG is responsible.

1.2 OIML Training Event, Bad Reichenhall

The CEEMS AG is also glad to report on an OIML Training Event (OTE) that was held during July 2023. This OTE was designed to provide theoretical and practical training on the labelling requirements and the control of the quantity in prepackaged products on the basis of OIML Recommendations R 79:2015 and R 87:2016, as well as valuable information about the "best practices" in this field of legal metrology. The event was hosted by the Deutsche Akademie für Metrologie (DAM) in Bad Reichenhall, Germany. The presenters for the training, Messrs. Pedro Vargas and Jaco Marneweck, were selected from RLMOs in which CEEMS reside. The CEEMS AG would like to extend their gratitude to the OIML, the Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), DAM, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), who supported the training financially. It also was the first event in which a hybrid funding tool was implemented, where participants were responsible for a part of their expenses towards the training event. Nineteen participants attended the event, and the feedback was very positive. The positive comments received varied from having the opportunity to question and even to discuss side issues, the tranquillity of the location (although difficult to reach), the informal atmosphere in which the training was presented, and the direct interaction between the presenters and participants. The participants will be requested to indicate how the training has influenced their daily work to enable the CEEMS AG to determine the value proposition. The CEEMS AG recommended that additional OTEs should be hosted on the topic due to its popularity.

1.3 "Chiang Mai Declaration"

The BIML also requested the CEEMS AG to consider a proposal made by the Kingdom of Thailand with respect to a new work programme item called the "NEXT Legal Metrology System (LMS)". This proposal is also referred to as the "Chiang Mai Declaration". The programme is focused on improving the legal metrology systems of participating members through the "*NEXT*" system.

The objectives of the programme are to ensure that the legal metrology system of a participating CEEMS is developed:

- in response to the emergence of *Novelty* and innovation to utilise state-of-the-art technology in developing legal metrology tasks,
- to *Enhance* the protection and services provided ensuring effective law enforcement,
- to share *eXperience* and intelligence among experts to optimise business intelligence, and
- to implement monitoring and management mechanisms, ensuring *Transparency* and accountability of the legal metrology system.

Seeing that this has been one of the most significant proposals for CEEMS work since the 50th CIML Meeting in Arcachon, France (see CIML Resolution 2015/10), the AG members acknowledged the proposal made by the Kingdom of Thailand, and requested the CEEMS AG to form a working group which would look into the implementation of this work programme with the necessary administrative support from the BIML.

1.4 Other work items

The CEEMS AG also reviewed the progress of various work items and would like to report as follows on these work items:

OIML e-Learning platform

The OIML has completed the necessary hardware and software upgrades to ensure that work on the e-Learning platform can now proceed. Discussions with various sources of e-Learning in the field of legal metrology are underway to ensure that legal metrology specific training is made available for inclusion on the OIML website.

Implementation of OIML B 21 *Framework for OIML Training Centers and OIML Training Events*

OIML CEEMS AG participants were requested to consider hosting future OIML OTE/OTC events of interest to CEEMS.

Scholarship programme for future leaders in CEEMS

The CEEMS AG agreed to review the document *Leaders of tomorrow* that was proposed at the 54th CIML Meeting in Bratislava, Slovak Republic (see CIML Resolution 2019/15) to ensure CEEMS AG alignment. The CEEMS AG would also like to call for volunteers from all OIML Member States or Corresponding Members to act as sponsors or host for these possible scholarships. A possibility still exist that the People's Republic of China will offer such scholarships when COVID-19 travel restrictions are finally lifted.

Survey on the needs of CEEMS

The last survey was conducted in 2018. However, a new survey is currently being developed by the co-secretariat. Once completed, it will be shared with CEEMS AG members, the OIML DTG, the OIML-CS, and the OIML RLMO RT for review. Once their inputs have been taken into consideration, it will be launched on the OIML website.

OIML D 1 *National metrology systems – Developing the institutional and legislative framework*

A promotional package was developed in cooperation with the BIPM for download and hard copy distribution. The package consists of a folder and six inserts on different aspects of the National Metrology System. The brochure and its inserts summarise key elements that should be considered when producing policies aimed at developing national metrology systems, setting up institutions dealing with metrology, and drawing up national laws related to metrology. They are available on the OIML website: <https://www.oiml.org/en/about/policy-and-legislation/bipm-oiml-brochure-on-d-1>.

OIML D 14 *Training and qualification of legal metrology personnel*

The long-awaited questionnaire to survey OIML Members was launched, and feedback was received from several Members. The convener of the project group, Dr Cord Muller (DAM, Germany), is currently evaluating the results received. When this has been completed, official feedback will be communicated to the Project Group members.

OIML D 19 *Pattern evaluation and pattern approval*

The BIML has to consider finding a new convener for this Project Group to enable participants to progress with the revision of this 35-year-old OIML Document.

2 *Revision of OIML B 19 Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group on matters concerning Countries and Economies with Emerging Metrology Systems (CEEMS AG)*

The CEEMS AG also agreed to revise OIML B 19 *Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group on matters concerning Countries and Economies with Emerging Metrology Systems (CEEMS AG)* with respect to the composition of the Advisory Group. The changes will allow the participation of the Chairpersons of the OIML RLMO RT and the OIML DTG as ex-officio members, as well as the participation of co-opted experts proposed by organisations in liaison with the OIML. This will ensure a broader participation of members in close cooperation with the CEEMS AG. The revised edition of B 19 will be submitted to the CIML at its 58th Meeting for approval.

3 *OIML CEEMS Award*

Lastly, the CEEMS AG would like to report that no nominations for a CEEMS Award were received in 2023. However, the CEEMS AG urged Members, especially from the OIML RLMO RT, to nominate eligible individuals or organisations from OIML Members deserving of this award so they can be considered for the next award in 2024.

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