



**Agenda item 7.2**

**Liaison report: ILAC Update**

**International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Report**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OIML and 50<sup>th</sup> CIML Meeting, 19-22 October 2015**

**Arcachon, France**

A general update on ILAC activities for 2014/2015 follows:-

**ILAC Meetings**

The annual meetings for 2014 unfortunately had to be relocated to Vancouver, Canada. The dates remained as 8-17 October 2014 and our honorary host for the meetings was the National Standardization Council of Thailand (NSC). As members will be aware this is the first time the IAF/ILAC Annual Meetings have been hosted by ILAC and IAF so this was new territory for the Secretariats of both organisations as the operation of the annual meetings is more complex than the mid-year meetings that we have now been hosting since 2012.

The feedback received to date about the meetings has been positive and the experience gained will be provided as part of the background information for the Joint Task Force established by the Joint Executive Committee (JEC) to look into the best model for hosting future annual meetings after 2016.

Special thanks go to our colleagues from, the National Standardization Council of Thailand (NSC) for their gracious support in taking on the role of honorary host for the 2014 Annual Meetings.

The 2015 mid-year meetings for ILAC and IAF were held during 9-16 April 2015 at the Le Meridien Park Hotel in Frankfurt, Germany. The ILAC Inspection Committee (IC), Arrangement Committee (ARC), Arrangement Management Committee (AMC), the Joint meeting of the ILAC and IAF Management Committees (JMC), ILAC Executive Committee and the Joint meeting of the ILAC and IAF Executives (JEC) were held as usual during this period and new additions to the Frankfurt meeting schedule for 2015 included the ILAC Accreditation Committee (AIC) and the Proficiency Testing Working Group (PTWG). The ILAC Laboratory Committee also met in Frankfurt on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of April.

The annual meetings for 2015 are being hosted by L'Ente Italiano di Accreditamento (ACCREDIA) in Milan, Italy. The meetings will be held from 28 October to 6 November 2015 at the Milan Marriott Hotel. The conference website can be accessed using the following link: <http://www.iafilac2015.org/>

Information about other ILAC committee meetings can be found in the Events Calendar section on the ILAC website under the Media Centre tab, accessible via <http://ilac.org/events/>

**The ILAC MRA**

As at 10 August 2015, there are **89 Signatories** (Full Members) to the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement, representing **74 economies**. The ILAC MRA covers recognition for accreditation in the areas of calibration (ISO/IEC 17025), testing (ISO/IEC 17025), medical testing (ISO 15189), and inspection (ISO/IEC 17020). The list of signatories to the ILAC MRA is available from <http://ilac.org/signatory-search/>

A resolution was adopted at the recent 2014 ILAC General Assembly (GA) that will allow the implementation of the extension of the ILAC MRA to include accreditation of proficiency testing providers (ISO/IEC 17043), when the appropriate peer evaluation documents within ILAC are updated to cover this new scope.

While the various ILAC Recognised Regional Cooperation Bodies are also either in the process of developing, or have already developed, mutual recognition arrangements for the accreditation of reference material producers (ISO Guide 34), a resolution proposing the implementation of the extension of the ILAC MRA to include accreditation of reference material producers was not endorsed by the ILAC GA, at its October 2014 meeting.

The Adopted Resolutions of the 18<sup>th</sup> ILAC General Assembly in Vancouver, Canada can be downloaded from the ILAC website at [Resolutions of the Eighteenth ILAC General Assembly, 17 October 2014](#)

## **ILAC Membership**

ILAC membership as at 10 August 2015 is as follows:

- 89 Full Members (signatories to the ILAC MRA) representing 74 economies;
- 17 Associates representing 34 economies;
- 13 Affiliates representing 13 economies;
- 6 Regional Cooperation Bodies
- 23 Stakeholders

The ILAC membership (total 148 members) now covers a total of 113 different economies worldwide. Over 49,000 laboratories and approximately 8,000 inspection bodies are accredited by the ILAC Full Members (signatories to the ILAC MRA).

## **ILAC Executive**

The revised version of *ILAC-R7 Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark* was published in May 2015 following a successful 30 day ballot and shortly after this the *ILAC-R7-F1 Agreement for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark* was distributed to eligible ILAC MRA signatories for signing.

The revised version of *ILAC-R4 Use of the ILAC Logo and Tagline* was also published in May 2015 following a successful 30 day ballot and shortly after this *Annex 1 - Declaration Form to Use the ILAC Logo and Tagline* was also distributed to eligible ILAC members for signing.

Following a successful 30 day ballot, the *ILAC-R3 ILAC Strategic Plan 2015-2020* and *Supplement 1 to ILAC R3* were published in December 2014. The ILAC Executive Committee has begun work on the implementation of the actions detailed in the Supplement and this work also featured on the agenda of the Committees that met in Frankfurt in April.

ILAC-R7, ILAC-R4 and ILAC-R3 can be downloaded from the Publications and Resources section of the ILAC website: <http://ilac.org/publications-and-resources/ilac-documents/rules-series/>

The ISO/IAF/ILAC communiqué on ISO 15189 accreditation and the associated press release was updated in February 2015 to reflect the 2012 edition of ISO 15189 that is now in widespread use.

The MoU between ILAC and IFCC was renewed in December 2014. The MoU was first established in July 2010 to inform and support cooperation between ILAC and IFCC in the area of medical laboratory accreditation.

Revised MoUs between ILAC, IAF, OIML and ILAC, IAF, UNIDO were both signed during the Vancouver meetings in October 2014.

The communiqué, press release and MoUs are available from the Partnerships section of the ILAC website using the following link: <http://ilac.org/about-ilac/partnerships/>

## **ILAC Liaisons**

In 2014, a joint proposal from ILAC, IAF, ISO and IEC to host a working session at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Public Forum was accepted by the WTO. The session was coordinated by Jon Murthy, the ILAC MCC and IAF CMC Chair, and took place on 1 October 2014 in Geneva. There were approximately 60 attendees and the feedback on the session was very positive. The ILAC and IAF proposal to host a session at the WTO Public Forum 2015 has again been accepted and is scheduled for 1 October.

The first major liaison activity for ILAC in 2015 was the annual bipartite working group meeting between ILAC and the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM), together with the quadripartite meeting between ILAC, BIPM, OIML and ISO. These meetings took place on 4 and 5 March in Paris. The ILAC delegation to the meeting with BIPM consisted of 4 people and ILAC was represented by two delegates at the quadripartite meeting.

ILAC has also been represented at two additional events at the BIPM in 2015, presenting at the Workshop on Measurement Uncertainty and participating in the Workshop on Global to Urban Scale Carbon Measurements in June. ILAC will also be represented at the CIPM MRA Review Workshop in October.

In March 2015, the ILAC Vice-Chair presented on behalf of ILAC and IAF at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Advanced Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Course in Geneva and the Vice-Chair also represented ILAC at the OECD meeting on “Fostering the contribution of international organisations to better rules of globalisation” on 17 April 2015 in Paris.

The ILAC Chair also presented on behalf of ILAC and IAF at the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) Workshop on Trade Capacity Building (TCB) in Maputo, Mozambique during March 2015, followed by participating in the annual meeting of the Network on Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization for Developing Countries (DCMAS Network).

The ILAC Chair and Vice-Chair both attended the regular round of ISO-CASCO meetings in May and will also attend the meetings scheduled for October 2015, including the Chairman’s Policy Committee (CPC), the Strategic Alliance and Regulatory Group (STAR), the Technical Interface Group (TIG) and the ISO/ILAC/IAF Joint Strategic Group (JSG).

In addition, ILAC was represented by our liaison officers at the ISO-REMCO and ISO-TC69 meetings held in June as well as the Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology (JCGM) WG1 & WG2 meetings.

ILAC representatives are also actively participating in each of the following ISO-CASCO Working Groups:

- **WG 42: ISO/IEC 17011 revision - meetings held in Nov 2014, Feb 2015 and May 2015 as well as a subcommittee meeting held in July 2015.**

ILAC Representatives: Jennifer Evans (NATA) and Andreas Steinhorst (EA).

ILAC Support Committee: ILAC Arrangement Committee (ARC).

ILAC has been represented at all of the WG42 meetings, including the subcommittee meeting, to date. ILAC will also be represented at the drafting group meeting in 2015.

- **WG 44: ISO/IEC 17025 revision - meetings held in Feb, June and August 2015.**

CASCO Convenor: Warren Merkel (nominated by ILAC).

ILAC Representatives: Ms Zhang Mingxia (CNAS) and Ms Johanna Acuna Loria (ECA).

ILAC Support Committees: ILAC Accreditation Committee (AIC) and ILAC Laboratory Committee (LC).

ILAC has been represented at all of the WG44 meetings to date.

- **JWG 43: transformation of ISO Guide 34 into ISO 17034 - meetings held in Dec 2014 and July 2015.**

ILAC Representatives: Lorraine Turner (UKAS) and He Ping (CNAS).

ILAC Support Committee: ILAC Accreditation Committee (AIC).

ILAC has been represented at all of the JWG43 meetings to date. The ILAC Representatives were also on the ISO-REMCO ad-hoc advisory group (AHG3) that prepared the ground work for the transformation to an international standard.

In addition to the meetings noted above, during 2015 ILAC liaison officers will participate in the ISO-TC212 meetings as well as the meetings of the IEC/ILAC/IAF Steering Committee, the Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology (JCGM), the Joint Committee for Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (JCTLM), the 50th CIML Meeting and the 60th Anniversary of the OIML.

The ILAC Chair will also be presenting at the AFRAC General Assembly Opening Ceremony and the CROLAB 11th International Conference of Laboratory Competence in October, and the ILAC MCC Chair will be presenting at the IEC-ISO-ITU World Standards Cooperation (WSC) Conformity Assessment Workshop in December 2015.

The Liaison information page, located in the member’s area of the ILAC website, continues to serve as the main repository for the reports and documents produced as part of ILAC’s liaison activities and also includes details of the liaison officers and upcoming meeting dates. The *ILAC Liaison Procedure*, which provides all the pertinent information relating to ILAC’s liaison activities, can also be downloaded from this page.

ILAC thanks all of the ILAC liaison officers, and their organisations, who volunteer their time to assist ILAC in carrying out these activities for the benefit of all ILAC members.

## **ILAC Secretariat**

The ILAC Secretariat is currently staffed as follows: Annette Dever, Sharon Kelly, Rana Baleh, Rose De Rota (previously Bevins) and Joëlle Nicolas.

The development of the new ILAC website was a major focus for the ILAC Secretariat during 2014 with the new ILAC website being launched on Wednesday 27 August 2014. The website can be accessed via <http://www.ilac.org>

We are also pleased to announce the launch of our Twitter site on Tuesday 14 July 2015. The ILAC Secretariat is managing the ILAC Twitter site, with input from the ILAC MCC Task Force on Social Media. The ILAC Twitter site can be accessed via [https://twitter.com/ILAC\\_Official](https://twitter.com/ILAC_Official). Follow @ILAC\_Official on Twitter to receive the latest ILAC news, including information on publications, events, meetings, liaison activities and member news.

ILAC publications can be downloaded from the ILAC Website in the Publications and Resources section. Documents published since June 2014 are as follows:

**IAF/ILAC A6:02/2015** *Approval Process for IAF/ILAC A-Series Documents*

**ILAC G19:08/2014** *Modules in a Forensic Science Process*

**ILAC P9:06/2014** *ILAC Policy for Participation in Proficiency Testing Activities*

**ILAC P15:06/2014** *Application of ISO/IEC 17020:2012 for the Accreditation of Inspection Bodies*

**ILAC R3:12/2014** *ILAC Strategic Plan 2015-2020 and Supplement 1 To ILAC R3:12/2014*

**ILAC R4:05/2015** *Use of the ILAC Logo and Tagline*

**ILAC R7:05/2015** *Rules for the Use of the ILAC MRA Mark and ILAC R7-F1 Agreement for the use of the ILAC MRA Mark*

New brochures published since June 2014 are listed below and it should also be noted that many of the brochures have been translated into a range of different languages.

**IAF/ILAC B6:09/2014** *Accreditation: Delivering confidence in the provision of energy*

**ILAC B8:10/2014** *Signatories to the ILAC Arrangement*

The latest edition of ILAC News, which includes articles from ILAC members, was published in April 2015 and can be accessed electronically via the ILAC website in the Media Centre tab under ILAC Newsletter or via the following link: [ILAC News 47, April 2015](#). Past editions of ILAC News are also available to download from the ILAC website. To subscribe to ILAC News please click [here](#).

World Accreditation Day was celebrated on 9 June 2015. The theme for World Accreditation Day in 2015 was “**Accreditation: Supporting the Delivery of Health and Social Care**”. For more information visit: <http://ilac.org/media-centre/world-accreditation-day/>.

Further information on ILAC can be obtained from the ILAC website at [www.ilac.org](http://www.ilac.org) or by emailing the ILAC Secretariat via [ilac@nata.com.au](mailto:ilac@nata.com.au).

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