



Item 6

Report by the BIML Director on BIML matters and activities

*Perseverance and resilience
in a year of disruption*



Introduction

- 2020 has been a challenging year, but disruption to BIML activities has been minimal
- Continued BIML service and support to our 124 Members
- Increased adaptability and innovation in the ways that the BIML operates and communicates



Response to the COVID-19 pandemic

- The BIML has complied with the guidance of the French Government throughout the pandemic
- Only a limited impact on services provided by the BIML
- Our governing rules and procedures are robust but flexible
- Limited, protected travel for staff
- Seconded from the People's Republic of China safely repatriated



Resilience of systems and networks

- BIML implements, maintains and supports the critical IT infrastructure for Members and other stakeholders
- Continuous IT operation for BIML staff and > 1 500 users
- COVID-19 pandemic had no effect on services provided
- Support to TCs/SCs/PGs for convening e-meetings
- Governance and staff meetings held by videoconference
- OIML website upgrade to enhance infrastructure / security



Membership

- 124 Members (61 Member States, 63 Corresponding Members)
- No Member States nor Corresponding Members were delisted from the OIML at the end of 2019 nor in 2020*
- One new Corresponding Member: Republic of Mali
- One reintegrating Corresponding Member: Republic of Benin
- BIML working to transition several Corresponding Members to Member State status
- BIML pursues initiatives to promote OIML membership
- Ongoing liaison with ministries and diplomatic missions

*YTD



Member States - Corresponding Members

- Significant and sustained effort continued in 2020 to manage debt to prevent de-listing due to non-payment
- Prepared tailored correspondence through official channels to prospective new Members as well as engaging existing Corresponding Members to develop transition plans to Member State status
- Developed specific membership information for prospective new Members



Member States - Corresponding Members

OIML Member trends (result at end of the year)

2017 Gained: 4 Lost: 2 Net: 2 gained

2018 Gained: 2 Lost: 5 Net: 3 lost

2019 Gained: 1 Lost: 0 Net: 1 gained

2020* Gained: 2 Lost: 0 Net: 2 gained

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Member States - Corresponding Members

- Worked directly with economies at the **national level** to assess and help identify solutions to their metrological infrastructure needs
- Worked at the **regional level** to do the same and to develop pan-regional metrology strategies as well as contributing to metrology and QI policy development and strategies
- Worked at the **international level** to engage partner organisations with complementary objectives to advance the development of QI through membership of the OIML



Technical work

- Positive year for OIML technical work despite COVID-19
- 6 new or revised publications are at CD status
- 7 publications for consideration by the CIML
- Direct CIML online approval in 2020-07 of the D 30 revision
- BIML focus on high-priority publications
- Application of the new periodic review procedure
- All of the OIML publications approved by the CIML in October 2019 were published



OIML Certification System (OIML-CS)

- OIML-CS continues to grow
- In 2020 two Associates (Uganda and Kiribati) were added to the System
- Number of OIML-CS certificates (Jan-Sept 2020) is at the same level as 2019, despite the impact of COVID-19
- Members are strongly encouraged to demonstrate a commitment to and promotion of the OIML-CS
- In 2020 the OIML-CS MC met three times via videoconference:
 - Selection of a candidate for MC Chairperson
 - Re-appointment of the Deputy MC Chairperson
 - Recommendation regarding the marking of measuring instruments with the OIML certificate number
- These matters will be put to the CIML for consideration



CEEMS

- Progression in 2020 of a number of CEEMS activities:
 - Revision of D 1 *Considerations for a Law on Metrology*
 - Continued BIML work on the development of the e-Learning platform
- CEEMS Advisory Group held an online meeting prior to the 55th CIML Meeting



Liaison activities

- COVID-19 has reinforced the importance of continued liaison activities
- Significant work with the OECD and the 50 other IOs forming the IO Partnership (draft of the Compendium of IO practices)
- BIML has contributed to this work on three OECD WGs
- BIML participated in online meetings of the JCGM-WG1:GUM
- BIML has worked with UNIDO on the development of a laboratory policy guide and webinars on COVID-19-related quality infrastructure issues



World Metrology Day

- For 10 years the BIML and the BIPM have worked in close cooperation on World Metrology Day
- The theme for 2020 was *Measurements for Global Trade*
- This year was again highly successful despite the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - 37 posters submitted by National Institutes and other Organisations
 - 23 events published, mostly “virtual events”
 - Videos by the CIML and CIPM Presidents
 - Video of the BIML and BIPM Directors’ message
 - 5426 visitors to the website on 20 May 2020
- 2020 Poster designed by AFRIMETS



e-Learning

- Following the successful Bratislava e-Learning workshop the BIML continues to develop the OIML's e-Learning offerings
- The BIML has developed a platform development agenda
- In 2020 we have upgraded the infrastructure and technology underpinning the e-Learning platform
- The BIML is also working with the BIPM to explore how this platform can be used as a common resource



The importance of multilateralism

- The health and economic crises draw attention to the importance of multilateralism
- Ability to maintain a system to harmonise legal metrology internationally is fundamental in difficult times but also in better times
- Effective multilateralism and the international legal metrology system is only as good as its component parts
- Currently, the BIML is witnessing a slowing in contributions from Members in certain areas including responding to enquiries, making financial contributions and contributing to the OIML Bulletin
- We are hopeful that this situation will improve



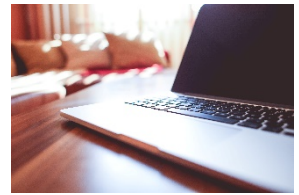
The future

- In 2021 there will be much to consider before the 56th CIML Meeting and 16th Conference
- 2020–2021 will present an opportunity to collectively reflect on our Organisation
- We must consider how and where we wish to position the OIML for the future
- The Organisation must continue to increase its adaptability and responsiveness
- The BIML will continue to adapt and respond to challenges and opportunities, and provide a high level of service to all Members and stakeholders
- The BIML is looking forward to providing ongoing support
- Our goal: to assert the importance of the OIML and international legal metrology



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