



## **Agenda item 7.1**

### **Report by the BIML on liaison activities**

#### **1 The BIPM**

The interaction between the Bureau and the BIPM continues.

An area of current discussion was the backup servers being installed at the BIML. Plans had been communicated and coordinated between the two organizations, to ensure that in the future there would be the ability for both organizations to create off-site backups of all of their data.

Another area was World Metrology Day. For 2015 *Measurements and Light*, the poster was designed by the National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA). Again in 2015 new records were set for hits, downloads and events posted.

The BIPM has kept the BIML informed of progress on its upcoming Visitor's Program. It has been agreed that the BIML will provide time for a session on its role in legal metrology during the time of participants visit to the BIPM.

The two organizations continue to share some travel/meeting responsibilities when appropriate.

The short and long term strategy for our organizations is an additional area of discussion which is ongoing between the BIML and the BIPM Directors and the CIML and the CIPM Presidents. There are many aspects of both organizations that can be incorporated into the strategy of each.

#### **2 WTO TBT Committee**

The OIML is an observer on the TBT Committee. A brief report on the activities of the OIML is generally made at each of its four-monthly meetings. The BIML participated in the TBT Committee meetings in March and June, and will also attend the last meeting of 2015 in November.

A "thematic session" is usually held on the day before each TBT Committee meeting, but the subject of these is often not of particular interest to the OIML, so the BIML does not usually attend them. The thematic session before the June's TBT Committee meeting appeared to concern mainly the seventh triennial review of the TBT Agreement, but when a report was made at the TBT Committee meeting itself, it became clear there had been a lot of interest in quality infrastructure in general and metrology in particular as part of this review. This subject will be followed carefully at the next meeting in November 2015.

### 3 ISO and the IEC

#### 3.1 ISO/DEVCO

The BIML did not participate in the ISO/DEVCO meeting in September 2015 due to other commitments.

#### 3.2 ISO/CASCO

The BIML actively participates in the work of ISO/CASCO and is a member of CASCO/STAR, the Strategic Alliance and Regulatory Group. The BIML is also represented in relevant CASCO working groups.

In the past year, ISO/CASCO/WG 44 developed the first Committee Draft for the revision of ISO-IEC 17025 *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*. Members of the OIML mirror group for WG 44 are invited to comment until 17 November 2015. According to the CASCO planning, the publication of the revised ISO-IEC 17025 is expected by the end of 2016.

Another CASCO working group of interest to OIML is the newly formed WG 46 on the issue of “verification versus validation”. WG 46 will have its first meeting in November.

#### 3.3 ISO/COPOLCO

Following the acceptance by ISO of the new work item proposal (NWIP) for a standard on unit pricing, which proposal had been developed by ISO/COPOLCO with participation of the BIML, ISO created project committee PC 294 *Guidance on unit pricing* to develop a guidance standard. Some of the Recommendations published by the OIML contain requirements for unit pricing (for instance for non-automatic weighing instruments). A first meeting of PC 294 is scheduled for November 2015 in Sydney.

#### 3.4 IEC

No substantial liaison activities with the IEC have taken place in the past year.

The MoU between the OIML and the IEC is up for renewal. In the course of 2016, the BIML will take the initiative for the review of the MoU. This will also be a good occasion to draw up an undated list of liaisons between IEC and OIML technical committees.

### 4 ILAC and the IAF

On 16 October 2014 at the IAF-ILAC Joint General Assembly, held in Vancouver, Canada, a renewed MoU was signed by Mr. Peter Unger (ILAC Chair), Mr. Randy Dougherty (IAF Chair) and Mr. Peter Mason (CIML President). Compared to the 2010 version of the MoU, the amendments to the text are of an editorial nature. References to standards have been updated and the review period has been extended from three to five years.

Progress has been made with the following joint activities:

1. 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). The joint OIML/ILAC project group started its activities.

2. The joint assessment procedure has been finalized. The main changes relate to the role of the BIML in MAA peer assessments. These are no longer organized by the BIML and the BIML

is no longer financially involved. The role of the BIML is now to monitor the peer assessment process.

#### **4 Other liaisons**

##### **4.1 Codex Alimentarius**

The BIML did not participate in any meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission or its Committees in the past year. Also, no progress could be made with aligning the definitions in OIML R 87:2004 *Quantity of product in prepackages* with those in Codex STAN-1:1985 on labeling of food products. This is still under discussion in OIML TC 6.

The Codex Committee on processed fruits and vegetables (CCPFV) had been discussing a draft, prepared by France, on drained weight and sampling. However, the discussion was put on hold, pending the outcome of the revision of OIML R 87 in OIML TC 6.

##### **4.2 UNIDO**

The BIML has been working closely with UNIDO on a brochure on the results of the AFRIMETS legal metrology school which was held in Tunis in October 2014. It is hoped that this will be completed in October 2015.

The BIML again participated in a training event organized by UNIDO in the past year – a Regional trade capacity building program for LDCs held in Maputo in March 2015. This event was held in conjunction with the annual DCMAS meeting (see 4.4).

Meetings have been held with UNIDO on two other occasions in 2015 to examine progress on projects and to plan for joint activities in the future.

##### **4.3 International Trade Centre (ITC)**

There have been no activities with the ITC this year, although discussions were held in association with the DCMAS meeting (see 4.4).

##### **4.4 DCMAS Network**

The BIML attended the annual meeting of the *Network on Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization for Developing Countries*, held in Maputo in March 2015 in association with the UNIDO training event mentioned in 4.2. As last year, this was a very effective way of making use of the presence of representatives from the international organizations involved in quality infrastructure work to present the complementarity of their work. The annual meeting of this Network is an opportunity for its member organizations to update each other on regional events of potential interest other members and to discuss projects for future cooperation. The BIPM took on the secretariat of the group for 2015-2016, to be followed by the OIML in 2016-2017.

##### **4.5 ACP-EU-TBT Program**

This Program, based in Brussels, aims to improve competitiveness and access to export markets for countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. They were a major funding partner in the 2014 AFRIMETS legal metrology school. The BIML visited their offices in September 2015 to explain the OIML to a new member of the Programme. Possible cooperation was also discussed, as was participation in the CEEMS seminar held in association with the 50th CIML Meeting.