Agenda Item 15.3: Updates by other organisations in liaison

Agenda Item 15.3a: Update from CECIP
Save-the-date: International Conference of Weighing, 24-26 April 2023

A partnership of weighing industry associations from Europe, Japan, China, US, Australia, South Korea and international organisations OIML and BIPM are organising together the first edition of the International Conference of Weighing (ICW). The ICW is a new three-day conference focussed on the weighing sector. During the conference business representatives and authorities from around the world will be able to network and listen to interesting presentations. There will be parallel sessions focussed on different areas including legal, applied and scientific metrology where the latest developments and future trends will be discussed.

The first edition is going to take place in Germany from 24 to 26 April 2023. A detailed programme is being prepared and more information will follow. All CIML members will be invited for the conference and are already encouraged to block the dates in the agenda.

‘World with Weighing’ campaign by CECIP

Weighing is everywhere in our lives, from being weighed the day you’re born to the food you eat every day. Still, the general public is not always aware of the role of weighing in our daily lives and the importance of accurate and reliable weighing. Therefore, CECIP launched the ‘World with Weighing’ campaign from March to August this year. The main aim of the campaign is to create awareness about weighing in our daily lives.

During the campaign CECIP promoted a wide range of visuals and video’s on social media, published articles and launched a new campaign website (www.worldwithweighing.com). The campaign consisted of three blocks where each block had a specific focus. The first part showed the role weighing plays in our daily lives. Secondly, the campaign emphasized the importance of quality weighing in various situations. Finally, the presence and value of the legal metrology framework was explained. By reaching a wide audience and presenting the different blocks the campaign was considered a great success.

CECIP webinars & newsletter

CECIP organised in the last year several activities that are open for the general global public including authorities and metrology institutes. This included two webinars with key speakers from METAS, PTB, LNE, NSAI and industry. One webinar, which took place in December 2020, was on the topic of data security and the second one in September 2021 on ‘Certification in one day’. During the webinars, the speakers presented their views on the issue and participants had to opportunity to ask questions. With participants from all over the world, CECIP believes these webinars are an excellent opportunity to
bring together experts for a discussion on these important topics for the future. Considering the positive reactions further webinars are to be expected in the future and these are open to everyone.

New events will be communicated via the CECIP website, social media (LinkedIn & Twitter) and the public newsletter. This public newsletter is published on a quarterly basis and contains an update on the main activities, positions and events organised. All CIML members are invited to register for this newsletter via the CECIP website (www.cecip.eu) or follow CECIP on social media.

CECIP contributions to OIML activities

One core activity of CECIP is providing constructive input to the development of national, European and international standards, guides and legislation. Since CECIP is in favour of harmonisation of requirements, it fully supports the work of OIML. In the last year, CECIP contributed to the work in the revisions of OIML R51, R60, R76 and R134 and contributed to the OIML CS MC meeting. In most cases, the input was aligned with the other international partner associations JMIF (Japan), CWIA (China) and SMA (US) where the aim was to develop one common global industry position. Even though there are some challenges in this process, we’re confident we’ll develop more aligned positions in the future.