

Results of the 46th meeting of CIML and the RLMO Round Table

In the period from 11 to 14 October 2011 there was held the 46th meeting of International Committee on legal metrology (CIML) and the meeting of Round Table of Regional organizations on legal metrology and International organization on legal metrology (OIML).

On 11 October there was held the Round Table meeting of Regional organizations (RLMO) on legal metrology chaired by the Head of COOMET Secretariat P. Neyezhmakov. Members of President's Council A. Jonston – CIML President, Mr. P. Mason – CIML President elect, CIML Vice-President – Dr. G. Harvey and Dr. R. Schwartz, Prof. M. Kochsiek and Mr. J. Birch – Honorary CIML members and representatives of the following regional organizations on legal metrology: AFRIMETS, APLMF, GULFMET, EAMET, MAGNET, SADC MEL, SIM, WELMEC took part in the meeting. In general there are 22 participants.

The agenda of the Round Table meeting included discussion of OIML strategy review and relations with RMOs, possible common actions of RMOs concerning conducting of trainings and training workshops and also information concerning developing countries. The representatives of RMOs made their presentations about the activity for the reporting period. P. Neyezhmakov, Head of COOMET Secretariat presented the report about COOMET activity in the field of legal metrology.

OIML is ready to support developing countries and RLMO with the appropriate guidance in the field of development of legal metrology. However, OIML functions don't include financing or managing of technical support programs. National or other international organizations are responsible for these aspects. BIML doesn't support technically the developing countries in the field of approval of legal metrology system. However, RLMOs play an important role in giving more specialized help both in developed economies and in developing economies. That is why OIML will continue to conduct Round Table meetings for RLMOs directly with OIML and will cooperate with the aim of development of general strategies (especially for help for developing economies), to present general information sources etc.

According to the results of discussion the appropriate decisions were made.

With the aim of joint activation of RLMOs participants of the Round Table asked COOMET together with WELMEC to prepare questionnaires for determining the needs of RLMOs in conducting workshops and events to support developing countries. For providing the updated information of RLMO COOMET was asked to continue the filling in of the RMO page at the web-site of OIML.

On 11-14 September there was held the next 46th CIML meeting, in which 44 member-countries and 15 CIML corresponding members and also representatives of international organizations BIPM, ILAC/IAF, CECIP etc. took part.

After approval of the Minutes of the 45th CIML meeting Mr. Peter Mason reported about OIML activity. BIML Director Stephen Patoray informed about the activity of the Bureau and changes in its staff.

During the meeting there were discussed financial questions of BIML, question about annual subscriptions of member-countries. There was made a report, presented by the coordinator on questions of developing countries. Head of COOMET Secretariat P. Neyezhmakov reported about the results of the Round Table meeting of RLMOs.

Representatives of international organizations of BIPM, ILAC, UNIDO, CECIP have made reports about their activities.

A number of publications of technical committees and subcommittees of OIML was approved.

In recognition of the work for the development of international legal metrology it was decided at the meeting to award Dr. Lev Issaev, as the former member CIML from Russia, the title of Member of Honor of OIML.

There were approved Resolutions on all discussed questions.

The next 47th CIML meeting and the 14th OIML Conference will be held in Romania.

Resolutions of the 46th meeting of the CIML

Resolution no. 1

The Committee approves the minutes of the 45th CIML Meeting with the following modifications:

- In 3.1.1, third paragraph on page 28 (“Mr. Issaev agreed ...”), fourth line: replace “Seville” with “Sèvres”;
- In 3.1.2.5 (page 33), first line, delete “was”;
- Under the heading of 8.1 (page 72), insert a sub-heading “8.1.1 – 8.1.3 Confirmation of publications” and in the first line, replace “8.1.1 to 8.1.4” with “8.1.1 to 8.1.3”;
- 8.1.3 (page 73) to be renumbered “8.1.4”.

Resolution no. 2

The Committee notes the report given by its President.

Resolution no. 3

The Committee notes the general report given by the BIML Director and his report on BIML staff matters and expresses its appreciation for the full and clear explanation of the improvements introduced in the operation of the Bureau since he took up his post.

Resolution no. 4

The Committee decides to renew the contract of Willem Kool, BIML Assistant Director, for a five-year term from 1 January 2012.

Resolution no. 5

The Committee,

Noting the report by its President and the BIML Director on the actions taken following the Management Audit conducted in February 2010,

Recognizing that considerable improvements in the management of the BIML and of the OIML budget have already been made,

Instructs its President and the BIML Director to continue to work diligently to resolve all items contained in the audit, to conduct a new audit in 2012 and to report progress at the 47th CIML Meeting.

Resolution no. 6

The Committee,

Noting the accounts for the year 2010 and the BIML Director’s comments,

Considering the external auditor’s approval of the 2010 accounts,

Approves the 2010 accounts, and

Instructs its President to present them to the 14th OIML Conference.

Resolution no. 7

The Committee,

Recalling its Resolution “CIML 1975-IXc” establishing the BIML Translation Center,

Considering

- a) the original purpose of the BIML Translation Center, i.e. to make information, contained in certain working documents and publications, available to non-French speaking Members,
- b) that the BIML Translation Center is funded by voluntary subsidies made by certain Member States and that the use of these funds is restricted to the translation of documents **from French to English**,
- c) the increased use of English as the working language of the Organization and, consequently, the decrease in demand for translations into English, resulting in ever growing funds in the special account of the BIML Translation Center,
- d) that it is considered necessary to make certain OIML Publications available in both English and French,
- e) that, to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the BIML, in particular regarding the dissemination of information to Members, it is desirable to make (historical) documents (Conference and Committee minutes and resolutions, OIML Bulletins, etc.) available in electronic format,

Resolves

a) that the funds in the special account of the BIML Translation Center may be used, as necessary, for translation and interpretation activities that are not currently part of the normal operation of the Bureau, in particular:

- the translation of documents (with particular priority to translating from English to French to reduce the backlog of Publications into French);
- interpretation on an experimental basis at Conferences and Committee Meetings;
- converting existing documents of interest to the work of the Organization (minutes and resolutions of past Conferences and Committee Meetings and other relevant documents) into a suitable electronic format;

b) to decrease the base contribution for the BIML Translation Center to EUR 200,

Instructs the Bureau to

- a) continue to manage the BIML Translation Center, taking this Resolution into account,
- b) make translated and converted documents available to the Members in a suitable electronic format,
- c) report annually to the Committee on the functioning of the BIML Translation Center.

Resolution no. 8

The Committee welcomes Zimbabwe and Georgia as new Corresponding Members.

Resolution no. 9

The Committee,

Notes the report of Eberhard Seiler as the Facilitator on Developing Country matters and his recommendation that this role is fundamentally changed,

Expresses its appreciation for all the work he has done since his appointment in 2008, and

Invites him, in the light of the new OIML Strategy, to continue his contribution to OIML activities related to developing countries.

Resolution no. 10

The Committee,

Approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the IEC,

Instructs the Bureau to draw up a joint work program with the IEC and report on the progress at the 47th CIML Meeting.

Resolution no. 11

The Committee,

Welcomes the prospective establishment of a liaison with the Consumer Policy Committee of ISO (ISO/COPOLCO),

Instructs the Bureau to identify possible liaison activities, to encourage such activities at the TC and SC level and to report on the progress at the 47th CIML Meeting.

Resolution no. 12

The Committee notes the reports of the BIPM, of ILAC and the IAF, and of CECIP on their liaison with the OIML and thanks their respective representatives for their presentations.

Resolution no. 13

The Committee,

Noting the oral report and presentation given by Dr. Pavel Neyezhnikov, Head of the secretariat of COOMET, on the RLMO Round Table held on 11 October 2011,

Accepts the recommendations of the Round Table addressed to the OIML,

Instructs the Bureau to pursue those recommendations and report on the progress at its 47th Meeting, and

Invites the RLMOs to take up the recommendations of the Round Table addressed to them.

Resolution no. 14

The Committee,

Acknowledges the new collaboration era at all levels between the OIML and the BIPM and thanks both its President and the BIML Director for their initiatives,

Approves the interim report prepared by its immediate Past-President with the assistance of certain CIML Members in compliance with Resolution no. 3 of its 45th Meeting, and

Requests its President and the BIML Director to intensify the cooperation with the BIPM in operational activities and to pursue further discussions and studies with the BIPM concerning a possible collocation.

Resolution no. 15

The Committee approves the revision of publication OIML B 15 *OIML Strategy*, with the following modifications:

- in the mission statement, after “recognized” replace “and will” by “for all areas for which governments take responsibility, such as those which”;
- in the second line under “objective 5” delete “developing”, and

Instructs the BIML Director to begin the preparation of a detailed work program to implement the Strategy, using the framework of OIML B 15.

Resolution no. 16

The Committee approves the following Recommendation:

- OIML R 35-2 *Material measures of length for general use - Part 2: Test methods*.

Resolution no. 17

The Committee instructs the BIML to submit the following Draft Recommendations to direct CIML online approval after they have received sufficient support in the preliminary ballot:

- Draft Revision of OIML R 126 *Evidential breath analyzers*;
- Draft Revision of OIML R 137 (Parts 1 and 2) *Gas meters*.

Resolution no. 18

The Committee reassigns the responsibility for the secretariat of TC 8 *Measurement of quantities of fluids* to Japan.

Resolution no. 19

The Committee,

Approves the following Draft Basic Publications:

- Revision of OIML B 3 *OIML Basic Certificate System for OIML Type Evaluation of Measuring Instruments*;
- Revision of OIML B 10-1 and OIML B 10-2 *Framework for a Mutual Acceptance Arrangement on OIML Type Evaluations*.

Resolution no. 20

The Committee,

Noting the report of TC 3/SC 5 on the issue of the acceptance of manufacturers' test results within a DoMC under the MAA,

Recalling its Resolution no. 20 at the 43rd CIML Meeting,

Decides that Issuing Participants may request the registration of Manufacturers' Testing Laboratories (MTLs) under a DoMC, provided that the conditions agreed by TC 3/SC 5 and laid down in a respective amendment to, or revision of, OIML B 10 are met, and that after this amendment to, or revision of, OIML B 10, MAA Type Evaluation Reports that contain test results from MTLs may be accepted by Participants on a voluntary basis.

Resolution no. 21

The Committee,

Recalling its Resolution no. 20,

Approves as a new work item for OIML TC 3/SC 5:

- the amendment to, or the revision of, OIML B 10 *Framework for a Mutual Acceptance Arrangement on OIML Type Evaluations (MAA)* to include appropriate conditions for the registration of Manufacturers' Testing Laboratories (MTLs) under a DoMC,

Decides

- that the registration of MTLs under a DoMC remains excluded from the scope of the MAA, until this amendment to, or revision of, OIML B 10 is approved.

Resolution no. 22

The Committee,

Recalling its Resolutions no. 15 and no. 19 of its 45th Meeting,

Noting the written report of the seminar on "Conformity to Type" held in Utrecht, the Netherlands, on 29 and 30 June 2011,

Noting the oral report and presentation by the CIML Member for New Zealand, Mr. Stephen O'Brien, on the outcome of the follow-up CTT Seminar held in Prague on 10 October 2011,

Approves the establishment of a new Subcommittee of TC 3, to be titled "Conformity to type", which shall undertake as a work item the development of a guidance document on the "scope for pre-market surveillance activities focused on the conformity assessment of measuring instruments to give assurance that manufactured (or production) instruments meet their approved type",

Assigns the responsibility for the Secretariat of the new Subcommittee jointly to New Zealand and the Bureau,

Invites the new Subcommittee to take into account:

- the information provided at the seminars held in June and October 2011; and
- the current programs in the USA and the EU and any best practices identified elsewhere,

Thanks the electronic working group, chaired by the CIML Member for New Zealand, for preparing the program for the Seminars.

Resolution no. 23

The Committee,

Approves, subject to re-titling the proposed “working groups” as “Project Groups” and other necessary editorial changes, the revision of:

- OIML B 6-1 Directives for OIML technical work. Part 1: Structures and procedures for the development of OIML publications; and

- OIML B 6-2 Directives for OIML technical work. Part 2: Guide to the drafting and presentation of OIML publications,

Instructs the Bureau to produce a guidance document no later than 1 December 2011 setting out the arrangements for implementation and to introduce the new arrangements from 1 January 2012 in an orderly way,

Establishes an ad-hoc working group, chaired by the Second Vice-President, to consider improvements to OIML B 6-1 and OIML B 6-2, suggested by CIML Members in the light of the experience of operating the new procedures, and

Instructs the ad-hoc working group to present proposals for the amendment of OIML B 6-1 and OIML B 6-2 for consideration at its 47th Meeting.

Resolution no. 24

The Committee,

Noting the development of the 3rd edition of the International Vocabulary of Metrology - Basic and General Concepts and Associated Terms (VIM) by the Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology (JCGM) of which the OIML is a Member Organization,

Noting the publication of the 3rd edition of the VIM as an OIML Vocabulary (OIML V 2-200:2010),

Recalling the requirements for the drafting and presentation of terms and definitions in OIML Recommendations and Documents as laid down in Annex B of OIML B 6-2:1993, and in particular paragraph B.1.2 "Avoidance of duplications and contradictions",

Considering the imminent completion of the revision of the International Vocabulary of Legal Metrology (VIML) by OIML TC 1,

Resolves

a) that new, and revisions of existing OIML Recommendations and Documents should apply the terminology and definitions of the VIM and the VIML without amendment, b) that terms and definitions from international vocabularies from other fields (for instance statistics) may be adapted when the concept that they pertain to in legal metrology is different and that such conceptual differences should be explained in a note,

c) that when, in OIML Publications other than Recommendations and Documents, terms and definitions are used that differ from those in the VIM and the VIML, these differences should be indicated in notes, as appropriate,

Instructs the BIML to monitor the correct implementation of this Resolution at all stages of the preparation of OIML Publications.

Resolution no. 25

The Committee,

Expresses its appreciation to Dr. Philippe Richard and to Dr. Arnold Leitner for their presentation about the proposed changes to the SI (International System of Units), currently discussed by the BIPM and the impact of those changes on legal metrology,

Encourages all its Members and relevant Technical Committees, in particular TC 2, TC 9, TC 9/SC 3 and TC 11, to actively participate in the discussion and provide comments to the ad-hoc OIML Working Group “New SI” before 24 February 2012,

Thanks Dr. Arnold Leitner for representing the OIML in the CCU (Consultative Committee of Units of the BIPM) over many years, and,

Welcomes the nomination by TC 2 of Dr. Philippe Richard as the new OIML representative in the CCU.

Resolution no. 26

The Committee,

Considering

a) that, when the OIML was established in 1955, its Organization was modeled after the BIPM, established by the Metre Convention in 1875,

b) that, in view of the history of the text of the OIML Convention, it is likely that the term ‘colleague’ used in Article XVII of the OIML Convention refers to another CIML Member,

c) the role of the OIML as an international standard-setting organization, and the evolution of the functioning of the CIML in the light of that role, namely that CIML decisions are increasingly viewed as decisions of the OIML Members,

Noting that Article XIII of the OIML Convention was amended in 1968, changing the composition of the CIML from a maximum of 20 members elected by the Conference to one representative per OIML Member, designated by his/her government,

Is of the opinion that it may sometimes be more appropriate for a CIML Member who is unable to attend a CIML Meeting, to delegate his/her vote to someone from his/her own government or administration, instead of to another CIML Member,

Resolves to request the 14th OIML Conference to approve the following interpretation, applicable to the first paragraph of Article XVII of the OIML Convention:

“A ‘colleague’ may be: either another CIML Member or someone designated by the absent CIML Member to represent him/her. In the latter case, the representative shall be from the same government or administration as the absent CIML Member and may not represent other CIML Members, i.e. may not receive proxies from other CIML Members”.

Resolution no. 27

The Committee,

Considering that there appears to be no comprehensive policy on the implementation of Article XXIX of the OIML Convention concerning Member States which have not paid their subscriptions for a number of years,

Instructs the BIML Director to review relevant past decisions and to draft a proposal for a comprehensive policy for dealing with Member States which have not fulfilled their obligation to pay their subscription fees for a number of years,

Requests its President to present the proposal, after consultation of the CIML Members, to the 14th Conference for approval.

Resolution no. 28

Considering

- that the net revenue from the paid subscriptions for the OIML Bulletin is relatively small;

- that the OIML Bulletin is still an indispensable means of communication to the Members and other interested parties; and

- that the OIML Bulletin should be circulated to as wide an audience as possible,

Of the opinion that

- the OIML Bulletin should be rendered free of charge;

- electronic versions of all issues of the OIML Bulletin should be available for download on the OIML web site without restriction;

- printed copies of the OIML Bulletin should be provided only to OIML Member States and Corresponding Members,

Requests the 14th Conference to take account of this opinion in the budget for the 2013–2016 budget period.

Resolution no. 29

The Committee approves the Terms of Reference for the Presidential Council and their publication as OIML Basic Publication B 16, with the following amendments:

- in the second bullet under “Composition of the Council”, replace “represent” with “reflect”;
- and
- after “appointed” insert “in a personal capacity”.

Resolution no. 30

The Committee decides to award Prof. Dr. Lev Issaev, its former Member for the Russian Federation, the title of Member of Honor, in recognition of his work for the OIML over a period of more than 30 years.

Resolution no. 31

The Committee thanks Romania for its presentation on the venue for the 14th OIML Conference and the 47th CIML Meeting in 2012.