

REPORT

Presidential Council Meeting

BIML, 2001.02.19–20

The Presidential Council, the composition of which was significantly modified following the 35th CIML Meeting in October 2000, met at the BIML on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 February 2001.

Introduction

Mr. Faber welcomed the participants and reminded them of the role of the Presidential Council in preparing OIML long-term policy and financial and technical matters, with a view to their approval by the CIML or OIML Conference. He indicated that he had given specific responsibilities to the two Vice-Presidents: developing countries and certification to M. Kochsiek and technical work to L. Issaev. He pointed out the increasing role of regional legal metrology organizations and underlined the fact that practically all regions were now represented at the Presidential Council.

He then asked the BIML Director to rapidly review the decisions made in October 2000 by the Conference

Participation

G. Faber	CIML President
M. Kochsiek	CIML First Vice-President
L. Issaev	CIML Second Vice-President
G.E.M. Annabi (Mrs)	Chairperson, Development Council
B. Beard	Council Member
C. Ehrlich	Council Member
H. Imai	Council Member
A. Johnston	Council Member

Messrs. Li Zhonghai, Liu Xinmin, and Han Jianping represented Mr. Li Chuanqing, Council Member.

BIML staff

B. Athané	Director
J.F. Magaña	Appointed Director
A. Szilvássy	Assistant Director
I. Dunmill	Assistant Director
C. Pulham	Editor
E. Weber	Engineer

Agenda

- 1 Opening by President Faber - Attendance list - Adoption of the agenda
- 2 Review of the decisions of the Eleventh Conference/ 35th CIML Meeting and their implementation
- 3 The financial situation of the Organization - Membership - The situation of certain Members
- 4 Staff of the Bureau
- 5 Review of the Action Plan: implementation and possible amendments/extension
- 6 Review of technical activities (including certification activities under the responsibility of TC 3/SC 5 and horizontal matters: uncertainty, calibration/ verification, etc.
- 7 MAA on type evaluation test results
 - 7.1 Examination of comments received from certain CIML Members
 - 7.2 Review of the analysis made by J.F. Magaña
 - 7.3 Views expressed by Council Members
 - 7.4 Conclusions
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- 9 Meter Convention/ILAC/OIML joint meeting - Examination of the proposed agenda - Views of Council Members concerning the items to be discussed
- 10 Preparations for the 36th CIML Meeting
- 11 Other matters
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and the CIML in order to make sure that all the relevant decisions would be duly considered during this Presidential Council meeting.

The financial situation of the Organization was examined and found to be satisfactory - as was the membership which is increasing, the OIML comprising a total of 109 Members (57 Member States and 52 Corresponding Members) at the time of the meeting. The situation of certain Members which are very late in the payment of their contributions or subscriptions was examined and instructions were given to the BIML Director to try to solve the problem. The composition of the staff of the Bureau was also rapidly examined.



Presidential Council Members. *Left to right:*

Li Zhonghai, B. Athané, A. Johnston, C. Ehrlich, G. Faber, M. Kochsiek, G.E.M. Annabi (Mrs),
L. Issaev, J.F. Magaña, H. Imai, B. Beard

Action Plan

The 1999–2002 Action Plan which had been developed by the Presidential Council, approved by the CIML and endorsed by the Conference was reviewed point by point. It was found that certain deadlines should be changed owing to specific problems in the achievement of related actions. Working groups responsible for certain other actions were also reestablished in order to take into consideration changes at CIML/BIML levels. A number of new or extended actions were also identified and the BIML Director was requested to prepare a draft action plan covering also the years 2003–2004 and to submit it to the Presidential Council before its possible approval by the CIML.

Technical activities

Mr. Szilvássy summarized the technical activity of OIML TCs and SCs during 2000 and plans for 2001. It resulted from the annual reports that this technical activity was slightly greater than over the two last years. Certification activities were developing satisfactorily. Horizontal activities, of interest to all TCs/SCs, were also examined in fields connected with e.g. uncertainty, software, calibration versus verification, etc.

MAA on type evaluation test results

Mr. Ehrlich summarized the result of the postal consultation of TC 3/SC 5 P-members concerning the

7th Committee Draft on an OIML Mutual Acceptance Arrangement. Participants were also informed of the results of the inquiry carried out by the BIML amongst all CIML Members in order to know their views concerning the feasibility of an OIML MAA and their intent to sign it and to actually participate in such an arrangement. Mr. Magaña also presented his views concerning various possibilities of using OIML certificates and/or associated test reports to issue national type approvals. After a long discussion it appeared that only accreditation or peer assessment should be used to prove competence of test laboratories and bodies which issue OIML certificates. Self declaration of capabilities of laboratories should be a component of accreditation or peer assessment but could not be considered as sufficient by itself. TC 3/SC 5 was requested to pursue its activity on this basis and the urgent need for an OIML MAA was underlined.

IQ mark

Mr. Ehrlich summarized the results of the postal consultations amongst P-members of TC 6 and all CIML Members concerning (i) the current draft revision of R 87 - which includes as an annex a proposal to establish an international mark (IQ-mark) which would certify that prepackages have been filled and checked following the relevant OIML requirements and (ii) the general feasibility of such a mark, in particular its compatibility with the existing e-mark. It was found that TC 6 should continue its work on both the revision of R 87 and the establishment of an IQ-

mark - however the two topics should be separated, the IQ-mark being the subject of an individual work project. It was also concluded that if for the time being an IQ-mark could coexist or supersede the current e-mark, the situation might change within some years following a reexamination of this e-mark by the European Commission.

Meter Convention/ILAC/OIML joint meeting

The Presidential Council examined the proposed agenda for this joint meeting (BIML, 21 February 2001) and Council members presented President Faber their views concerning the items to be discussed.

Preparations for the 36th CIML Meeting

Mr. Issaev gave information concerning the current state of preparations for this Meeting and the proposed agenda. In addition to the CIML Meeting on Tuesday 25–Thursday 27 September, a Development Council Meeting will take place on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 morning.

Long-term evolution of metrology and market surveillance

Mr. Magaña developed his views concerning the organization - if possible in February 2002 - of a workshop intending to evaluate the possible developments of legal metrology during the next fifteen years. This workshop should closely associate experts from national legal metrology services, representatives of regional legal metrology organizations, manufacturers and users of measuring instruments, consumer associations, etc. One important topic would be market surveillance since there may be a need for metrology to

focus less on type evaluation and more on verification and supervision of measuring instruments in use.

Inter-relations between the OIML and European bodies

This matter was examined in depth. Obviously it is necessary to make sure that the future European Directive on measuring instruments will be such that European countries may continue to fulfill their obligations as OIML Members and WTO members (OIML Recommendations being considered as international standards in the framework of the WTO/TBT Committee activities). It is also appropriate to ensure good technical relations between the OIML and CEN/CENELEC which may be considered as regional legal metrology standardizing bodies owing to the possibility for the European Commission to mandate them with a view to developing European standards giving presumption of conformity to the metrological requirements in the MID. However this cooperation between the OIML and European bodies shall not be detrimental to the cooperation with other regions and shall not create additional burden or costs to be born by the OIML Member States as a whole. In this connection, the development of “normative documents” based on existing OIML Recommendations to give presumption of conformity to the MID requirements should not be the responsibility of the BIML.

Conclusion

In line with CIML policy, information concerning this Presidential Council is hereby communicated to all CIML Members via the OIML Bulletin. In addition a report will be delivered by President Faber at the next CIML Meeting which will be preceded on Sunday 23 September by a brief Presidential Council Meeting. ■



During the Presidential Council meeting, Lev Issaev congratulated Manfred Kochsiek on his 60th birthday