



Agenda item 7.1

Report by the BIML on activities with organizations in liaison



OIML-IECEX Joint Working Group (JWG)

Resolution no. 2018/13

(agenda item 9.3.1)

The Committee,

Noting the proposal from the IECEX Management Committee,

Decides to establish a Joint Working Group with the IECEX to explore synergies and opportunities for cooperation,

Requests Dr. Roman Schwartz and Mr. Paul Dixon to represent the OIML on the Joint Working Group, and

Requests the OIML representatives to report to the CIML on the activities of the Joint Working Group at the 54th CIML Meeting in 2019.



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- Updated OIML-IEC MoU signed at the 53rd CIML Meeting in Hamburg
- Telephone meetings (November 2018 and February 2019) – establish JWG and initial ideas/proposals for activities
- First JWG meeting – 25 September 2019
- JWG Terms of Reference updated to reference MoU (“framework” for JWG)
- Current representation:
 - Roman Schwartz (JWG convener)
 - Paul Dixon
 - IECEX Executive Group – 12 representatives!
- Balancing of representation
 - OIML-CS MC Chairperson + one PC Member
 - IECEX to review (reduce) their representation



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- Update provided on activities and future developments of the respective OIML and IECEx certification systems
- Areas for collaboration explored, with ideas for short-term and medium- to long-term opportunities discussed:
 - procedures for the assessment and monitoring of certification bodies
 - processes for the acceptance of Manufacturer Test facilities
 - possible use of the IECEx On-Line certificate system
- Other areas to consider from an OIML perspective:
 - intercomparisons/proficiency testing
 - monitoring of experts participating in accreditations and peer assessments
 - possible extension of the OIML-CS towards a full conformity assessment system



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- JWG activities and outcomes to be fed into a higher level OIML - IEC Joint Work Program
- Initial project to be established to consider mechanisms to assist manufactures requiring both IECEx and OIML-CS certifications:
 - Start a project in 2020
 - Invite interested manufacturers / associations (e.g. CECIP and CECOD)
 - Invite interested certification bodies, e.g. PTB and RISE (Sweden)
 - IECEx to provide a spreadsheet (or link) with company names of IECEx certificate holders
 - OIML to provide a list of OIML-CS certificate holders
 - Review lists to identify common manufacturers across both systems
 - Invitation for a meeting at the PTB (early 2020)



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- Other actions:
 - Standing invitations to be provided for participation in the respective meetings of each organisation
 - OIML to review the IECEx online certificate system - possible use of the system to add attachments to certificates
 - The OIML to review the IECEx approach to determining competence through accreditation and peer assessments
 - Invitation to IECEx for representative(s) to participate in OIML-CS MC Working Group on "assessment requirements"
- Next meeting - to be determined



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Quality Infrastructure

- The OIML remains committed to working with other international organisations in the International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI)
 - Hosts the website for the INetQI (inetqi.net)
 - Overhauled and completed information on website
 - Maintaining predecessor dcmass.net website for continuity
 - Attended meeting in June 2019 which established new terms of reference
 - Next meeting in December 2019



UNIDO and Quality Infrastructure

- BIML invited to participate in UNIDO-organised 1st International Quality Infrastructure Forum in April 2019
 - Focussed on QI's contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals
- BIML invited to participate in UNIDO/Swiss side event to the WTO Aid for Trade Global review 2019 *Adding Value: Quality Infrastructure for Sustainable Development*
 - Focussed on how metrology, as part of a QI, affects everyone's lives and can be used to protect consumers in trade, health and safety.



WTO and Quality Infrastructure

- Previously mentioned event as part of larger WTO event
- November 2019 “Metrology 101” training with BIPM
 - role metrology in QI for facilitating trade,
 - typical challenges facing developing countries,
 - strategies for overcoming these challenges.



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