

## OIML-CS

# Eighth meeting of the OIML-CS Management Committee

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### Introduction

The Eighth OIML-CS Management Committee Meeting was held at METAS, Bern-Wabern, Switzerland on 16–17 March 2023. This was the first time that the Management Committee had met in-person since March 2019, and it provided an excellent opportunity for Management Committee members to reacquaint themselves and to also meet new members in-person for the first time.

### Review Committee and Maintenance Group meetings

As in recent years, online meetings of the Review Committee and Maintenance Group were held on 3 February and 15 February respectively. However, in association with the Management Committee meeting, ‘informal’ meetings of the Review Committee and Maintenance Group were held at METAS on 15 March. In addition, meetings of the Assessment Requirements Working Group and the Promotion and Awareness Raising Working Group were also held on 15 March. Having in-person meetings of these groups led to very productive discussions and complemented the online Review Committee and Maintenance Group meetings held the previous month. These ‘informal’ meetings enabled all interested participants to attend as the meetings were not limited to the nominated participants in the Working Groups.

### Management Committee meeting

The Management Committee meeting was chaired by the Management Committee Chairperson, Mr Mannie Panesar, with 19 of the 22 Management Committee members from OIML Member States either present or represented. In addition, there were representatives from the following liaison organisations: GULFMET, CECIP, and ILAC/IAF.

At the meeting the Management Committee agreed to make a recommendation to the CIML to reappoint Mr Mannie Panesar as Management Committee Chairperson for a second three-year term. Mr Bill Loizides, the current Management Committee Deputy Chairperson, will complete his second three-year term at the end of 2023 so, in accordance with the rules of the OIML-CS, the Management Committee also agreed to undertake a process to select a candidate for appointment as Management Committee Deputy Chairperson. The Management Committee took the opportunity to thank Mr Loizides for his efforts and hard work supporting the OIML-CS as the Management Committee Deputy Chairperson, most notably when he deputised as Management Committee Chairperson in 2020.

Some of the other key items that were discussed and considered during the meeting were:

- feedback and experiences of participants in the OIML-CS;
- updates from the Review Committee, Maintenance Group and various Working Groups;
- high priority publications and periodic reviews, including a decision to include OIML R 111:2004 *Weights of classes  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ ,  $M_1$ ,  $M_{1-2}$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $M_{2-3}$  and  $M_3$*  in the OIML-CS;
- applicability of the COVID contingencies that were put in place in 2020 to ensure the continued effective operation of the OIML-CS throughout the pandemic;
- establishment of a Working Group to consider modular approvals;
- use of the OIML-CS logo on test reports; and
- working with the OIML Digitalisation Task Group to consider what implications digitalisation has for the OIML-CS.

### Development and future growth of the OIML-CS

As part of the Management Committee meeting a Workshop was held where the participants were split into groups to discuss and develop ideas regarding the topic of “Development and future growth of the OIML-CS”. To stimulate the discussions and ideas, a guest speaker from the State Secretary of Economic Affairs in Switzerland gave a presentation on the importance and benefits of harmonised standards and the reduction of technical barriers to trade. The groups provided feedback on their discussions to the plenary, with a summary of the feedback collated for further consideration by the Management Committee. In addition, this feedback was used to support discussions regarding the development and future growth of the OIML-CS at a Presidential Council strategy meeting on 21 March 2023.



Participants in the Eighth OIML-CS Management Committee Meeting, pictured at METAS, Bern-Wabern, Switzerland  
*Photo courtesy of METAS*

### Recommendations to the 58th CIML Meeting

The Management Committee will be recommending that the CIML re-appoint Mr Mannie Panesar as Management Committee Chairperson for a second three-year term with effect from 1 January 2024. On completion of the selection process mentioned above, the Management Committee will also be recommending that the CIML appoint the successful candidate for the position of Management Committee Deputy Chairperson for a three-year period with effect from 1 January 2024.

In addition, the Management Committee will recommend that OIML R 111:2004 *Weights of classes*  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ ,  $M_1$ ,  $M_{1-2}$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $M_{2-3}$  and  $M_3$  should be included in the OIML-CS, initially in Scheme B with a transition to Scheme A after two years.

### Looking forward

Although online meetings have proved to be a useful and effective tool in supporting the work of the Management Committee during the pandemic, significant benefits were achieved through meeting in-person. Due to this, and because of the number and importance of the items that are expected to be on the agenda at the next Management Committee meeting, the Management Committee has agreed that the Ninth Management Committee Meeting will be held as an in-person meeting in New Delhi, India in 2024. However, this decision does not preclude the possibility of the Management Committee holding online meetings in the future. ■



*Photo courtesy of Mannie Panesar*