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The 55th CIML Meeting was held from 20–22 October 2020 as an online meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were over 200 participants, from 54 Member States, OIML Corresponding Members, organisations in liaison and observers from prospective member economies.

CIML President Dr Roman Schwartz reported on the joint efforts of the CIML Presidency and the Bureau to ensure business continuity and preparation of the first online CIML meeting. He also reported on the major topics that had been discussed by the Presidential Council, including the financial situation of the organisation, preparation of the budget for the next financial period, and closer cooperation with other international organisations, especially the BIPM. Finally, he presented a vision for the OIML, together with the BIPM, to jointly support the worldwide digital transformation process with regard to key metrological processes.

BIML Director Mr Anthony Donnellan reported on the activities and achievements of the Bureau and its staff, particularly the efforts to improve the effectiveness of OIML technical work and activities in favour of Countries and Economies with Emerging Metrology Systems (CEEMS), the OIML Certification System (OIML-CS), World Metrology Day in close cooperation with the BIPM, and work with other liaison organisations. He emphasised the cost-saving measures which have been implemented, and the initiatives introduced by the Bureau to minimise the impact of the pandemic and to ensure business continuity. Finally, he also presented the efforts that are ongoing to encourage new economies to join the Organisation, which currently comprises 61 Member States and 63 Corresponding Members.

A proposal was developed, and subsequently approved by the CIML, to adopt a process whereby resolutions (covering items such as the approval of the accounts and new or revised publications, and appointments to certain positions) were approved using an online voting tool after the CIML meeting.

The accounts for 2019 were presented and were approved by the CIML. Mr Donnellan reported that the Organisation continues to be in a strong financial position. A budget for the period 2021–2024 would have been approved at the 16th Conference; however, as the Conference has been postponed from October 2020 to October 2021 due to the pandemic, the 2020 budget will be applied to 2021 in line with the OIML Convention.

The BIML reported on its activities with organisations in liaison. In addition, Dr Charles Ehrlich presented a summary of the detailed discussions held during the Regional Legal Metrology Organisations (RLMO) Round Table held on 8 October. Other organisations in liaison (BIPM, CECIP, IAF, ILAC and ISWIM) also submitted written reports on their activities.

The BIML gave a report on the progress of the technical work of the Organisation, and lists of high-priority projects and publications were approved by the CIML.

The following new or revised publications were approved by the CIML:

- New Recommendation (R 148) *Non-invasive non-automated sphygmomanometers* (Revision of R 16-1, withdrawn)
- New Recommendation (R 149) *Non-invasive automated sphygmomanometers* (Revision of R 16-2, withdrawn)
- New Recommendation (R 150) *Continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments of the arched chute type*
- Revision of R 129 *Multi-dimensional measuring instruments*
- Revision of D 1 *National metrology systems – Developing the institutional and legislative framework*
- New Document (D 35) *Petroleum measurement tables* (R 63:1994 withdrawn)
- New Document (D 36) *Pipe provers for testing measuring systems for liquids* (R 119:1996 withdrawn)

The following new project was approved by the CIML:

- Update of R 60:2017 *Metrological regulation for load cells*

A discussion took place on the OIML Bulletin and on the need for more contributions from Members in the form of articles. Several participants in the meeting expressed an interest in making contributions in the form of articles and reports.

The Chairperson of the CEEMS Advisory Group (CEEMS AG), Mr Peter Mason, delivered a report on the activities of the AG, including the meeting held on 6 October. His report focussed on the revision of D 1, which had been conducted on a very short time-scale and which was presented for approval by the CIML. He also reported on the discussions which had taken place at the recent online CEEMS AG meeting on how CEEMS activities could be conducted in a post-COVID world, concentrating on the online tools which might be used and the technological challenges associated with their use. The plans for the revisions of B 19 and D 14 were also explained.

The OIML-CS Management Committee (MC) Acting Chairperson, Mr Bill Loizides, reported on the activities of the OIML-CS, including the online MC meetings held in May, June and July 2020. A number of measures had been agreed by the MC to support the operation of the OIML-CS during the pandemic. The MC nominated Mr Mannie Panesar for appointment to the position of MC Chairperson, and Mr Loizides for re-appointment to the position of MC Deputy Chairperson. The CIML approved the appointments, each for a three-year term from 1 January 2021.

An OIML medal was awarded to Dr Tsuyoshi Matsumoto for his contribution to the work of the OIML. Letters of Appreciation were presented to Mr Ralph Richter, Dr Michael Rinker, and Dr Peter Ulbig for their contribution to the work of the OIML.

The 2020 OIML CEEMS Award was awarded to the Directorate of Metrology under the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia, represented by Mr Agus Suparmanto, Mr Veri Anggriono Sutiarto, S.E., M.Si. and Dr Rusmin Amin, S.Si, MT.

It is planned to hold the 16th International Conference (postponed from 2020) and 56th CIML Meeting in Suzhou, P.R. China, in October 2021.

The 55th CIML Meeting Resolutions, documents and presentations can be found on the OIML website at <https://www.oiml.org/en/structure/ciml/sites>.