



## Milestones in Metrology

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Dear Relations of NMI,

*Because of major changes expected in the near future, I strongly believe that a meeting between manufacturers, metrology institutes and regulators is necessary and beneficial for all of us. NMI is organizing such a meeting by means of a congress in the historical city Maastricht, the Netherlands.*

*One of the major topics will be the introduction of the Measuring Instruments Directive (MID) in Europe, which is expected shortly. Questions like, how to meet the requirements of this Directive? How will self-verification change? Which new opportunities for test laboratories and manufacturers will appear? will be dealt with. In addition, speakers from other countries or regions are also invited to present new developments. The intention is to present a global view.*

*This unique congress, with the name 'Milestones in Metrology' is not to be missed. From March 30 through April 2, 2003 participants from all over the world will receive the latest information on global, regional or national developments. Together we will build a clear picture of the near future. It will be very efficient for everybody to update the international vision on metrology, international market access and market surveillance in only two and half days. All this knowledge will be brought to you by interactive presentations, discussions and workshops. During the workshops small groups will discuss cases with experts from all over the world.*

*Besides the attractive scientific Programme, in the evening Maastricht gives you an excellent opportunity to recover from the daytime activities, visiting the numerous marvelous restaurants and sightseeing the oldest roman town of the Netherlands.*

*I look forward to meeting you at Milestones in Metrology!*

Congress Language

The official conference language is English.

Congress Venue: Maastricht Exhibition and Congress Centre

Maastricht Exhibition and Congress Centre (MECC) near the city centre and close to the hospital and University facilities. Hotels will be available within a short walking distance from the MECC. If you would like further information, please fill in the registration form (see web site).

Maastricht, Congress Site

Situated close to the borders of Belgium and Germany, the Roman city of Maastricht has a cosmopolitan atmosphere. It is the capital of the province 'Limburg' in the southernmost part of the Netherlands. To visit Maastricht is like travelling through time. Walk on Roman cobble stones from 150 BC and visit the halls where the Maastricht Treaty was signed in 1992. Enjoy Maastricht's skyline of church spires and towers and its tree-lined squares. But also be sure not to miss 'In den Ouden Vogelstruys', the Netherlands' oldest pub. We guarantee that Maastricht and its people will delight and charm you.

Accommodation

Maastricht's lodging facilities are varied and of outstanding quality. Best of all, almost all of the hotels are situated in the city centre. The Organizing Secretariat has reserved rooms in various hotel categories. Hotel rooms are guaranteed until January 30, 2003. ■

<http://www.conferenceagency.com/milestonesinmetrology/homepage.htm>

## Programme

March 30, 2003 - Arrival

- Arrival of the congress participants during the afternoon / early evening
- Welcome gathering

March 31 - April 2, 2003 - Introduction to the MID

- Role of the OIML
- Role of WELMEC
- Role of Notified Bodies
- Role of Manufacturer
- How to comply with the MID?
- Transition Period
- Normative documents / harmonised standards
- Test procedures

Global Market Access

- OIML Mutual Acceptance Arrangements (MAA's)
- Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA's) worldwide
- Regional Legal requirements

Market Surveillance

- Self-verification under the MID

Metrology College

- Available Training