



## Item 5

# Report by the CIML President



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# **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 Pericles 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

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

## Corresponding Member changes:

- Mali (New Member)
- Benin (Readmission)



# 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 Bobjoseph 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 OIML 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!



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