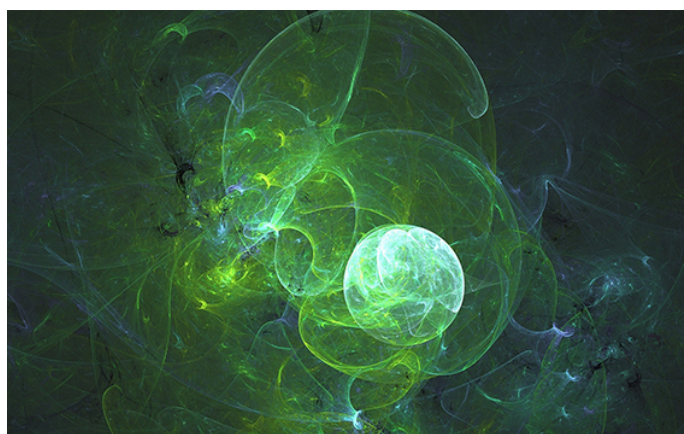


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The Fifty-ninth meeting of the Comité International de Métrologie Légale (CIML) was held online from 22 to 24 October 2024. The quorum of 48 Member States present or represented was exceeded; in addition, there were representatives from OIML Corresponding Members and Organisation in Liaison.

The CIML President, Dr Bobjoseph Mathew, reported on the key activities, membership changes, and strategic events that had taken place during the year. Following a secret ballot, Mrs Renée Hansson (CIML Member for Sweden) was elected as CIML First Vice-President for a six-year term starting with immediate effect. This is a historic election as she is the first female CIML First Vice-President.

The BIML Director, Mr Anthony Donnellan, reported on the activities and achievements of the BIML and its staff. For the 59th CIML Meeting, Mr Donnellan's report focussed on the extensive and critical role that the Bureau International de Métrologie Légale (BIML) performs to raise awareness of, and to promote, international legal metrology. Mr Donnellan emphasised that the future direction of the Organisation would be very much oriented towards digitalisation.

Concerning Membership of the Organisation, one new Corresponding Member (Djibouti) and two returning Members (Burkina Faso and Zimbabwe) had joined the OIML over the past year.

The 2023 financial accounts were presented and were approved by the CIML. Mr Donnellan reported that the Organisation continues to be in a good financial position, although late payments still present an underlying risk to the OIML. He stated that expenses remain generally within expectations, and the OIML Operating Reserve was again not accessed during this period. The CIML thanked Mrs Renée Hansson and Dr Charles Ehrlich for conducting the 2024 internal financial audit.

The following publications were approved by the Committee:

- Revision of OIML R 49:2013 *Water meters for cold potable water and hot water*; the CIML also welcomed the close cooperation with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) to ensure full harmonisation between OIML R 49 and the corresponding ISO standard ISO 4064;
- Reconfirmation of OIML R 50:2014 *Continuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments (belt weighers)*;
- Reconfirmation of OIML R 99:2008 *Instruments for measuring vehicle exhaust emissions*;
- Reconfirmation of OIML R 106:2011 *Automatic rail-weighbridges*; and
- Reconfirmation of OIML R 107:2007 *Discontinuous totalizing automatic weighing instruments (totalizing hopper weighers)*.

The BIML gave a report on the progress of the technical work of the Organisation, and lists of high-priority projects and publications were approved by the Committee.

Mr Chris Pulham, BIML Editor/Webmaster, summarised the themes of recent and future OIML Bulletins, and invited Members to continue to submit topics and articles for future editions. He highlighted the success of the "Mentor" concept and thanked the Mentors of recent editions for their work, expressing the hope that the mentorship concept would continue long into the future. Lastly, he

commented that the October 2024 edition would be his last, as he was retiring after over 28 years at the BIML at the end of 2024.

The OIML Certification System (OIML-CS) Management Committee (MC) Acting Chairperson, Mr Marc Schmidt, reported on the activities of the OIML-CS, including the Ninth MC meeting held in New Delhi, India in March 2024. He welcomed the newest OIML Issuing Authority to join the OIML-CS, LNE-GMED UK Limited. Mr Schmidt also spoke about the desire for increased participation in the activities of the MC, exploring the possibilities of including Conformity to Type in the OIML-CS, and IAF 'endorsement' of the OIML-CS for the purposes of accreditation of OIML Issuing Authorities. The CIML appointed Mr Schmidt (the Netherlands) as the MC Chairperson, and Ms Katharina Gierschke (Germany) was appointed as the MC Deputy Chairperson. Both of these appointments are effective from 1 January 2025 for a period of three years.

Mr Jaco Marneweck, Chairperson of the Advisory Group on matters of Countries and Economies with Emerging Metrology Systems (CEEMS AG), gave an update on the activities of the CEEMS AG. The CIML appointed Mr Ashutosh Agarwal (CIML Member for India) as CEEMS AG Vice-Chairperson for a three-year term with immediate effect.

The Chairperson of the OIML Digitalisation Task Group (DTG), Dr Sascha Eichstädt, reported on the activities of the DTG over the past year and the CIML approved the DTG Roadmap. The DTG Chairperson also reported on the work of the DTG Subcommittees "Smart OIML Documents" and "e-Learning", and the CIML approved the general concept for an initial course on fundamental principles of digitalisation.

A summary of the detailed discussions held during the Regional Legal Metrology Organisations Round Table (RLMO RT) Annual Meeting held on 30 September 2024 was presented by the RLMO RT Chairperson, Dr Charles Ehrlich. Seven Organisations in Liaison submitted written reports on their activities, and two (CECIP and ILAC) gave oral presentations during the meeting. The BIML also gave a report on its numerous interactions with and participation in the activities of organisations in liaison.

OIML medals were awarded to Dr Charles Ehrlich and Mr Chris Pulham for their contributions to the work of the OIML; both Dr Ehrlich and Mr Pulham will be retiring in the coming months. Letters of Appreciation were presented to Mrs Helga Grohne; the Government of Kazakhstan; Ms Shirin Mammadova; Dr Toshiyuki Takatsuji; and Mr Ian Dunmill for their contributions to the work of the OIML.

The 17th International Conference and 60th CIML Meeting will be held in Saudi Arabia in October 2025.

The 59th CIML Meeting Resolutions, documents, and presentations are available on the OIML website at <https://www.oiml.org/en/structure/ciml/sites>.