Item 5

Report by the CIML President
Welcome to our first online CIML meeting!

My report on the past year’s activities
Introduction

• Important to hold a meeting in order to show progress in our work and business continuity
• The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly disturbed our plans
• Many OIML meetings had to be cancelled or postponed, including the 16th OIML Conference
• Majority of CIML Members support online meetings/voting
• My thanks to the BIML staff, Presidential Council members, Project Group conveners, OIML-CS Management Committee members, CEEMS Advisory Group members and many others to continue our work and even make significant progress
Membership

Welcome to our new CIML Members:

- Mr Periceles José Vieira Vianna, Brazil
- Mr Bernard van Maris, France
- Mrs Ourania Panou-Diamanti, Greece
- Mr Ahad Mohammadi Livari, Iran
- Dr Toshiyuki Takatsuchi, Japan
- Mr Razvan Cristian Zaharia, Romania
- Mr Tomáš Peták, Slovakia
- Mr Mehmet Bozdemir, Turkey
- Mr Will Creswell, United Kingdom

Corresponding Member changes:

- Mali (New Member)
- Benin (Readmission)

- We have not lost any Member States or Corresponding Members
- We continue to prospect for new Members
Presidential Council

• Two meetings:
  10–11 March (hybrid meeting) and
  17 June 2020 (online meeting)

• The June meeting was the last for
  - Mrs Corinne Lagauterie and
  - Dr Yukinobu Miki.
  My sincere thanks for their excellent support and contributions

• We have taken care of all the actions arising from the
  54th CIML Meeting
Financial situation and strategy

• Beginning of 2020: Focus was on the financial situation and the preparation of the 2021–2024 budget
• Delayed due to COVID-19
• Intention is to present a budget proposal for 2022–2025 at the 56th CIML Meeting and 16th International Conference in 2021
• The approved budget for 2020 will be used for 2021
• Major challenges for the next budget period:
  1. Income: delayed payment of MS fees, no increase since 2010
  2. Expenses: saving measures put in place, further savings critical, steady increase of staff costs (within the given frame)
Internal Financial Review

• Details: see Addendum 5b

• Ten-year review undertaken of BIML salary costs

• Five conclusions and recommendations made for the future:
  1) Undertake annual review/audit of salaries and operational expenses
  2) Develop a policy on the operating reserve
  3) Consider hiring an outside firm to conduct a study on BIML salaries
  4) Update the wording in B 7, Annex 2, on the salary index used
  5) Review the contractual arrangement with the current external auditor

• See respective Draft Resolution

• Thanks to Mr Alan Johnston and Dr Bobjoseph Mathew
Technical work

• Seven Final Draft Publications (FDP) submitted for CIML consideration
• Voting (and approval) will take place after the CIML meeting
• Thanks to the PGs and BIML for supporting technical work
• Focus has been on high priority publications and projects
• Convener training: all plans are currently on hold; future training will focus on small-scale activities
• Training material to be reviewed by the BIML to see if an e-Learning package can be developed
OIML Certification System

• Good start and performance of the OIML-CS so far
• Thanks to MC Deputy Chair, Mr Bill Loizides, for having fulfilled the role of MC Acting Chairperson since October 2019
• Thanks also to all involved for successfully managing the difficult situation and even make good progress
• Three online MC meetings held in May, June and July 2020
• Key topics and decisions:
  – Selection of a new MC Chairperson
  – Re-appointment of the Deputy Chair
• Details to be provided by MC Acting Chairperson under item 9
CEEMS activities

• 2020 highlight: Finalisation of the revision of D 1 
  > Thanks to the responsible drafting team

• CEEMS activities significantly impacted by COVID-19, but 
good progress has nevertheless been made

• CEEMS Advisory Group Chairperson, Mr Peter Mason, will be 
  reporting about first online CEEMS AG meeting on 6 October

• Thanks to all those who ensure the success of our CEEMS 
  activities, which now have a solid foundation for the future

• e-Learning: Paper developed and discussed during the 
  March PC meeting, will be followed up

• Thanks again to Mr Guo Su who returned to P.R. China
International cooperation

• Despite the travel restrictions good progress could be made in several areas of our international cooperation

• Details: see reports under agenda item 11

• RLMO Round Table:
  - New Chairperson: First Vice-President Dr Charles Ehrlich
  - First online RLMO Round Table meeting on 8 October 2020
  - Summary report under agenda item 11.1

• OIML-BIPM:
  - see next slide for the Joint Task Group
BIPM-OIML Joint Task Group

- Both CIML and CIPM support exploring opportunities for a possible closer cooperation between OIML and BIPM/CIPM
- Basis of JTG: CIML Resolution 2019/12, Decision CIPM/108-05
- Informal meeting held between Dr Louw, Dr Milton, Mr Henson, Mr Donnellan and myself at the BIML on 4 Feb. 2020
- CIPM nominated Dr Philippe Richard to commence with preliminary actions, together with CIML President
- Details on preliminary actions and ideas: see Addendum 5c
- Next steps: approval of Draft Terms of Reference for future JTG, appointment of representatives, first (online) meeting of JTG, prioritization of work, action plan, proposals for Conference 2021 and CGPM in 2022
Communication strategy (1/2)

1. Stakeholder mapping
   • Stakeholder mapping exercise was conducted by Dr Bob Joseph Mathew and the BIML team
   • Initial document discussed at PC meeting in March 2020
   • The communication needs for the Organisation towards its stakeholders were identified
   • The intention is to develop a stakeholder strategy based on the initial document
Communication strategy (2/2)

2. OIML Bulletin

• Following Resolution no. 2019/30, it is the intention to target the Bulletin at relevant and interesting key topics, and thus make it an attractive journal for the legal metrology community worldwide

• This requires the support of all CIML Members and “Mentors” taking care of a certain key topic

• The BIML has made publicly available on the OIML website a plan with proposed key topics for upcoming Bulletin editions

• Details: see Addendum 8.3, to be discussed under item 8.3
Work of the Bureau

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the past six months have been challenging for the BIML staff
- However, staff have successfully and quickly adapted
- OIML services to legal metrology have been ensured
- My sincere thanks to the BIML team for ensuring a high level of performance over these difficult times
- Details: see BIML Director’s report under agenda item 6 and in Addendum 6
Other topics (1/2)

1. Conditions for CIML voting during online CIML meetings

• Please support the proposals outlined in Addendum 2.2 and discussed under agenda item 2.2

• One negative vote means “not approved”!

• Consequences of “no approval” would be:
  - No decision taking possible during online CIML meetings
  - Extremely difficult decision taking outside CIML meetings
  - Delay of publishing Final Draft Publications
  - Delay of appointment of MC Chair and Deputy Chair
Other topics (2/2)

2. Digital transformation in legal metrology

• During the last six months the COVID-19 situation has forced many of us to work remotely

• OIML, jointly with BIPM, should support the worldwide digitilisation process as regards key metrological processes

• Workshop on “Digital Transformation in Legal Metrology” (Berlin) postponed until 5 - 6 May 2021

• This subject must be addressed urgently!

• Our organisation seems to be thinking, planning, and acting along the right lines
And finally...

- Let us all continue to keep a clear head and remain confident in these challenging times!
- I wish us all a very productive and fruitful online CIML meeting
- I hope that next year we will be able to meet again in person, in P.R.China!
- Thank you!