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Item 11: International cooperation

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activities with organisations in liaison**



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1 International

1.1 BIPM

An informal BIPM-OIML meeting was held at the BIPM on 4 February 2020, attended by the CIML President, Dr Roman Schwartz, the CIPM President, Dr Wynand Louw, the BIPM Director, Dr Martin Milton, Mr Andy Henson, BIPM, and the BIPM Director, Mr Anthony Donnellan. The following topics were discussed:

- Recapitulation of the OIML contribution to the CGPM 2018 Conference and proposals for a future closer cooperation;
- Resolutions/Decisions taken since the CGPM 2018;
- Composition / start of / first steps of the JTG;
- Integrated QI support concept;
- Consideration of a bilateral MoU between BIPM and OIML;
- Preparation of / agreement on a draft agenda for the next Bilateral meeting (planned for 18 March 2020, but cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic);
- Invitation of Dr Wynand Louw to participate in the 16th OIML Conference and the 55th CIML Meeting (planned for October 2020, in Suzhou, P.R. China, but postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

BIPM-OIML Bilateral Meeting

The formal BIPM-OIML bilateral meeting, due to be held in March 2020, was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Quadrilateral Meeting

The normal Quadrilateral BIPM / ILAC / ISO / OIML meeting, due to be held in March 2020, was also cancelled due to the pandemic.

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Cooperation between the BIPM and the BIML on World Metrology Day (WMD)

The BIML has again this year worked in very close cooperation with the BIPM in organising World Metrology Day. The theme for 2020 was *Measurements for global trade*. This theme was chosen to create awareness of the important role measurement plays in facilitating fair global trade, ensuring products meet standards and regulations, and satisfying customer quality expectations.

Cooperation between the two Organisations on this key project has again been excellent, as it is every year, and involves the complete process from reviewing the draft poster designs together, approving the final version, developing the strapline, designing the website, and uploading the various posters and events.

This year was again highly successful, surpassing expectations especially in the disrupted environment caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020 there were:

- 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.

The poster was designed by AFRIMETS in 2020 and is available in English, French and many other languages, as provided by other countries.

1.2 IEC

As reported at the 54th CIML Meeting, the first full meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) between the IECEx and the OIML was held in Dubai, UAE, on 25 September 2019, with the OIML represented by Dr Roman Schwartz (JWG Convener) and Mr Paul Dixon.

To progress some of the actions arising from the JWG meeting, an ad-hoc working group meeting was held at the PTB in Braunschweig, Germany on 28 February 2020.

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1.3 ILAC and the IAF

The BIML (Mr Paul Dixon) attended the ILAC-IAF Joint General Assembly in Frankfurt on 29 October 2019, and gave a presentation on the OIML.

The ILAC-IAF mid-term meetings scheduled for April 2020 were cancelled due to the pandemic, and the annual meetings scheduled for October-November 2020 will now be held as online meetings. Despite the cancellation of the mid-term meetings, a number of activities have taken place as follows:

- The revision of the joint OIML/ILAC publication *Guidelines for the determination of recalibration intervals of measuring equipment used in testing laboratories* (OIML D 10 / ILAC G 24). ILAC and OIML are collaborating on project OIML TC 4/p 9: Revision of D 10 *Guidelines for the determination of recalibration intervals of measuring equipment used in testing laboratories*.
- Providing comments and input on revised versions of ILAC P10 (metrological traceability of measurement results) and G18 (scopes of accreditation).

Mr Paul Dixon worked with the IAF to develop a Joint IAF-OIML Assessment Procedure to support the accreditation assessments of OIML Issuing Authorities under the OIML-CS. The document was published by the OIML and IAF in January 2020.

1.4 International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI)

Mr Ian Dunmill (BIML) took part in the annual meeting of the INetQI which was held in December 2019, as well as an online meeting which was held in July 2020. The next meeting is planned to be held online in November 2020. This Network of international organizations working in the fields of metrology, accreditation, standardisation, conformity assessment and infrastructure development is currently chaired by ILAC / ISO CASCO. The group is currently working on the establishment of a global library of QI-related publications, as well as on

- digitalization and new technologies,
- harmonization activities / policy-makers regulatory requirements, and
- cross border e-Commerce.

1.5 ISO*ISO/DEVCO*

Mr Ian Dunmill (BIML) participated in an ISO DEVCO online meeting which took place on 7 October, with a shorter agenda than usual. Observers had no chance to participate actively in the meeting.

ISO/CASCO

The ISO/CASCO 35th plenary meeting scheduled for May 2020 was postponed due to the pandemic. The plenary meeting will now be held as an online meeting in January 2021. The BIML will participate in the online meeting.

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1.6 OECD

Significant work continued with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the 50 other International Organisations (IO) forming the *OECD Partnership of International Organisations for Effective International Rulemaking (IO Partnership)*. This period has involved work on developing the draft of the Compendium of IO practices. The BIML has contributed to this work on behalf of the OIML through representation on three Working Groups.

The BIML has also contributed to a community of practice of IOs established by the OECD in response to issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The function of the community is to share experiences on matters pertinent to IOs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and international rule-making. Matters discussed include adapting decision-making procedures on rule-making and emergency ruling to exceptional circumstances, and the role of normative IOs in supporting their constituencies in managing crisis.

The BIML also participated in the *Virtual 7th Annual meeting of IOs* in September 2020 at which the heads of 19 IOs supported the “*Joint Statement of the IO Partnership*”.

1.7 UNECE

The BIML was unable to participate in the annual session of UNECE WP.6 on regulatory cooperation in November 2019.

The BIML continued to cooperate with the UNECE Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, although the work has been curtailed by the pandemic. The BIML attended an online meeting of the *Steering committee on trade capacity and standards* in June 2020, as well as being a panellist at an online meeting in September 2020 on *The impact of Covid-19 on trade and structural transformation in Georgia*.

1.8 UNESCO

The BIML presented to the *12th meeting of the International Basic Sciences Programme and Experts Forum: Harnessing cooperation for capacity building in science and the use of scientific knowledge* in November 2019. The presentation supported the joint OIML/BIPM proposal for a UNESCO World Metrology Day.

Following the presentation, a number of diplomatic missions and permanent representatives of countries that are members of UNESCO were engaged to seek additional support for the proposal.



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1.9 UNIDO

The OIML and the BIPM have a joint MoU with UNIDO which enables them to cooperate on a number of initiatives, mainly in relation to the development of technical capacity.

Mr Ian Dunmill (BIML) attended UNIDO Expert Group Meetings in December 2019 and January 2020 which worked on the development of a *Guide to Laboratory Policy Development*. Further discussions on this document have been conducted by email in 2020, and publication of the Guide is expected soon.

Mr Ian Dunmill also attended a UNIDO *Workshop on Standards and Quality Infrastructure for Innovation* in Kampong Thom, Cambodia in February 2020, where it also presented information on behalf of the BIPM. This was followed by a briefing session for senior government officials in Phnom Penh.

1.10 WTO TBT Committee

Mr Ian Dunmill (BIML) attended a meeting of the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade in November 2019, at which he made a short oral report on the OIML's activities which may be of interest to the Committee. Other meetings in 2020 have not taken place due to the pandemic, but there will be an online meeting of the TBT Committee at the end of October.

As part of the WTO's *TBT Advanced Short Course* in November 2019, Mr Ian Dunmill, together with Mr Andy Henson of the BIPM, also delivered a training session to WTO trade delegations on the vital role of scientific and legal metrology in Quality Infrastructure for facilitating trade, the typical challenges facing developing countries in this respect, and strategies for overcoming these challenges.

2 Regional

2.1 AFRIMETS

The AFRIMETS AGM, planned for July 2020, was cancelled due to the pandemic.

2.2 APLMF

The 26th APLMF meeting was held in Viet Nam in November 2019, and was attended by Mr Guo Su on behalf of the BIML. An online APLMF meeting is planned for December 2020 due to the pandemic situation.

2.3 APMP

The BIML participated in the *35th Asia Pacific Metrology Programme General Assembly and Related Meetings* in December 2019. A keynote lecture was given at the symposium on the topic of "Metrology for the Digital Economy: Improving Business Competitiveness".