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ILAC Update Report

ILAC Update to 53rd CIML Meeting

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ILAC Meetings

The 2017 ILAC and IAF Joint Annual Meetings were held at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel in Vancouver, Canada during 21– 30 October 2017. The Adopted Resolutions of the 21st ILAC General Assembly in Vancouver, Canada can be downloaded from the ILAC website at [Resolutions of the Twenty-first ILAC General Assembly, Vancouver, Canada, 28 and 30 October 2017](#).

The ILAC Marketing and Communications Committee (MCC) held their first meeting for 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 16 - 18 March 2018.

The 2018 ILAC and IAF mid-term meetings were once again held at the Le Méridien Park Hotel in Frankfurt, Germany during 4 – 11 April 2018, with some meetings also taking place at the InterContinental Hotel Frankfurt. The ILAC Accreditation Committee (AIC), Proficiency Testing Working Group (PTWG), Inspection Committee (IC), Laboratory Committee (LC), Joint Working Group A Series, Arrangement Committee (ARC), Arrangement Management Committee (AMC), Joint meeting of the ILAC and IAF Management Committees (JMC), ILAC Executive Committee and Joint meeting of the ILAC and IAF Executives (JEC) were all held during this period.

The 2018 ILAC and IAF Joint Annual Meetings will be held in Singapore during 22 – 31 October 2018. Meeting registration is now open and details can be found at www.iafilacmeetings.org.

Information on future meetings and events can be found in the [ILAC Calendar](#).

The ILAC MRA

As at 10 September 2018, there are **98 ILAC MRA signatories**, representing **101 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 the [ILAC MRA Signatory Search](#).

The *ILAC MRA Annual Report 2017* is available from the [ILAC MRA and Signatories page](#).

The ILAC MRA acts as an internationally recognised 'stamp of approval' to demonstrate compliance against agreed standards and requirements. Many specifiers, such as government agencies, have recognised the importance of credible accreditation programs that are developed against internationally recognised standards. Accreditation and the ILAC MRA help regulators meet their own legislated responsibilities by providing a globally recognised system to accept accredited test reports. Case studies and research on the recognition of the ILAC MRA by governments and regulators are available from the [Public Sector Assurance website](#). The website is a collaborative initiative between ILAC, ISO, IAF, IEC and IIOC and in September 2018 there were 294 case studies, 85 research papers and 50 supporting materials available to view.

The [Business Benefits website](#) was launched in 2017. This is a reference website designed to demonstrate the monetary value of standards, conformity assessment and accreditation for businesses. The website was developed by the ILAC MCC / IAF CMC in partnership with IIOC and ISO and represents another successful collaboration between the 4 organisations. Examples of suitable case studies for inclusion on the Business Benefits website are added as they become available and there is a standing request to the memberships of ILAC and IAF to send in examples as they arise. In September 2018 there were 83 case studies categorised into 6 areas of value. All of the case studies identify a clear financial benefit. The site also includes 58

research papers and contains a powerful filter that allows users to source information by standard, economy and sector.

A resolution was adopted at the 2014 ILAC General Assembly (GA) in Vancouver that allows 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. These document updates have now been completed and the evaluations to cover the scope of accreditation of proficiency testing providers are underway.

A resolution was adopted at the 2016 ILAC GA in New Delhi that allows the implementation of the extension of the ILAC MRA to include accreditation of reference material producers (ISO/IEC 17034), when the appropriate peer evaluation documents within ILAC are updated to cover this new scope. These document updates have now been completed and the evaluations to cover the scope of accreditation of reference material producers are underway.

The ILAC GA and IAF GA had previously agreed during the Joint General Assembly in 2016 that a transition period of 3 years from the date of publication be adopted for the revised ISO/IEC 17011:2004 *Conformity assessment — General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies*. The revised standard, ISO/IEC 17011:2017 was published on 30 November 2017 and ILAC and IAF members adopted a resolution during the 2017 Joint General Assembly on the implementation of the transition to the 2017 version of the standard (*JGA Vancouver Resolution 2 - Implementation of transition to ISO/IEC 17011:2017*). Details of the resolution and the transition plan are available from the [Joint ILAC-IAF Documents \(A-Series\) page](#) in the Publications section of the ILAC website.

ISO and ILAC have issued a joint communiqué that re-confirms the three-year transition period for accredited laboratories to transition to the 2017 version of the ISO/IEC 17025. While both the 2005 and 2017 versions of ISO/IEC 17025 will remain valid during the three-year transition period, accreditations to ISO/IEC 17025: 2005 will be invalid from 30 November 2020, as per the ILAC Resolution GA 20.15 adopted in November 2016. The ISO/ILAC 17025: 2017 Transition Communiqué is available from the [ILAC-ISO Partnerships page](#).

Following the publication of ISO 17034 *General requirements for the competence of reference material producers*, in November 2016, the ILAC GA had agreed that accreditation of reference material producers be conducted in accordance with ISO 17034:2016. The implementation period of 3 years is currently underway.

ILAC also recently added a notice to the [ILAC Members Section](#) of the ILAC website titled *Notification on the use of the ILAC MRA Mark on Accreditation Certificates*, for the information of ILAC MR Signatories.

ILAC Membership

ILAC membership as at 10 September 2018 is as follows:

- 98 Full Members (signatories to the ILAC MRA) representing 101 economies;
- 15 Associates representing 14 economies;
- 12 Affiliates representing 20 economies;
- 24 Stakeholders
- 6 Regional Cooperation Bodies (includes 5 Recognised Regional Cooperation Bodies)

The ILAC membership consists of 155 organisations from 126 different economies worldwide. Almost 68,000 laboratories and over 9,500 inspection bodies are accredited by the ILAC Full Members (signatories to the ILAC MRA). The latest statistics and graphs on the number of accreditation bodies, accredited laboratories and inspection bodies are available from the [ILAC Facts & Figures page](#).

ILAC Executive

The ILAC Executive Committee continues to review the implementation of *ILAC-R3 ILAC Strategic Plan 2015-2020* and the actions detailed in *Supplement 1 to ILAC R3*. The ILAC Committees and the Executive task force groups established to address the implementation of the ILAC Strategic Plan, continue to progress their respective action items and the results of these efforts were seen throughout 2017, with the number of completed actions rising from 2 to 14 and the number of actions that are on track for completion rising from 14 to 25. There has been further progress in this regard during the first half of 2018 and it is anticipated that this will continue throughout the remainder of this year. The ILAC Strategic Plan is a standing item for the agenda of each of the ILAC committee meetings. ILAC-R3 can be downloaded from the [ILAC Publications and Resources section](#).

A major focus for the ILAC Executive Committee throughout 2017 and still on-going in 2018 is the revision of the ILAC Articles and Bylaws. The draft revision of the Articles underwent a 30-day preliminary comment period and a formal 60 day member comment period during 2017. Members were provided with a summary of the major developments during the ILAC GA in Vancouver, including details of the request from EA to provide an alternative proposal for voting in the General Assembly for consideration. The EA alternative proposal was received in late January and was subsequently distributed to the ILAC members for information while the ILAC Executive, in consultation with the Dutch Notary, proceeded to prepare the information package to be distributed to ILAC members to seek their feedback on the two voting proposals being presented. The member feedback period concluded on 31 August 2018.

The ILAC Executive concluded a review of the draft Bylaws in 2017 and an update of the major changes being proposed was provided to the ILAC members during the Vancouver General Assembly. The formal 60 day member comment period on the draft Bylaws was subsequently launched in early 2018, concluding on 18 March 2018 and the ILAC Executive has reviewed and confirmed the proposed actions to the comments received from members. Work on the revised Bylaws will be resumed once the request for feedback from members, on the two ILAC voting proposals, has been finalised.

The *Joint ILAC-OIML Assessment Procedure in the field of legal metrology* has been revised to include the information from the recently implemented *OIML Certification System (OIML-CS)* that commenced operation on 1 January 2018.

The IAF-ILAC-UNIDO MoU was re-affirmed by the UNIDO Director General, the ILAC Chair and the IAF Chair on 24 November 2017 at a signing ceremony held at the UNIDO offices in Vienna, Austria.

The MoUs that ILAC has signed with IEC (together with IAF) and IFCC are currently being reviewed as part of the scheduled periodic review and the MoU with OIML (together with IAF) was reviewed one year earlier than scheduled to make the necessary updates following the commencement of the *OIML Certification System (OIML-CS)*. The revised MoU with OIML will be signed by the ILAC and IAF Chairs at the 53rd CIML meeting taking place in Hamburg, Germany on 10 October 2018. ILAC and IAF are also working closely with the World Bank to cooperate in areas of mutual interest.

Information on ILAC's partnerships, including copies of communiqués, joint procedures, press releases and MoUs, are available from the [ILAC Partnerships page](#).

ILAC Liaisons and other International Activities

ILAC carries out a number of regular liaison activities with our international partners, participating in both the routine meetings that underpin these relationships as well as any relevant ad hoc events that may be scheduled throughout the year. During 2017 ILAC was represented at numerous international conferences, workshops and meetings and this has continued in 2018.

In March each year, the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) hosts the annual BIPM and ILAC bipartite working group meeting and the BIPM, ILAC, OIML and ISO quadripartite meeting. The ILAC delegation to these meetings is led by the ILAC Accreditation Committee Chair, Erik Oehlenschlaeger and includes Neville Taylor and Dana Leaman. The 2018 meetings took place on 6-7 March 2018.

ILAC liaison officers, including Erik Oehlenschlaeger, Hidetaka Imai, Steve Sidney, Laurent Vinson, Jon Murthy, Regina Robertson, Graham Jones and Martina Bednarova attended meetings of their relevant liaison organisation in 2017 and the first half of 2018 as follows:

- Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology (JCGM): WG1 (GUM), WG2 (VIM) and Plenary meetings in May 2017 and WG 1 (GUM) meetings in November 2017 and June 2018. (Next meetings scheduled for December 2018.)
- Joint Committee for Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (JCTLM): Executive meeting, Members and Stakeholders meeting and Database Working Group Meeting in December 2017. (Next meeting scheduled for December 2018.)
- BIPM's 'Leaders of Tomorrow workshop' in November 2017.
- CIPM Task Group for the promotion of the SI in January 2018.

OIML and BIPM representatives regularly participate in meetings of the ILAC Accreditation Committee, with the most recent meeting being held in April 2018 in Frankfurt.

Ferney Chaparro Diaz was the ILAC & IAF representative for the 52nd Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML), held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia in October 2017. The next meeting will take place in Hamburg, Germany in October 2018 where ILAC will be represented by the ILAC Chair, Merih Malmqvist Nilsson.

The first meeting of the OIML-CS Management Committee was held in Sydney, Australia on 21 and 22 March 2018 and was attended by John Styzinski, representing ILAC and IAF and Annette Dever.

The ILAC Chair, Merih Malmqvist Nilsson will represent ILAC at the 26th meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) in Paris, 13 – 16 November 2018.

ILAC continues to be represented at the ISO/CASCO policy meetings and at a number of ISO technical committee and working group meetings.

In 2017, the ILAC Chair, Merih Malmqvist Nilsson and ILAC Secretary Annette Dever participated in meetings of the CASCO Chairman's Policy Committee (CPC), the Strategic Alliance and Regulatory Group (STAR) and the Technical Interface Group (TIG) in April and December. They also represented ILAC at the CASCO Plenary and the IAF/ILAC/ISO Joint Strategic Group (JSG) meetings in April 2017 (Plenary) and July and December 2017 (JSG). In April 2018, ILAC was again represented at the series of CASCO policy committee meetings, including the CASCO Plenary, in Mexico City. Meetings of the CASCO CPC, STAR and TIG and the JSG will be held in Geneva during 26 – 29 November 2018.

ILAC representatives, including Jennifer Evans, Andreas Steinhorst, Mingxia Zhang, Arne Lund, Lorraine Turner, He Ping, Peter Unger, Dana Leaman, Zhai Peijun and Pamela Sale attended a number of CASCO Working Group meetings and ISO TC meetings in 2017 and the first half of 2018 as follows:

- ISO CASCO WG42: ISO/IEC 17011 revision *Conformity assessment — General requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies* (work completed in 2017).
- ISO CASCO WG44: ISO/IEC 17025 revision *General Requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories* (work completed in 2017).

- Joint Working Group established between PC302 and CASCO, to undertake the revision of ISO 19011 *Guidelines for Auditing Management Systems*, April and November 2017 (work completed in 2017).
- ISO CASCO WG49: ISO/IEC 17000 revision *Conformity Assessment - Vocabulary and general principles*, June and September 2017 and February 2018. (Next meeting scheduled for 19-21 November 2018.)
- ISO CASCO WG 23: PROC 33 revision *CASCO Common Elements*, September 2017 and February 2018. (Next meeting scheduled for 22-23 November 2018.)
- ISO TC 212: *Clinical laboratory testing and in vitro diagnostic test systems*, May and November 2017 and May 2018. (Next meeting scheduled for 17 – 19 October 2018.)
- ISO TC 272: *Forensic sciences*, November 2017 and May 2018. (Next meeting scheduled for 19 – 23 November 2018.)
- ISO/REMCO meetings, July 2018.

Mahmoud Eltayeb represented ILAC at the Africa Quality Day conference held by NMISA as part of their 70/10 Anniversary celebrations in Pretoria, South Africa on 2 August 2017. Mr Eltayeb spoke about the role of accreditation in the International Quality Infrastructure.

The IEC-ILAC-IAF Steering Committee meeting was held on 24 October 2017 during the ILAC/IAF Vancouver meetings and was attended by all members of the ILAC delegation: Merih Malmqvist Nilsson, Ety Feller, Erik Oehlenschlaeger and Annette Dever. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for 19 October 2018 in Busan, Republic of Korea, with ILAC representatives participating via WebEx.

Ety Feller, ILAC Vice-Chair, once again represented ILAC at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) meeting on “International Regulatory Cooperation: Fostering the contribution of international organisations to better rules of globalisation” in Geneva on 12 and 13 April 2018 and will also attend the next meeting in Paris on 27 November 2018.

Maire Walsh represented ILAC at the Annual Members meeting of the Cooperation on International Traceability in Analytical Chemistry (CITAC) in Paris during April 2018.

The ILAC Chair attended the June 2017 meetings of the Network on Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization for Developing Countries (DCMAS Network) and the UNIDO ‘Small Working group on Quality Policy Guiding Principles’ held in Vienna, Austria, and participated in the follow up meeting in November 2017. The ILAC Vice-Chair also participated via WebEx in the September 2017 meeting held by this group.

The ILAC Chair, Merih Malmqvist Nilsson, began a two year term as Chair of the DCMAS Network in 2018. This organisation has changed its name and scope of activity to become a group for all economies providing a platform for the global organisations in the quality infrastructure to meet and exchange information on relevant topics including opportunities for cooperation. The transition to the new organization is underway with the new name, International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI) and logo confirmed and plans for the first meeting currently being finalised.

Merih Malmqvist Nilsson will also represent ILAC at the UNECE event in Geneva on 26 September 2018 titled *Standards and SDGs*.

Jon Murthy participated in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardisation Policies (WP. 6) Annual Session, held in Geneva on 30 November 2017 and his participation has again been confirmed for the 2018 next meeting, representing both ILAC and IAF, on 14 – 16 November 2018.

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.

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. ILAC members can also find copies of all ILAC comments submitted during ISO/CASCO ballots on international standards pertinent to the work of ILAC. The *ILAC Liaison Procedure*, which provides information relating to ILAC's liaison activities, can also be downloaded from this page.

ILAC Secretariat

The ILAC Secretariat is currently staffed as follows: Annette Dever, Sharon Kelly, Stephanie Sun, Rose De Rota and Joëlle Nicolas. Stephanie joined the Secretariat in July this year filing the vacant Project Officer role.

World Accreditation Day was celebrated on 9 June 2018 and the theme this year is:

“Accreditation: Delivering a safer world”

Documents and brochures published since September 2017 are as follows:

IAF/ILAC A1:01/2018 *IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Regional Group*

IAF/ILAC A2:01/2018 *IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Requirements and Procedures for Evaluation of a Single Accreditation Body*

IAF/ILAC A3:01/2018 *IAF/ILAC Multi-Lateral Mutual Recognition Arrangements (Arrangements): Template report for the peer evaluation of an Accreditation Body based on ISO/IEC 17011:2017*

IAF/ILAC A6:01/2018 *Approval Process for IAF/ILAC A-Series Documents*

ILAC-R1:03/2018 *Management of ILAC Documents*

ILAC-G28:07/2018 *Guideline for the Formulation of Scopes of Accreditation for Inspection Bodies*

Many of the ILAC documents and brochures have been translated into a range of different languages.

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