



Dear WELMEC colleagues,

Information is key to a smooth operation of any organisation and this newsletter is an initiative to facilitate the distribution of information within WELMEC.

It is planned to publish a WELMEC newsletter on regular basis. It will be distributed among the Committee Members and the Associate Members, the Convenors and Deputy Convenors of the Working Groups and all Working Group members.

The newsletter shall contain recent information on WELMEC matters and keep all actors within WELMEC up-to-date on relevant developments.

### **Many thanks**

At the last Committee meeting several persons stepped down from a special position within WELMEC. Howard Burnett, Ann Nilsson Frödeen, Rainer Kramer, Corinne Lagauterie, Pia Larsen as convenors, Richard Sanders from the chairperson's group and of course Anneke van Spronsen as Chair.

With the excellent work of Working groups, coordinated and supported by convenors, committee members and the chairperson's group, WELMEC strengthened its reputation as the trusted source of information in legal metrology, (as stated in our strategy). I would like all of them for their contribution, especially Anneke, who worked very hard over the last 6 years for WELMEC.

### **Urgent call to our Members**

As the Committee Meeting 2017 has shown, these are special times for WELMEC. The organisation faces some challenges that have to be taken seriously if WELMEC should continue to exist.

First, there is of course the question of a closer collaboration with EURAMET. I presented my vision on the topic at the meeting: the metrological communities of Europe should speak with one single voice. The form of cooperation has still to be defined but I strongly believe that both, EURAMET and WELMEC, will benefit from a rapprochement.

Second, there is the need for members ready to take on some responsibilities. We are indeed desperately looking for Convenors for Working Groups 6 and 11. I can only emphasise once more that WELMEC is built on the basis that the workload is spread among all members. Chairing a Working group is a great opportunity to contribute to the common effort from which we benefit all in the end. I thank the Members who bear already a part of the burden and urge all others, members of the Working groups as well as the Committee members, to consider once more the possibility to take on such a position.

### **Resolutions from the Committee meeting**

The resolutions of the Committee meeting 2017 in Madrid are available in the private area on the web page of WELMEC. Amended documents will be available soon on the same location:

[www.welmec.org/index.php?id=398](http://www.welmec.org/index.php?id=398).

I take the opportunity to thank our secretariat – Henk Bartels and Lex Rooijers – for their services throughout the Chairpersonship of Anneke. As pointed out by them during the Committee meeting, they will not be able to provide the secretariat beyond the end of this year. Discussions with EURAMET to share a common secretariat have already started. I will keep you informed on the progress in this matter.

### **Committee meeting 2018**

At the Committee Meeting in Madrid Bosnia-Herzegovina offered to host the next meeting. WELMEC is very grateful for this offer.

We have fixed the date of the event with the local organizers. The Committee meeting will take place from 25th to 27th April 2018. As for the last years we are planning to hold a Convenor meeting the day before the Committee (i.e. on Tuesday 24th April)

### **Next newsletter**

The next newsletter is scheduled for September. Any news you would like to include in the next newsletter should be submitted to the Chairperson by 18<sup>th</sup> August at the latest.

With my best wishes,

**Gregor Dudle**

WELMEC Chairperson