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**Agenda item 10.1: Report by the BIML on  
activities with organizations in liaison**



## **1 BIPM**

Apart from the regular bi- and multi-lateral meetings held in March of each year, and regular meetings between the BIML and BIPM Directors, most of the OIML's concern with the work of the BIPM this year has been on the CCU in connection with the revision of the SI. More information on this item is provided under item 15.4 *Update on the revision of the Système International d'Unités (SI)*.

## **2 WTO TBT Committee**

The BIML attends the regular meetings of the WTO Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade. At each meeting, there is the opportunity to make a short oral report on the OIML's activities which may be of interest to the Committee. During the last year, almost none of the controversial notifications under the TBT Agreement have been related to metrology. However, the Committee's discussions and considerations in connection with the triennial review of the Agreement are increasingly concerned with the overall national quality infrastructure and policy, in which metrology plays an extremely important part.

## **3 ISO and the IEC**

### **3.1 ISO/DEVCO**

The BIML attended the ISO DEVCO meeting this year in association with the ISO General Assembly. This was the first time for several years that this has been possible due to clashes with other events. Discussions were held with various ISO officials and members, and opportunities for further cooperation with these ISO bodies will be explored during the coming year.

### **3.2 ISO/CASCO**

The BIML actively participates in the work of ISO/CASCO and attended the CASCO Plenary and meeting of CASCO STAR, the Strategic Alliance and Regulatory Group. The BIML is also represented in relevant ISO/CASCO Working Groups

ISO/CASCO WG 44 is responsible for the revision of ISO/IEC 17025 *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*. An FDIS has been issued for ballot with final publication expected in the Autumn. This standard is of particular relevance to the work of the OIML, especially for Test Laboratories under the OIML Certification System, and project TC 3/SC 5/p12 (revision of OIML D 30) will recommence once the revised standard has been published.

ISO/CASCO WG 46 is working on the development of a new standard ISO/IEC 17029 *General principles and requirements for bodies performing validation and verification activities*. This is of relevance to the activities of OIML TC 3/SC 1 and a WD2 has been issued to WG 46 for consideration at its next meeting in October 2017.

ISO/CASCO WG 49 is developing a revision of ISO/IEC 17000 *Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles*. This standard is referenced in a number of OIML publications and is of particular relevance to OIML TC 1, OIML TC 3/SC 5 and the OIML-CS.



### **3.3 ISO/COPOLCO**

There has been no contact with ISO/COPOLCO during the year. Following discussions held with ISO officials during the ISO GA, opportunities for more active cooperation in the future will be explored during the coming year.

### **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 and the BIML held a meeting with the IEC to discuss the review of the MoU with a view to having a revised MoU available for signing in 2018. This will also be a good occasion to draw up an updated list of liaisons between IEC and OIML technical committees.

## **4 ILAC and the IAF**

The BIML actively participates in the work of ILAC and the IAF and attended the ILAC-IAF Joint General Assembly in November 2016 and the ILAC Accreditation Committee and ILAC Inspection Committee meetings in Spring 2017.

The MoU with ILAC and the IAF will be reviewed to identify changes that will be required to address the implementation of the OIML-CS.

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). ILAC and OIML are collaborating on project OIML TC 4/p9: Revision of D10 *Guidelines for the determination of recalibration intervals of measuring equipment used in testing laboratories*, with ILAC providing a number of comments on the 2WD.
2. A revision of the existing Joint OIML-ILAC Assessment Procedure for the assessment of test laboratories (under the OIML MAA) has been developed to address the requirements of the OIML-CS. The draft revision has been discussed by the OIML-CS provisional Management Committee (prMC) and is currently being approved by ILAC.
3. A new activity with the IAF to develop a Joint OIML-IAF Assessment Procedure for the assessment of certification bodies under the OIML-CS. A draft has been discussed by the OIML-CS prMC and is scheduled to be approved by the IAF in late October 2017.

Note: When the separate Joint Assessment Procedures have been approved work will take place with ILAC and the IAF to develop a single Joint OIML-ILAC-IAF Assessment Procedure that will relate to both OIML Issuing Authorities and Test Laboratories.

4. The BIML is working with ILAC and IAF to identify suitable Quality Management System experts to act as lead assessors for peer assessments of OIML Issuing Authorities and Test Laboratories that will be performed under the OIML-CS.



## **5 Other liaisons**

### **5.1 Codex Alimentarius**

The BIML attended part of the Codex Alimentarius Commission's annual meeting this year, but little of their current technical work has direct relations with metrology. This situation, and their work program, will be kept under review.

### **5.2 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.

There has been extensive cooperation with UNIDO this year in connection with their attempts to work with other international organizations to develop a common definition of the terms "quality infrastructure" and "quality policy".

This work is being conducted in association with DCMAS partners, and has involved participation in several UNIDO-organized Expert Group Meetings which aimed to develop a Quality Policy Guiding Principles Document. One of these EGMs was held back-to-back with the annual DCMAS meeting to maximize the opportunities of participation from all interested stakeholders in the field of quality infrastructure.

The BIML also participated, again with other DCMAS partners, in a regional "Training Program for Quality Infrastructure Development for Caribbean Countries" in conjunction with other CEEMS-related work in the region.

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

There has been no work with the ITC this year other than their telephone participation in the annual DCMAS meeting.

### **5.4 DCMAS Network**

The OIML has chaired this Network of international organizations working in the fields of metrology, accreditation, standardization, conformity assessment and infrastructure development since March 2016. Our mandate was extended by one year until 2017 to enable the completion of some work and to ensure a smooth handover to the next organization to take on the role, which rotates between members of the Network.

Achievements during the current OIML tenure have included:

- a complete overhaul of the DCMAS website;
- achieving consensus on a common definition of the terms "quality infrastructure" and "quality policy" to ensure a common approach is taken by Network members; and
- discussions on a change of the Network's name to reflect its current members' interests and activities in the field of quality infrastructure development.



The last point is still an ongoing issue which it is hoped will be resolved by the time the OIML relinquishes the DCMAS chair.

### **5.5 ACP EU TBT Programme**

The OIML has worked with the Brussels-based ACP EU TBT Programme since the time of the CEEMS seminar held in conjunction with the 2015 CIML Meeting in Arcachon.

During the last year this cooperation has culminated in the completion of an e-learning platform aimed initially at the African and Caribbean regions, but open to anyone. This is now in operation and hosted on the OIML's servers. More information will be provided under item 7.1 *BIML activities in connection with CEEMS matters*.

### **5.6 WELMEC WG8**

The BIML attended the WELMEC WG8 meeting, providing an update on OIML activities including the development and implementation of the OIML-CS.

### **5.7 European Commission (Working Group Measuring Instruments)**

The BIML attended a meeting of the wgMI.

### **5.8 NoBoMet**

The BIML attended the NoBoMet meeting, providing an update on OIML activities including the development and implementation of the OIML-CS.