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Agenda item 10

Report by the CEEMS Advisory Group
Chairperson



CEEMS AG Update

AG Meeting held online on 6 October

- Advisory Group Membership
- Update on Work streams from 2019 Meeting
- D 1 Revision
- Other Document Revision projects
- Report from BIPM
- CEEMS activities in a post-COVID World
- Revision of B 19



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Workstreams identified at 2019 meeting

- E-Learning
- B 21: OTCs/OTEs
- Future Leaders in CEEMS



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Document Revision Projects

- D 1 *National metrology systems – Developing the institutional and legislative framework*
- D 14 *Training and qualification of legal metrology personnel*
- D 19 *Pattern evaluation and pattern approval*
- D 20 *Initial and subsequent verification of measuring instruments and processes*



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CEEMS Activities in a Post-COVID World



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Conclusions

We should plan for the effects of the Covid-19 Crisis:

- restrictions on travel, in particular international travel
- staff expected to work from home rather than normal place of work
- reprioritisation, including legal metrology staff moved to other duties
- reduced funding for legal metrology to be with us for the foreseeable future.

In particular, funding pressures will mean fewer, less experienced staff



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Conclusions

The objective of CEEMS activities remains the same – to increase skill levels in the legal metrology community. Even more important when there are fewer, less experienced staff. This will require even greater use of new ways of working and the traditional types of CEEMS assistance activities – updated to the Post-COVID World.



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This will require all the “traditional” tools used in CEEMS programmes:

- Documents and other training materials aimed at the CEEMS community
- Training courses
- Study visits by experts from countries with established metrology systems
- Informal contacts between legal metrology staff in different countries
- Secondments and study visit by CEEMS staff to other countries
- Persuading development agencies to give priority to metrology
- Persuading Government decision-makers and budget holders of the importance of legal metrology

But all of them need to be carried out in a different way – typically online



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CEEMS countries face some technological issues:

- Difficulties in holding meetings involving several time zones
- Poor connectivity in some parts of the world
- Lack of equipment needed to use all the facilities now available
- Many different platforms now available
- Security concerns with some platforms.
- Lack of training on how best to use these various tools

However, these are in practice less than we would have expected 12 months ago and mainly concern specific problems – pricing of bandwidth, reluctance to use some products even when there are no confidentiality requirements, etc.



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Good start has already been made in OIML

- E-Learning already identified as a priority
- Technical work now being conducted remotely
- Greater use of video-conferencing for formal meetings

But need to do more and more quickly.

Also, BIPM experience suggests that traditional approaches often have to be rethought from the beginning.



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Conclusions

Many good ideas have been put forward. However, they need to be brought together and prioritised so that the limited resources we have available can be used most efficiently.

Advisory Group has therefore agreed to set up an ad hoc Project Group to develop a Strategy on *Application of Online Technology to Capacity Building and other CEEMS Activities*

Results of this work should be available well before the 56th CIML Meeting



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