



Dear WELMEC colleagues,

I would like to start the first Newsletter of 2018 with my best wishes for you and for your families; many happy hours and good success in both, your professional and your private life.

I have received several positive feedbacks on the first newsletters. Thank you for that. This is an encouragement to carry on with this initiative. Comments on the Newsletter in particular or on how to improve the communication in general are always welcome.

#### **EA Laboratory Committee meeting**

The Laboratory Committee of the European Accreditation met at the end of September in Berlin. EA has started implementation of their new 2025 strategy. Core values and the "One voice" principle will be discussed and implemented through the organization.

The newly revised ISO/IEC 17025 was presented and discussed in a half day seminar during the meeting. New 17025 is somewhat more generic than the second edition i.e. 2005 version. Also, the structure has been readjusted to follow the order of ISO 9001 standard. Traceability and conformity assessment principles have been improved to cover also legal metrology practices. When a statement of conformity is provided, the laboratory decides and documents the decision rule employed, considering the level of risk.

#### **Measuring Instrument Committee November 2017**

The Measuring Instrument Committee (MIC) of the European Commission met on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Brussels. A total of 10 WELMEC guides were on the table for consideration by the MIC and for reference on the europa.eu website. All guides have been accepted for reference, namely:

- **6.13:** Guide on Compliance of Imported E-marked Prepackages
- **8.3:** Application of module B: EU-type examination Under directive 2014/32/EU (MID) or directive 2014/31/EU (NAWID)
- **8.4:** Application of module D Quality assurance Under directive 2014/32/EU (MID) or directive 2014/31/EU (NAWID)
- **8.5:** Measuring Instruments Directive 2014/32/EU Assessment of Notified Bodies in Charge of Type Examination Presumption of Conformity based on EN 17065
- **8.8:** Guide on the General and Administrative Aspects of the Voluntary System of Modular Evaluation of Measuring instruments
- **8.9:** Measuring Instruments Directive (2014/32/EU): Common Application – Capacity Serving Measures (CSM)
- **11.1:** Guide for Measuring Instruments Directive 2014/32/EU, Common Application for utility meters
- **11.6:** Modular evaluation of Gas meters and Volume Conversion Devices

- **11.7:** Modular evaluation of Active electrical energy meters
- **12.1:** Taximeters common application - Directive 2014/32/EU, annexes I & IX (MI-007)

By referencing these guides, the European Commission recognises the importance of the work of WELMEC. I would like to express my thanks to all Working Groups and drafting teams which prepared these guides.

### **Chair of the Measuring Instrument Committee changed**

At the end of 2017 Daniel Hanekuyk, who has acted as Chair of the Measuring Instrument Committee at the European Commission in Brussels for many years, retired from his position.

Daniel was the most important contact of WELMEC within the European Commission. He participated actively in the WELMEC Committee meeting and made sure that the guides, prepared by WELMEC, could be referenced on the Europe website. His contributions at the WELMEC Committee meetings and the exchanges between him and the WELMEC Chair will certainly be missed. On the occasion of his retirement, WELMEC has sent a letter, addressing him the best wishes for the new part of his life.

With the new year, Zsuzsanna Dakai took over the responsibilities from Daniel. WELMEC would like to express its warmest welcome to Ms Dàkai and we are looking forward to continuing the fruitful collaboration with the European Commission in the field of Legal Metrology.

### **Contact with EURAMET**

As reported in the last Newsletters, the contact with EURAMET for discussions on future collaborations has been established. A task group was created with the aim to draft a roadmap of the steps ahead. The task group is composed of three members of WELMEC (G. Dudle,

U. Fuchs and C. Lagauterie) and three members from EURAMET. The group met on the 29<sup>th</sup> November in Zürich (CH) and discussed the future steps of possible collaborations between the two organisations. The plan is to prepare a common document in which the possible scenarios of future collaborations are presented. The document shall contain open questions, sketches on how to implement the scenarios, as well as pitfalls for the scenarios. The paper will be presented to both, the WELMEC Committee meeting 2018 and the EURAMET General Assembly 2018 (both take place at a short interval in spring). Even though no formal decision will be taken in 2018, the discussion on this topic will be an important agenda point at our Committee Meeting and I invite all Committee members to consider these matters seriously. After the Committee Meeting the scenarios will be worked out in more details and again presented to the assemblies in 2019 where eventually formal decisions on the future steps might be taken.

### **First meeting of WG 13**

At the last Committee Meeting it was decided to split the current Working Group 11 into two: a new WG13 was established for water and heat meters, while electricity and gas meters will continue to form WG11. Ms Miroslava Benkova is acting as as Convenor of the new WG13 (to be confirmed by the Committee Meeting this year). WG13 will hold its first meeting on th 6<sup>th</sup> of March in Ludwigshafen (DE).

With my best wishes,

**Gregor Dudle**

WELMEC Chairperson