



## Report on the cooperation with the BIPM

Focus on continuing cooperation with the BIPM is a key area for the BIML. Several areas highlight this:

- **World Metrology Day** is an on-going project with the BIPM. In 2012, due to significant improvements in our IT system, the BIML took full responsibility for managing all aspects of the WMD web site. This involved close cooperation between several members of the BIML and BIPM Staff. The planning and transition were seamless and both Organizations gained valuable experience.
- **APE code** – Another area of cooperation helping the BIML financially are the discussions on the correct *Activité principale exercée* APE identification code and its relationship to software purchases. This understanding has and will continue to enable us to realize significant savings in the purchase of most software licenses. We have also received valuable information from the BIPM on how VAT is applied to various categories of products and expectations for refunds.
- **Web technology** – The BIML attended an informative lecture at the BIPM presented by the NPL on issues related to overhauling a web site and notably the topic of web content management. This allowed the BIML to make new contacts and network with colleagues at the BIPM. It will also provide valuable food for thought in discussions at the BIML concerning our future web site development.
- **IT system** – Cooperation continues in the area of the BIML Information Technology System (IT). Support was provided by the BIPM regarding the initial concepts of the new BIML IT system. The BIPM has also gained valuable insight into new technologies related to security and firewalls installed at the BIML. Today, there is a “tunnel” between the IT systems at the two Organizations which allows the two systems to communicate securely with each other.
- **VIM/GUM Survey** – The BIML provided support to the BIPM Director in his capacity of chairman of the JCGM. The JCGM organized two surveys. One, on the experiences of users with the changes made to the third edition of the VIM compared to the second edition. Two, to obtain input from users of the GUM concerning the revision which is now being discussed by WG 1 of the JCGM. The BIML designed the online surveys, collected the responses and produced response reports.

Overall, the BIML and the BIPM continue to cooperate in a number of areas and have a very close working relationship.