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 BIML’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 BIML 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.