



Item 13.1

Organisation, management and staff of the BIML

Highlights from the 2017–2021 Director's reports



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2017



2017: General

- First CIML meeting in South America since 1997: a key opportunity to network with many potential OIML Member States from South and Central America and the Caribbean.
- Also a key meeting because:
 - the election of the new CIML President has an effect on the strategy and direction our Organisation follows;
 - the CIML appointed a new BIML Assistant Director;
 - the CIML identified the members of the Selection Committee for the new BIML Director; and
 - the CIML reappointed Ian Dunmill as BIML Assistant Director.



2017: Approvals

- The CIML approved the accounts for 2016 and reviewed the budget surplus for the past budget period, including using some of that surplus to train TC/SC/PG Conveners and Secretaries.
- Several publications and project proposals were discussed and approved, including the revised B 18 and the implementation of the OIML-CS, the revision of B 6, R 60, R 61 and R 80, and discussion of a new project proposal to revise OIML D 1.
- There was also discussion related to plans to form a CEEMS Advisory Group (AG), and approval of a Basic Publication related to the terms of reference for the AG.



2017: Technical work

- There was discussion on the Guide for prepackages that had been under development for several years.
- There was also discussion on the increasing interest in Quality Infrastructures and how the OIML can increase its involvement.
- The BIML reported on progress in training Conveners; an improvement was noted in how technical work progress is tracked.
- Specific tools were developed on the OIML website and improvements to the BIML IT system are ongoing.



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2018



2018: Key points

- OIML Logo trademarked with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).
- B 6 published and implemented.
- Training delivered to Secretaries, PG Conveners and others.
- Technical work supported.
- OIML Certification System (OIML-CS) launched.
- CEEMS supported.
- OIML website improved.
- Various meetings planned.
- CIML President and the PC supported.



2018: Website

- Changes to homepage layout.
- New and improved menu, including “My access”.
- Implementation of B 6 items in PG workspace and CIML voting.
- CEEMS web pages reorganised and expanded.
- OIML-CS website section launched in January.
- Additional website pages translated into French.



2018: Project management

Key elements in technical work project management:

- Training.
- Clearly defined TOR and roadmap prior to project approval.
- Proper training of conveners.
- Proper PG support by the BIML.
- Monitoring of the progress of PG work and actions taken.
- Time available to conveners for PG work.
- Effectiveness of conveners.



2019



2019: Strategic matters

- Alignment of activities with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.
- Deepening of OIML relationships with Liaisons and partners.
- Refinement of the IT strategy, with focus on future technologies.
- Start of the transition to a digital strategy.
- Alignment of objectives with RLMOs, and review of existing MoUs with other organisations.



2019: Recalibration and Governance

- Identification of prospective new OIML Members, and reduction in the risk of losing Members through contact and debt control.
- Review of budget and financial governance and policies.
- Development of new internal policies and procedures.
- Implementation of austerity and prudential measures.
- Enhanced outreach and awareness raising through WMD.
- Organisation of an e-Learning workshop and development of an action plan.
- Focus on improving reporting and performance expectations.



2019: Communications and IT

- Reinforcement of the OIML Website and IT systems security, improvement of backup systems and hardware.
- Many OIML Website improvements and additions.
- Introduction of Social Media Channels to expand communication.
- OIML Bulletin became online only, supported by Members.
- 2019 World Metrology Day was a record year for website visits.



2019: The “Three Pillars”

Pillar One: Technical Work

- Publication development and revision processes prioritised and refocused.
- Enhanced levels of support provided to TCs, SCs and PGs.
- Improved Periodic Review Procedure developed.
- Project proposal template improved.
- Methodology developed to identify and review high-priority publications.
- Additional convener training delivered.



2019: The “Three Pillars”

- **Pillar Two: CEEMS**
- Continued support of CEEMS priorities and projects and monitoring of the impact of CEEMS activities.
- Development of the *Framework for OIML Training Centers and OIML Training Events*; list of CEEMS Experts published.
- **Pillar Three: OIML-CS**
- Sustained promotion of the OIML-CS with many specific events.
- Six new Utilizers and two new Associates in 2019; number of certificates increased by about 18 % compared to 2018.



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2020



2020: Pandemic

- 2020 was challenging, but disruption due to COVID was minimal.
- Continued and uninterrupted BIML service to support Members.
- Increased adaptability and innovation in the ways that the BIML operates and communicates.
- Continuous IT operation for BIML staff and > 1 500 users.
- E-meetings became the “new norm”.
- OIML website upgraded to enhance infrastructure / security.



2020: Membership

- No Member States/Corresponding Members delisted in 2020.
- New Corresponding Member: Republic of Mali;
reintegrating Corresponding Member: Republic of Benin.
- BIML worked to transition several Corresponding Members to Member State.
- BIML pursued initiatives to promote OIML membership.
- Efforts continued to manage debt to prevent de-listing.
- Specific membership information developed for prospective new Members.



2020: Technical work

- Positive year for OIML technical work despite COVID-19.
- 7 publications for consideration by the CIML.
- Direct CIML online approval in July 2020 of the D 30 revision.
- BIML focus on high-priority publications.
- Application of the new periodic review procedure.



2020: OIML-CS and CEEMS

- OIML-CS continues to grow.
- In 2020 two Associates (Uganda and Kiribati) were added to the System.
- Number of OIML-CS certificates (Jan-Sept 2020) is at the same level as 2019, despite COVID-19.
- In 2020 the OIML-CS MC met three times via videoconference.
- Revision of D 1 *Considerations for a Law on Metrology*.
- Continued work on the e-Learning platform.
- CEEMS AG held an online meeting prior to the 55th CIML Meeting.



2020: Outreach and stakeholders

- COVID-19 has reinforced the importance of liaison activities.
- Significant work done with the OECD IO Partnership/Compendium.
- Successful World Metrology Day: *Measurements for Global Trade*.
- The health and economic crises highlighted the importance of multilateralism.
- We must consider the OIML's position for the future.
- The Organisation must continue to increase its adaptability and responsiveness in order to assert the importance of the OIML and international legal metrology.



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2021



Introduction

- The BIML has focussed on:
 - responding to the OIML's short-term needs and priorities;
 - planning for future growth and evolution.
- Despite the impact of the global pandemic on the legal metrology community, 2021 has provided an opportunity to reconsider the OIML's services and future focus.
- The BIML has very successfully adapted to the changing demands and evolving landscape.



Supporting infrastructure

- The BIML continues to provide a high level of support to the TCs, SCs and PGs for convening technical meetings electronically.
- The BIML has also provided support for many online governance and committee meetings.
- A major upgrade to the OIML website software platform has enabled continued, reliable and secure provision of services.
- In conjunction with our stakeholders, the BIML is preparing a strategic development agenda for the OIML e-Learning platform.



Membership and debt recovery

- No Member States and only one Corresponding Member were delisted in 2021.
- Ukraine has acceded to become an OIML Member State.
- Guyana joined the Organisation and Gabon was readmitted as a Corresponding Member.
- The BIML has been actively seeking new Members and assisting with the potential transition of certain Corresponding Members to become Member States.
- The BIML continues to recover persistent outstanding Member debts, as well as unpaid OIML-CS certificate registration fees.
- In early 2021 the BIML implemented a new procedure for the early identification of Members at risk of defaulting on their contributions; this procedure has already produced good results and has prevented Members from being delisted.



Budget preparation

- A new sustainable and future-orientated draft budget has been prepared for the period 2022–2025.
- This involved an extensive analysis of cost structures as well as ways to reduce operating costs.
- The process included considerations as to how costs can be reduced, yet still enable the BIML to deliver on the expectations and strategic priorities of the Organisation.



Technical work

- The BIML has assumed (co-)convenership of more PGs.
- The impact of the global pandemic is more pronounced in 2021, resulting in a slowing of activity by some PGs.
- Only one new or revised publication has progressed to CD stage and there are two publications for CIML consideration.
- The BIML continues to ensure all OIML publications are reviewed, with a focus on the high-priority publications.
- All publications approved in 2020 have been published.



OIML-CS and CEEMS

- The OIML-CS continues to provide the international system to implement an effective internationally harmonised type approval framework.
- In 2021, OIML IAs and Test Laboratories have continued to extend their scopes.
- New editions of OIML Recommendations are included, and transition of categories to Scheme A are addressed.
- The number of OIML-CS certificates is consistent since 1 January 2018, despite the pandemic.
- It is important for all stakeholders to demonstrate commitment to the OIML-CS.
- CEEMS activities undertaken in 2021 include the development of a publication on the *Application of online technology to capacity building and other CEEMS activities* and preliminary work to revise OIML D 14 *Training and qualification of legal metrology personnel* and OIML D 19 *Pattern evaluation and pattern approval*.



Liaison activities

- The BIML has continued to pursue its external liaison function throughout 2021.
- Significant collaboration and coordination continues with many organisations in liaison.
- The BIML also participated in the Joint Committee for Guides in Metrology (JCGM) committees.
- The BIML gave many online presentations to RLMOs.
- The BIML represented the OIML's interest in many online events, many in conjunction with World Metrology Day.



World Metrology Day

- The BIML and the BIPM have again worked collaboratively this year to prepare for World Metrology Day.
- The theme for 2021 is *Measurement for Health*.
- This theme was selected to create awareness of the important role that measurement plays in many aspects of our health and wellbeing.
- The 2021 poster was designed by SASO under the auspices of GULFMET.
- 34 posters / 35 events / 4 videos / 6063 website visits on 20 May.



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