



Agenda Item 7

Report by the BIML Director on BIML matters and activities



*A year of outreach and engagement,
The fourth pillar of the OIML*



1 - Introduction

- Focus in 2023: the extensive, critical role of the BIML in raising awareness of, and promoting, international legal metrology
- I have therefore titled my update:

*A year of **outreach** and **engagement**,
The fourth pillar of the OIML*



2 - International engagement and liaison (1)

- BIML focus is similar to the Secretariats of other IOs
- Almost all the strategic outreach, engagement and awareness-raising of the OIML is performed by the BIML
- Gradual return to in-person meetings has allowed the BIML to achieve a number of OIML objectives
- These activities are the cornerstone of our engagement and are presented in detail on the following slides



2 - International engagement and liaison (2)

- On behalf of the CEEMS AG the BIML organised an OTE on prepackaged products in Germany with support from the DAM and the PTB
- The BIML organised and funded the lecturers, and provided other financial and logistical support to make the event a success
- 17 economies benefited from participating in this training opportunity





2 - International engagement and liaison (3)

- A training programme was designed by the BIML and GULFMET and delivered to many GULFMET economies in Dubai in February 2023
- The BIML made resources available to deliver this in-person training on OIML D 1





2 - International engagement and liaison (4)

- The BIML has also been updating MoUs with crucial IOs involved in the international QI system:
 - International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
 - International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)
 - International Accreditation Forum (IAF)
 - International Organization for Standardization (ISO)





2 - International engagement and liaison (5)

- This period has also seen continued engagement with the International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI)
- Also continued liaison with UNESCO, including the OIML-BIPM joint bid for a UNESCO World Day of Metrology
- The BIML was a member of the Organising Committee for CIM 2023, organised by the CFM and the ICW
- At the ICW, the BIML organised a session on digitalisation and OIML publications and machine learning, cloud storage, and remote verification capabilities and procedures






2 - International engagement and liaison (6)

- As a stakeholder in the IAEA/WHO Secondary Standard Dosimetry Laboratories (SSDL) Network, the BIML delivered the opening session presentation to the IAEA meeting for SSDL on Quality Management Systems (QMS)
- The BIML gave a presentation to the UNECE Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards on “Digital and green transformations and their relation to regulatory cooperation and standardization policies”
- ISO CASCO held its 36th annual plenary and a workshop in April 2023; the BIML Director was a Panel member





2 - International engagement and liaison (7)

- The BIML presented at a conference dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of metrology in Kazakhstan, held in association with the 34th COOMET Committee Meeting 
- Additional examples of BIML work and outreach:
 - Presentation given to the 27th CGPM at Versailles
 - Bilateral meetings held with ISO, Marcogaz, OIV, CECIP, BIPM
 - Participation in meetings of *the Joint Statement of Intent* signatories
 - Participation in the annual Quadrilateral Meeting (OIML, BIPM, ILAC, ISO)
 - Presentation given at the 16th AFRIMETS General Assembly and Seminar
 - Presentation delivered to the OIV
 - High-level ministerial and delegation visits hosted at the BIML



2 - International engagement and liaison (8)

- Participation in three meetings of the WTO TBT Committee
- Participation in the 9th Annual Meeting of the *OECD Partnership*
- Presentations given to the GULFMET GA and TC Legal Metrology meetings
- Presentation at the online SADC MEL meeting
- Participation in the ILAC and IAF mid-term meetings
- Participation in an OECD-led planning session on international QI
- Presentation delivered to the SIM GA and a legal metrology seminar
- Presentation delivered to the 29th APLMF Meeting
- Participation in ISO CASCO plenary and STAR meetings
- Participation in the ISO CASCO WG31 meeting
- Presentation delivered to the EURAMET General Assembly



2 - International engagement and liaison (9)



ICW



IAEA



ISO CASCO



CGPM



3 - Governance and appointments

- The BIML has embedded the appointments and associated governance arrangements following the 57th CIML decisions
- The BIML organised the call and procedures for 1st and 2nd VPs
- Reporting and support was provided to the Presidential Council
- Multiple Presidential Board and other meetings were convened with the associated preparation and reporting
- The Summary Report, Resolutions, and Draft Minutes of the 57th CIML Meeting were published



4 - Membership (1)

- The OIML now comprises 127 Members
- Montenegro has transitioned from a Corresponding Member to become our 64th OIML Member State
- Saint Lucia has joined the OIML as a Corresponding Member
- No OIML Member States nor Corresponding Members were delisted in 2022
- Other economies intend to become OIML Member States
- Increased engagement has occurred with a number of embassies and the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs



5 - Operations

- HW and SW upgrades and backup consolidation were performed
- Enhancements were made to the BIML-managed databases
- More streamlined and secure coding was introduced
- New online process was developed to streamline the OIML Award, Letter of Appreciation, and CEEMS Award applications
- Work was done to improve the “My Access” interface
- Security improvements were performed regarding security with the police and with the French Interior Ministry





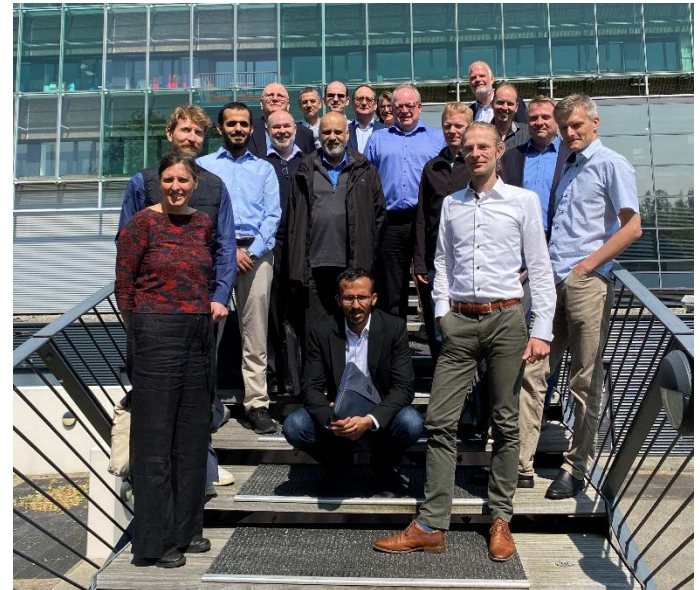
6 - Finances

- The budget situation is currently stable and resilient, even in a challenging and unpredictable economic environment
- This is the result of good planning and monitoring practices
- It was not necessary to access the OIML Operating Reserve
- The persistent late payment by Members and other small debtors continues to present an underlying risk to the OIML
- Post-pandemic inflation continues to present a challenge
- The 2022 accounts were externally audited and published



7 - Technical publication development (1)

- Four new projects launched since the 57th CIML Meeting
- All publications approved at the 57th CIML Meeting published
- Numerous PG meetings convened online, and TC 12/p 1 and p 3 held an in-person meeting in Delft, Netherlands in June 2023





7 - Technical publication development (2)

- Work has been performed to re-energise certain PGs
- The BIML asked conveners to update on progress of their projects
- Work to advance technical projects and publications continues; focus is on high priority publications and projects
- The BIML organised convener training in the UK and in the Netherlands with around a dozen participants
- The BIML has assumed a greater role as a convener or co-convener of PGs where a Member State has withdrawn



8 - OIML Certification System (OIML-CS) (1)

- The OIML-CS is a key pillar for the BIML, an integral component of the international legal metrology framework
 - A recognised multilateral initiative which aims to foster a more harmonised system for type approval
- A number of initiatives and activities were undertaken by the BIML to support and advance the OIML-CS in this reporting period
 - Including the organisation of the 8th OIML-CS MC Meeting and associated meetings of other committees and Working Groups of the OIML-CS
 - These meetings were held in Bern with the support of METAS



8 - OIML Certification System (OIML-CS) (2)





8 - OIML Certification System (OIML-CS) (3)

- The OIML also liaised directly with Member States, Corresponding Members, potential new OIML Issuing Authorities and Test Laboratories, and industry to advance the System
- A focus for the OIML-CS MC is the development and growth of the OIML-CS. This was a key agenda item at the 8th MC Meeting in March 2023





9 - Countries and Economies with Emerging Metrology Systems (CEEMS)

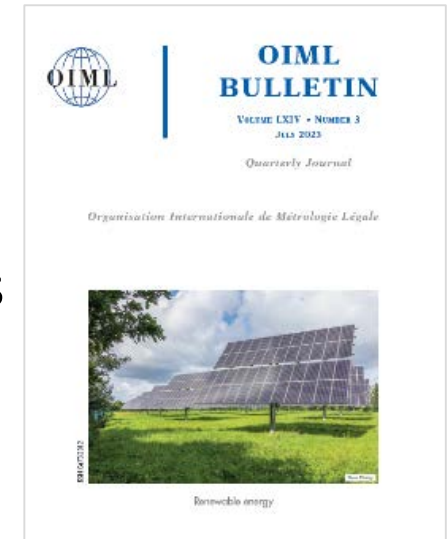
- Since the 57th CIML Meeting, the BIML has provided secretariat support to the CEEMS AG
- In particular, an OTE was organised in Bad Reichenhall, Germany in conjunction with the DAM and the PTB





10 - Communications

- The *Bulletin* continues to be produced quarterly
- The Mentors programme continues to deliver excellent results (BIML mentored one edition)
- The roadmap for future *OIML Bulletin* editions was refined, including the coordination of liaison with prospective Mentors
- A survey of CIML Members was performed
- The growing social media outreach is increasing the OIML's impact





11 - World Metrology Day

- The theme for World Metrology Day 2023 is *Measurements supporting the global food system*
 - This theme was chosen because of the increasing challenges of climate change, and global distribution of food in a world whose population has reached 8 billion
- OIML/BIPM joint project
 - Theme decided; poster developed; website created; Directors' message and Press Release written; video Messages recorded
- 66 Events, 62 Posters, 7 Videos
- 10 000 distinct visitors to WMD website in the week of 20 May





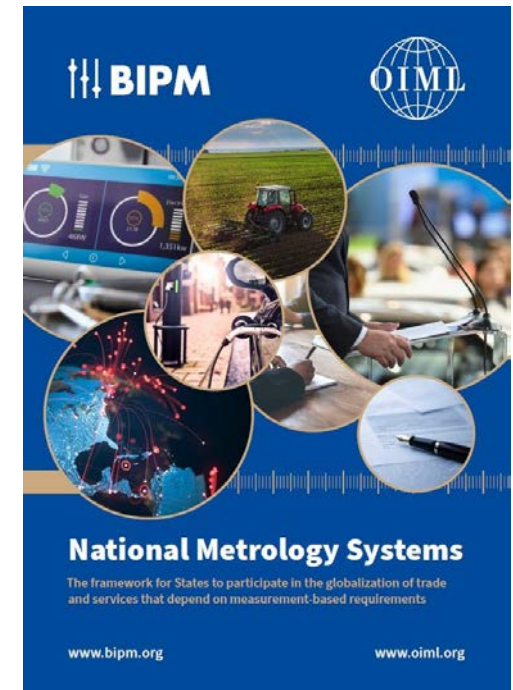
12 - Cooperation with the BIPM (1)

- The BIPM and the BIPM closely cooperate on multiple and varied subjects and projects:
 - Collaboration with organisations in liaison and RLMOs/RMOs
 - Shared messaging, shared representation, shared resourcing
 - World Metrology Day and the UNESCO bid for a World Day of Metrology
 - Digitalisation, the digital transformation of our Organisations, and the *Joint Statement of Intent on the digital transformation in the international scientific and quality infrastructure*



12 - Cooperation with the BIPM (2)

- Additional noteworthy points:
 - BIML and BIPM Directors' ongoing regular dialogue
 - Joint Statement of Intent
 - Engagement on various JCGM matters and consultations
 - World Metrology Day message written and poster developed jointly
 - Collaboration on corporate and operational matters
 - Digitalisation initiatives and events discussed and intelligence shared





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