



Report on the activities of the BIML

The objectives of the Bureau are:

- To support Member States and the Regions in developing legal metrology,
- To circulate information among Members,
- To support the OIML Technical Committees,
- To help develop mutual confidence among Members.

Support to Member States and Regions

This includes:

- Participating in meetings, seminars and conferences for raising awareness in metrology
 - Participation as Observer in the WTO TBT Committee meetings,
 - Participation in all RLMOs Meetings (except when the CIML President attends them),
 - Participation in legal metrology seminars and workshops in Uagadugu (Burkina Faso), Valette (Malta), Boao (China),
 - Participation in Liaisons meetings: ISO-CASCO, ILAC, etc.
- Supporting the organization of - and participating in - technical seminars, congresses, etc. dealing with legal metrology issues
 - Participation in NCSLI in Salt Lake City (legal metrology session organized),
 - Organizing Committee of the 2005 Metrology Congress (Lyon, France, June 2005), organization of two legal metrology sessions.
- Distributing information about the stakes of metrology and legal metrology
 - World health day 2004, Paris,
 - Participation in the report on metrology of the French Academy of Technologies.
- Providing information and advice to regulators and decision-makers about the state of the art in legal metrology and about the benefits of using OIML publications
 - Contacts with CEN for correct use of OIML Recommendations in the implementation of MID.
- Developing and publishing documents, papers and reports on good practices in legal metrology
 - D 1 "Elements for a law on metrology",
 - Expert Reports: report by Dr. Gupta on verification procedures for weights, report by Mr. Duran on statistical basis of prepackages control.

- Producing publications
 - 18 new or revised publications edited and printed since the 38th Committee Meeting.
- Support to the development of legal metrology in Developing Countries
 - Participation in the JCDCMAS,
 - Legal Metrology workshop in Uagadugu (PTB programme),
 - Participation in ISO DEVCO meeting,
 - Co-organization with PTB, of the Forum "Metrology - Trade facilitator".

Circulation of information

- Information Letter (4 issues since the beginning of 2004),
- More announcements on the "News" and "Members" pages on the OIML web site,
- Searchable databases on the OIML web site: Members, TC/SC data, OIML Issuing Authorities,
- OIML Bulletin.

Support to the Technical Committees

The Bureau also played a role in supporting Technical Committees and in monitoring the efficiency and speed of their work.

- Participation in 4 TC/SC meetings, assistance for collecting votes,
- Editorial support for some Secretariats,
- Support to ensure consistency of more than 27 ongoing projects (new or revised Recommendations) with other OIML publications,
- Support to Secretariats for preparing Draft Publications after the Technical Committee / Subcommittee stage,
- Organizing and processing postal ballots,
- Translation into French.

Developing mutual confidence

- Follow-up of the operation of the OIML Certificate System, registration of 170 Certificates,
- Preparation of the implementation of the MAA
 - Working group on the implementation of the MAA,
 - Preparation of the MAA Workshop.

Modernization of the management of the Bureau

In addition to the above actions which directly concern Members, the Bureau has continued to modernize its internal management, implementing the new Staff Regulations, drawing up new financial regulations, and preparing the shift to a new accountancy system.

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