



Agenda item 6

Report by the BIML Director on BIML matters and activities

*A year of foundation building:
Inclusiveness, agility and transformation*



Laying the foundations

- Developing and implementing more adaptive, flexible, contemporary, and fit-for-purpose standards should be a focus for the OIML.
- This will enable the OIML to respond to evolving consumer and industry demands.
- This requires the high frequency review, revision and renewal of OIML publications.
- In doing so the OIML will continue to assert itself as a leading international standard-setting organisation.
- To facilitate the above, the BIML has been working actively with PG conveners and stakeholders, and also proposes a revision of B 6 for CIML approval.



Foundation: Governance and appointments

- The post 56th CIML Meeting / 16th Conference period was busy with regard to appointed positions and roles.
- These posts are key to the OIML's governance and future:
 - Call for the next CIML President;
 - Establishment of the OIML Digitalisation Task Group (DTG);
 - Call for the OIML DTG Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson;
 - Call for a new CEEMS Advisory Group (AG) Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson;
 - Request for tender for the appointment of an external auditor.



Foundation: Formation of the OIML Digitalisation Task Group

- The BIML is actively engaging with, and advancing the digital transformation of legal metrology.
- The DTG consists of 15 representatives from OIML Members and international and regional organisations.
- The DTG will support, coordinate and promote the international harmonisation and implementation of digital transformation in legal metrology.
- The BIML has been very proactive in establishing the foundation for this important horizontal group.



Foundation: Joint Statement of Intent

on the digital transformation in the international scientific and quality infrastructure

- The “Joint Statement” was signed by the OIML and partner organisations in March 2022.
- It lays the foundations of the work of the OIML DTG and how the international Quality Infrastructure organises itself and its priorities for the future.
- By signing the Joint Statement, the OIML signals its support of the principles contained in it.
- The Joint Statement provides a framework for the OIML DTG and the support and strategic input provided to it by the BIML.



Corporate matters and key deliverables

- During this period the BIML has established more transformative and flexible working practices to reflect the future foundations of the OIML.
- The operating environment is rapidly changing and continually challenging, and the BIML is responding to the opportunities and challenges which arise.
- Some of the key highlights from this period are covered on the following slides.



Membership

- The OIML is growing and now has 126 Members.
- The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has re-joined the OIML.
- No OIML Member States nor Corresponding Members were delisted in 2021 – the result of the significant effort and resources deployed to manage Member debt.
- The BIML made considerable effort with a number of South American and Latin American economies, and one Corresponding Member from Africa, with a view to them becoming OIML Member States (including at diplomatic and embassy levels).



Governance and the CIML

- Reporting and support was provided to the Presidential Council for its March and October 2022 meetings.
- Multiple Presidential Board and other meetings were convened with the associated preparation and reporting.
- Enhancements were made to the OIML Financial Framework documents.
- The Summary Reports, Resolutions and Draft Minutes of the 56th CIML Meeting and 16th Conference have been published.
- A survey of CIML Members was undertaken to obtain feedback on the selection criteria for future CIML meeting locations.



Strategy

- The OIML-BIPM Joint Task Group continues to meet and relevant actions were implemented by the BIML.
- There has been continued engagement with the International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI), with BIML IT support.
- Direct liaison continued with UNESCO and relevant UNESCO Member States and permanent missions to advance the OIML and BIPM joint bid for a UNESCO World Day of Metrology.
- Technical input and advice were provided by the BIML to UNIDO as part of the Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development Index (QI4SD Index) project.



Operations

- A major renewal of the OIML website was managed by the BIML, improving both the user experience and the platform software.
- Continued IT software, hardware and backup upgrades were performed.
- Enhancements were made, including simplified and more secure coding, to the databases that interact with the OIML website.
- Structural work was performed on the custom-built CIML voting modules available on the OIML website.



Finances

- The invoicing system was updated to take account of various Conference and CIML decisions.
- Late payment continues to present an underlying risk to the OIML.
- Inflation continues to present a challenge; more fully realised in forthcoming periods.
- Expenses remain within expectations.
- The OIML Operating Reserve was not accessed during this period.
- The Internal Audit Team recommendations were implemented.
- The 2021 accounts were externally audited and published.
- A Request for Tender was undertaken concerning the external auditor.



Technical publication development

- A variety of new projects have been launched with BIML support given to PG conveners.
- All publications approved by the 56th CIML have been published.
- Updates and progress reports were obtained from PG conveners, and reported to the CIML and PC.
- Work has focussed on approved high priority publications/projects.
- The BIML has assumed a greater role as a convener or co-convener of Project Groups where a Member State has withdrawn.
- Process agreed on the (re)confirmation of conveners and secretariats.
- Numerous and PG meetings have been convened online.
- Work has been undertaken to re-energise certain Project Groups.



OIML-CS

- The OIML-CS is a key pillar for the BIML.
- It is a recognised multilateral initiative aiming to foster a more harmonised type approval system to benefit all participants.
- The Seventh OIML-CS Management Committee meeting and various meetings of other OIML-CS committees were held.
- The OIML is grateful to those who have contributed to the OIML-CS, especially the Review Committee.
- By directly and effectively engaging with industry, Members can help improve and expand the OIML-CS.
- More information will be provided at the 57th CIML Meeting.



CEEMS

- The BIML has provided active support to the CEEMS AG, notably on:
 - The revision of OIML B 19:2017 *Terms of Reference for the Advisory Group on matters concerning Countries and Economies with Emerging Metrology Systems (CEEMS)*;
 - Calls for and appointments of a CEEMS AG Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson;
 - The project *Use of online technology for conducting CEEMS activities*;
 - Secretariat work and services to the CEEMS AG in the absence of any co-secretariat support from Members.
- More information will be provided at the 57th CIML Meeting.



Stakeholder engagement and liaison

- The *OIML Bulletin* continues to be produced, supported by Mentors.
- The social media outreach and engagement strategy is successful.
- An OIML Style Guide is being developed.
- The refreshed OIML website was launched in early 2022.
- The BIML prepared a report for the Quadrilateral Meeting.
- BIML was invited by the UNECE to present on the Circular Economy.
- The BIML participated in the 61st meeting of the Euro-Asian Council for Standardisation, Metrology and Certification.
- Continued engagement with the OECD *Rule-making Partnership*.
- Continued engagement with RLMOs and RMOs through meetings.



e-Learning

- The OIML e-Learning strategy continues to be refined and advanced and will interact with the work of the OIML DTG and other bodies.
- The BIML continues to contribute significantly to this strategy.
- Sharing of e-Learning material and other learning resources has increased with and between RLMOs.
- Various in-house hardware and software upgrades have been performed.
- Collaboration on e-Learning continues with the BIPM.
- Work has begun on a joint OIML-BIPM e-Learning module on D 1.



Adding value to other organisations' and partners' activities

- During this reporting period the BIML is a member of, and actively contributed to, the following external organising committees for events:
 - 21st International Metrology Congress (CIM 2023);
 - International Conference on Weighing;
 - IMEKO TC6 Conference.



World Metrology Day

- The 2022 World Metrology Day theme – *Metrology in the Digital Era* – reflects the importance of digitalisation and digital transformation and the significant work of the OIML and the BIPM on this subject.
- The OIML DTG and the Joint Statement directly influenced the choice of the theme for 2022.
- Through the BIPM's efforts in conjunction with the BIPM:
 - 2022 theme decided, poster developed, improved website established;
 - Directors' Message and Press Release written;
 - 32 Events, 45 Posters, and 7 Videos uploaded;
 - 7 000 distinct website visitors on 20 May 2022, and 17 400 page visits.



Cooperation with the BIPM

- The BIPM has cooperated with the BIPM on many subjects, including:
 - Collaboration with organisations in liaison;
 - Shared messaging, representation, and resourcing;
 - World Metrology Day and the UNESCO bid for a World Day of Metrology;
 - Digitalisation and the digital transformation of our Organisations;
 - The Joint Statement;
 - Organisational, corporate and governance matters.
- Additionally, JTG meetings have been convened and strategy established.
- There is regular dialogue between the Directors.



Emerging matters

- International standards are most effective when they are widely accepted and trusted. To assess and improve the level of acceptance:
 - The OIML has mapped its metrology functions with UNIDO and the BIML has contributed expertise to the development of the UNIDO QI4SD Index;
 - The OIML's focus is on adding value to society to support the implementation of the SDGs in terms of People, Planet and Prosperity;
 - The OIML DTG will need to consider the most appropriate way to drive sustainability priorities and practices in OIML activities;
 - The OIML must continue to raise the profile of its standards, increase their accessibility and adoption, and reduce their complexity;
 - Feedback must be obtained from consumers and industry.



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