

## **Information about the 19th meeting of COOMET Committee**

On 19-21 May 2009 the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of COOMET Committee and the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the COOMET Joint Committee for Measurement Standards were held as scheduled. The meetings were held in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The tasks of the meetings were to discuss the actions to be made for the improvement of the activities of the regional metrology organization COOMET, as well as the introduction of new metrological initiatives related with the Arrangement on Mutual Recognition of national measurement standards and of calibration and measurement certificates issued by National Metrology Institutes (CIPM MRA) and with the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between OIML and regional legal metrology organizations (RLMOs).

COOMET Committee Members, Chairpersons of the Technical Committees of COOMET, representatives of National COOMET Secretariats from 13 COOMET Member Countries (Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Cuba, Lithuania, Germany, Moldova, Russia, Slovakia, Uzbekistan, Ukraine) took part in the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of COOMET Committee. Representatives of 4 international and regional metrology organizations, in particular Mr Jean-François Magaña, Director of the International Bureau of Legal Metrology (BIML), Dr Pavel Klenovsky, Member of the Board of Directors of the European Association of National Metrology Institutes (EURAMET), Mrs Nataša Mejak Vukovič, Chairperson of the European Cooperation in Legal Metrology (WELMEC), Mr Tony Anderson, Former President, Member of the Board of the National Conference of Standards Laboratories International (NCSLI), also reported at the meeting on the activities of their organizations.

Bulgaria also represented Romania at the meeting.

19 issues of the agenda were discussed at the meeting, in particular:

- COOMET President's Report "COOMET Activities in the Period between the Committee Meetings and Tasks of Cooperation";
- changes in the COOMET structure;

- the main results of COOMET activities in 2008–2009;
- a number of issues with regard to the realization of the CIPM MRA;
- status of review of Quality Management Systems (QMS) of COOMET NMIs and prospects in the activity of the COOMET Quality Forum;
- results of the 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of OIML and COOMET tasks arising from its decisions;
- establishment of the structural bodies of COOMET and creation of national secretariats;
- activities of international and regional metrology organizations (BIPM, OIML, WELMEC, EURAMET, NCSLI);
- prospects in the cooperation between COOMET and NCSLI.

The participants of the meeting discussed the ways of introducing changes in the COOMET structure in view of the necessity to establish and develop such a field of activity as joint metrology research projects of COOMET. A decision was made to establish new Technical Committee 5 “Joint Research Projects in Metrology” within the COOMET structure.

The COOMET Secretariat gave detailed information on the implementation of the decisions of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of COOMET Committee showing that during the reporting period considerable attention had been paid to the implementation of the decisions related with the CIPM MRA such as making the activities on preparing calibration and measurement capabilities (CMC) and carrying out regional and inter-regional review more active; development, approval, and placement on the COOMET website, of COOMET Program of Comparisons and status of activities on creating the database for COOMET comparisons; updating of the Regulation on Comparisons of Measurement Standards of National Metrology Institutes of COOMET; implementation of activities on the organization and holding of peer reviews of Quality Management Systems at NMIs as a necessary constituent in the implementation of the CIPM MRA.

The information given by the Secretariat was taken into consideration.

The participants of the meeting discussed in detail the results of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> meetings of JCRB, 13<sup>th</sup> OIML Conference, 43<sup>rd</sup> CIML meeting and the Round Table of RLMOs.

The participants of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of COOMET Committee considered a Draft Memorandum of Understanding between OIML and RLMOs prepared by BIML. The comments and proposals to the draft were transmitted to BIML Director Mr J.-F. Magaña with a request to take them into account when preparing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Memorandum.

When discussing the issues related with the implementation of the CIPM MRA considerable attention was paid to the carrying out of comparisons of measurement standards of national metrology institutes of COOMET Member Countries.

Information was given on the status of preparation and review of CMCs of COOMET NMIs and on COOMET participation in the inter-regional review of other RMOs' CMCs. A number of decisions were made concerning the quality of intra- and inter- regional reviews of CMCs.

In view of the extension of COOMET cooperation with other international and regional metrology organizations the proposal of COOMET Vice-President K.-D. Sommer to establish liaisons with NCSLI (having its headquarters in the United States of America) was seconded.

Some organizational issues were also discussed:

- results of the seminar for directors of NMIs in the Central Asian and Caucasian republics “The CIPM MRA as an important element in the global metrological infrastructure”;
- results of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Competition “The Best Young Metrologist of COOMET”;
- preparation to the 20<sup>th</sup> and subsequent meetings of COOMET Committee.

Future COOMET president was elected at the meeting. Mr G. Sydorenko was unanimously elected for the second term, according to item 7 of Section 5 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Based on the results of the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of COOMET Committee the following conclusions can be made:

1. COOMET as a regional metrology organization became considerably active last year and established closer relations with BIPM, JCRB, EURAMET, OIML, BIML, WELMEC, NCSLI.
2. More active cooperation on the extension and strengthening of confidence in measurements in the region requires participation of the Central Asian and Caucasian republics in the CIPM MRA and development of the relevant metrological infrastructure in these countries.
3. The purpose of the MoU will be to assure effective cooperation between OIML and regional legal metrology organizations as well as conformity of the harmonized documents developed by OIML with the expectations of regional legal metrology organizations.