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Agenda Item 4

Report by the CIML President



1 - Introduction

- The last face-to-face CIML meeting was in Bratislava in 2019
- Online meetings should be used periodically, but the OIML's work benefits from personal meetings, discussions and relationships
- This is my last CIML meeting as CIML President
- Dr Bobjoseph Mathew, elected last year, will take over
- My report will look to the future not review the past



2 - Membership

- No new Member States over the past year
- No OIML Member State delisted since the last CIML meeting
- We welcome a new OIML Corresponding Member: Saint Lucia
- We also welcome the following new CIML Members:
 - Belgium: Mr Jan Deconinck
 - Denmark: Mrs Pia Larsen
 - India: Mr Ashutosh Agarwal
 - Macedonia: Mr Avdul Selam Selami
 - Republic of Korea: Dr Yonghyun Lee
 - United Kingdom: Mr Craig Watson
 - Canada: Ms Anne-Marie Monteith
 - Greece: Mr Odysseas Geormas
 - Indonesia: Mrs Sri Astuti
 - Morocco: Mr Rachid Sarrakh
 - South Africa: Mr Trevor Tshepo Modiba
 - Zambia: Mr Humphrey Nkobeni



3 - Presidential Council (PC)

- The PC held a face-to-face meeting on 22–23 March 2023
- Strategic meeting held on 21 March 2023 with PC Members and the Chairs of the OIML-CS, CEEMS AG, and the DTG
- In addition, the Presidency, the BIML Director and the Assistant Directors held several online meetings
- Almost all actions from the 57th CIML meeting completed
- Mrs Renée Hansson (Sweden) and Mr Robert Lambregts (Netherlands) have joined the PC



4 - Financial situation

- The overall financial situation of the Organisation is again good
- We continue to monitor the cash position and operating reserves
- CIML introduced regular internal financial audits in 2020
- Objective: implementation of, and compliance with the Financial Regulations in OIML B 8, and the Staff Regulations in OIML B 7
- New suite of procedural documents in place relating to the financial controls within the Bureau
- Dr Ehrlich and Mrs Hansson will conduct the next internal financial audit



5 - Technical work (1/2)

- In March 2023 the PC discussed the effectiveness of technical work:
 - The two-step review process based on recommendations from the OIML-CS MC appears to be working well
 - The existing prioritisation criteria for high priority publications and projects were confirmed
 - It is suggested to involve the CEEMS AG, the RLMO RT and the DTG in the review process of the list of high priority publications
 - The technical work depends on the resources provided by Member States, and the BIML can only provide support
 - The second stage of the revision of B 6 should aim to improve project development, e.g. timescales, development of smart standards, etc.



5 - Technical work (2/2)

- The effectiveness of the OIML's technical work suffers from a lack of personal contacts
- The Committee will be able to approve a number of new or revised publications



6 - OIML Certification System (OIML-CS) (1/3)

- The PC and the OIML-CS MC Chairperson, Mr Mannie Panesar, discussed the performance and promotion of the OIML-CS
- He reported on a strategic workshop during the OIML-CS MC meeting held at METAS on 16–17 March 2023
- The PC confirmed the following major conclusions and recommendations:
 - Overall, the development of the OIML-CS over the last five years was successful
 - Currently there are 39 categories of measuring instrument in the OIML-CS, all of which are now in Scheme A



6 - OIML Certification System (OIML-CS) (2/3)

- An evaluation / a survey could be considered amongst the OIML-CS stakeholders to gather reasons for non-participation, lack of activity of OIML Issuing Authorities, and other risk factors
- A vision could be considered for the OIML-CS: How should the system develop? Should the system grow? What is understood by “growth”?
- Models could be considered for participation of a wider range of OIML Members in the OIML-CS
- Currently there are 13 OIML Issuing Authorities and 26 Test Laboratories approved under the OIML-CS, with 35 Utilizers and Associates



6 - OIML Certification System (OIML-CS) (3/3)

- Thanks to Mr Panesar for his successful three-year term as OIML-CS MC Chairperson; he will step down at the end of 2023
- Thanks also to Mr Loizides, MC Deputy Chairperson, for his work in support of the OIML-CS, notably when he deputised as the MC Chairperson in 2020
- A new Deputy Chairperson has been selected by the OIML-CS MC and will have to be appointed by the CIML



7 - CEEMS activities (1/2)

- The OIML's CEEMS activities are overseen by an Advisory Group (AG), which has established a workplan
- At its strategy meeting the PC and the CEEMS AG Chair discussed how to improve the focus and impact of CEEMS activities:
 - Consider developing a longer term workplan; provide a roadmap in line with the CEEMS strategy in coordination with the DTG and the RLMO RT
 - Implement G 23:2022 *Guide to the use of online technology for conducting CEEMS activities in a post-COVID world* in the workplan
 - Consider regular CEEMS training workshops as OIML Training Events (OTE) or in the frame of OIML Training Centers (OTC)
 - Intensify contacts with UNIDO, World Bank, UNESCO and other donors



7 - CEEMS activities (2/2)

- Congratulations to Mr Jaco Marneweck on a successful start to his three-year term as the new CEEMS AG Chairperson, as well as Mr Han Jianping as the Vice-Chairperson
- Mr Marneweck played a significant role in the OTE on ‘Prepackaged goods according to OIML R 79 and R 87’:
 - First OTE held in Germany, organised by the German Academy of Metrology (DAM) as a joint OIML-PTB event
 - Attended by about 20 participants
 - Very positive feedback on this pilot event, with more events to follow
 - Thanks to the organising team, notably the Head of the DAM, Dr Cord Müller



8 - Digital transformation in legal metrology (1/2)

- The DTG had a good start after the CIML approved its ToR
- Dr Sascha Eichstädt (PTB, Germany) appointed Chairperson, and Dr Yang Ping (NIM, China) Deputy Chairperson for 3 years
- The DTG, including its sub-group on smart standards, held a couple of regular meetings and also actively organised or supported special events such as:
 - a joint OIML-IMEKO webinar on blockchain technologies in metrology
 - the ICW in Hamburg, organised by CECIP; a special session “Digital transformation of OIML technical work” was chaired by the BIML Director
 - an ISO Workshop on Digitalization in conjunction with the ISO CASCO meeting, where the BIML Director participated in the panel session
 - the initial and subsequent meetings of the ‘Joint Statement of Intent’ (JSI) signatories



8 - Digital transformation in legal metrology (2/2)

- The DTG significantly supported the organisation of the OIML Seminar “The future of the OIML in the digital era”
- The outcomes of the discussions will be used to draft a roadmap to be considered at the 2024 CIML meeting
- My thanks to Dr Sascha Eichstädt and Dr Yang Ping, and to all DTG members for their commitment and efforts in defining and achieving our role in an international digital metrology system



9 - Cooperation with other international organisations

- Cooperation with other international organisations is indispensable to support all the OIML's work
- We have excellent relationships with the other international organisations in metrology, standardisation and accreditation
- Most relationships are based on MoUs (regularly updated)
- Thanks to our partner organisation representatives who are present at the 58th CIML Meeting and who will provide updates
- Thanks also to Dr Charles Ehrlich, who successfully introduced Interim RT meetings, in addition to the regular RT meetings



10 - Communications: OIML Bulletin

- The concept of ‘Mentors’, who take responsibility for certain key topics, has proven to be very successful again this year
- Many thanks to the Mentors, to all the authors, and to everyone who actively supports and promotes the OIML Bulletin
- In order to ensure that the OIML Bulletin remains an attractive international journal, in May 2023 the President and the PC requested the BIML to launch a short survey
- Intention: to gather feedback on what could potentially make the Bulletin even more attractive, and to find out whether readers would appreciate the addition of highly technical, peer-reviewed articles



11 - And finally... (1/2)

- Important personnel decisions that concern the Committee will be the renewal of the contracts of Anthony Donnellan and Ian Dunmill, and the election of a new CIML Second Vice-President
- My retirement at the end of October will mark the end of a 40-year career as a public servant
- I am grateful to have served on this Committee for 17 years and to have been your President for the last six years
- Thank you for the support from the two Vice-Presidents, PC members, other CIML Members, and all the Bureau staff



11 - And finally... (2/2)

- Let me conclude by
 - thanking you all for your valuable support in the best interest of our Organisation
 - wishing my successor, Dr Mathew, much success and the same great support I have received during my term
 - wishing us all a productive and fruitful 58th CIML Meeting, and
 - thanking our hosts for their excellent organisation of this first face-to-face CIML meeting since four years



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