



Addendum 4.1a

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4.1 General report on BIML activities

A word from the BIML Director

This year again, I have very much enjoyed working at the BIML. In particular I have enjoyed working with Peter Mason on many different projects and tasks. I find his advice very helpful and it allows me to see the bigger picture as well as the details of the work we must complete. Of course, I also very much appreciate working with the personnel of the BIML. They are all working together to provide you, the Members, with the best possible service.

Our work at the BIML is both stimulating and challenging, but at the same time rewarding.

I have had the honor of visiting several of the Embassies of OIML Member States in Paris. I, along with other members of the BIML Staff, have also attended several meetings of Regional Legal Metrology Organizations and have taken part in regional seminars and conferences.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming seven new Corresponding Members and another state is in the final stages of becoming a Member State.

Close collaboration with the BIPM has continued, in particular in the area of Information Technology (IT). There is now the ability for the BIML and the BIPM to utilize the storage and backup capabilities housed at each location. This will allow us, over time, to further reduce our operating costs while providing a more secure and dependable service to our respective Members.

The BIML has also continued its collaboration with the BIPM and the PTB on World Metrology Day, which was a resounding success. In addition, there have been several opportunities for the BIML to participate in regional seminars in which the PTB has been a major contributor.

We have been working to begin the orderly implementation of the *Directives for OIML technical work* (OIML B 6) which were approved at the 46th CIML Meeting. We have also supported the work of the ad hoc Working Group (chaired by Roman Schwartz) which will propose a number of improvements to this publication at this Meeting.

A revision of the OIML Financial Regulations (OIML B 8) has been completed. I would like to thank Peter Mason and Philippe Richard for their assistance in this revision, which will be presented for approval at this Meeting.

2011 was the first year in which the entire BIML Staff and the CIML President played an active role in the financial result. In the presentation of the accounts under agenda item 6.1 you will see the results of these efforts.

A great deal of research has been conducted regarding the policy concerning the classification of Member States. There will be a discussion and presentation on this subject based on the policy adopted in 2005. The classification of several Member States will change, and additional information on this item can be found in agenda item 6.5.

The BIML has identified an architect and potential contractors to oversee and complete work on the building at 11 rue Turgot. There is a great need for these improvements if we intend to maintain this valuable asset for the benefit of our Members and to provide a guarantee for the pension liability.

BIML Staff, together with the CIML President and our external financial auditor have developed the budget for 2013–2016. The details of this can be found in agenda item 6.9.

Some specific areas that the BIML continues to focus on are:

- holding weekly meetings and writing weekly activity reports;
- working in teams on a large number of projects;
- discussing actions related to the management audit with the CIML President;
- improving internal and external information management systems.



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The BIML Staff is making a concentrated effort to adhere to the basic concepts described in the OIML Convention, to ensure we follow our own standard.

I am very proud of the progress the BIML has made over this past year and additional details will be provided during the CIML Meeting. Please feel free to ask any questions on any aspect of the BIML's work.