



Report by the BIML on liaison activities

1. WTO/TBT Committee

The BIML attends the meetings of the WTO TBT Committee when possible. The OIML is an observer on this committee, since it is considered as an international standard-setting organization. The main area of the TBT Committee's work which is currently of interest to the OIML is the sixth triennial review of the TBT Agreement. Following discussions at the last meeting in June 2012, the BIML will be supplying the TBT Committee with details of the approval procedures for OIML Recommendations as input to the Committee's considerations on transparency and the use of international standards in technical regulations.

2. ISO and the IEC

2.1 ISO/DEVCO

The BIML intends to participate in the annual meeting of ISO DEVCO in September 2012, and will make an oral report at the CIML Meeting on any relevant issues.

2.2 ISO/CASCO

The BIML actively participates in the work of ISO/CASCO and attended the CASCO Plenary and meeting of CASCO/STAR, the Strategic Alliance and Regulatory Group. The BIML is also represented in two CASCO working groups on product certification.

The revision of ISO Guide 65 *Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services* (to be published as ISO/IEC 17065) is now in the "FDIS"-stage. This means that OIML TC 3/SC 5 can now start the revision of OIML D 29:2008 *Guide for the application of ISO/IEC Guide 65 to assessment of measuring instrument certification bodies in legal metrology* (see Resolution 20 of the 45th CIML Meeting).

The revision of ISO Guide 67 *Conformity assessment -- Fundamentals of product certification* (to be published as ISO/IEC 17067) is now at the "DIS"-stage (comparable to the CIML preliminary ballot), with a deadline of 5 December 2012.

2.3 ISO/COPOLCO

The liaison between OIML and ISO/COPOLCO was established in 2011. As a result of this liaison, the OIML was invited to participate in a workshop "Do consumers know what they are getting", organized by ISO/COPOLCO in conjunction with their annual plenary meeting in Fiji, in May 2012. One of the main themes of the workshop was legal metrology. On behalf of the OIML, Mr. John Birch, CIML Member of Honor, participated in the workshop and attended the COPOLCO Plenary. His report is published in the July issue of the OIML Bulletin.

2.4 IEC

After the signing of the MoU between the OIML and the IEC at the 46th CIML Meeting in Prague, the BIML has started to discuss possible joint activities with various officers in IEC. One major activity would be a joint project on developing a Recommendation for electricity meters used in charging stations for electric vehicles. The modalities for setting up such a joint project are currently being discussed. A joint work program should be available by the end of 2012.



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The BIML attended the IEC General Assembly in Melbourne, in October 2011 and meetings of several IEC technical committees (TC 1, TC 12 and TC 77) that were held in conjunction with the IEC General Assembly.

3. ILAC and the IAF

The ILAC and IAF General Assembly and associated meetings, scheduled for November 2011 had to be canceled due to the flooding in Bangkok. As a consequence, much of the work in ILAC and IAF suffered delays. The BIML attended the ILAC Accreditation Committee meeting in April 2012. The BIML meets twice a year with the ILAC/IAF liaison officer to discuss the joint work plan.

Progress has been made with the following joint activities:

1. the periodic review of the joint OIML/ILAC publication *Guidelines for the determination of recalibration intervals of measuring equipment used in testing laboratories* (OIML D 10 / ILAC G 24). After the review by OIML TC 4 (deadline: 10 August 2012), the results will be communicated to the ILAC Accreditation Committee for comment;
2. based on comments received on the first draft, a second draft for a joint assessment procedure has been developed. The main changes relate to the role of the BIML in MAA peer assessments. These are no longer organized by the BIML and the BIML is no longer financially involved. The role of the BIML is now to monitor the peer assessment process.

4. UNECE

The OIML has maintained an active liaison with Working Party 6 (Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies) of the UNECE. The main focus in the past year was on the subject of market surveillance because of its relevance to the new OIML work project on Conformity to Type (OIML TC 3/SC 6/p1). As reported last year, the BIML is discussing the possibilities for drafting an MoU between the OIML and UNECE. The main purpose of such an MoU would be to use UNECE Recommendation L *International Model for Technical Harmonization Based on Good Regulatory Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Technical Regulations via the Use of International Standards* as an alternative to develop OIML Recommendations based on existing standards developed by other international standard-setting organizations, in particular for measuring instruments which are generally not considered in the scope of "traditional" legal metrology.

5. Other liaisons

5.1 Codex Alimentarius

The BIML did not participate in any meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission or its Committees in the past year. Also, no progress could be made with aligning the definitions in OIML R 87:2004 *Quantity of product in prepackages* with those in Codex STAN-1:1985 on labeling of food products, because a meeting of OIML TC 6, scheduled to be held in April 2011 in Japan had to be postponed due to the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck Japan (The TC 6 meeting is now scheduled for 22-26 October 2012).



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In 2010, the secretariat of OIML TC 6 *Prepackages* participated in the meeting of the CCPFV *Codex Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables* held in Bali, Indonesia, to develop a standard on sampling. The input of OIML TC 6 is aimed at harmonizing this standard with the requirements of OIML R 87. However, it appears that this work faces a stand-still in the CCPFV.

5.2 UNIDO

The BIML participated in two UNIDO events in 2012. The first was an international conformity assessment workshop for Asian developing economies and was held in February 2012 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. 51 participants took part in plenary and workshop sessions to identify regional and national needs in the fields of technical regulation, standards and metrology.

The second was an Expert Group Meetings, organized jointly with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and held in Lusaka, Zambia in May was titled “Metrology, export diversification and intra-industry trade in Africa”. The first UNIDO sessions concerned continental development as a whole and then quality infrastructure, standards and the impact of legal metrology. They then concentrated on the way forward on pan-African metrology taking the AFRIMETS as a starting point.

The BIML is also working with UNIDO on the planning of an AFRIMETS legal metrology school to be held in 2013, and to establish a work program to accompany the OIML/BIPM/UNIDO Memorandum of Understanding.

5.3 DCMAS Network

The CIML President and the BIML attended the 11th annual meeting of the Network on Metrology, Accreditation and Standardization for Developing Countries, held in Geneva in April 2012. The annual meeting of this Network is an opportunity for its member organizations to update each other on regional events of potential interest other members and to discuss projects for future cooperation. Of particular interest at this meeting was a UNECE project on “education on standardization issues”. This year, for the first time, the full meeting was preceded by a planning webinar in January 2012.