



Dear reader,

With this newsletter I would like to inform you about the latest developments within WELMEC.

### **Legal entity**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 the WELMEC Committee met in Brussels for an Extraordinary Committee Meeting. The aim of the meeting was to discuss and decide on the establishment of WELMEC as a legal entity.

Indeed, the 34<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting in April 2018 had charged a project group, composed of Ulrike Fuchs (Vice Chairperson of WELMEC), Mairead Buckley (IE), Pavel Klenovsky (CZ), Pollyana Soares (PT), Wilfried de Waal (NL) and Gregor Dudle (Chair of WELMEC) to investigate different potential legal entity forms WELMEC could take. The group carried out this task over the summer and drafted a proposal that was submitted to all Committee Members early November.

The project group concluded that a Registered non-profit Association according to German Law (Gemeinnütziger eingetragener Verein nach deutschem Recht, e.V.) would be the most suitable legal form for WELMEC.

This proposal was presented and discussed in Brussels on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and it is my pleasure to report that the Committee approved it unanimously.

With this decision in hand, the necessary steps to transform WELMEC into a legal entity can now be taken.

First of all, the WELMEC e.V. Byelaws must be drafted. The plan is that this shall be completed by April 2019. The inauguration meeting of WELMEC e.V. shall then take place in October 2019. To accommodate current members who cannot join the newly established legal entity from the very beginning, the old WELMEC (based on the current MoU) and the new WELMEC e.V. will run in parallel between October 2019 and April 2020. The meeting in April 2020 will be at the same time the last Committee Meeting of WELMEC (MoU) and the General Assembly of the new WELMEC e.V.

I would like to recall that the establishment of WELMEC as a legal entity had become necessary to solve various issues such as the establishment of a bank account. Being established as a legal entity does not preclude any option of future collaboration with EURAMET. Investigations in this respect are still under way in a joint WELMEC – EURAMET task group.

### **European Commission Working Group on Measuring Instruments**

The European Commission had invited the EU Member States on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (i.e. the day following the Extraordinary WELMEC Committee Meeting) to a Working Group on Measuring Instruments (wgMI) meeting. This meeting showed, how important the work of WELMEC is.

First, the wgMI agreed to reference several WELMEC guides, which had been adopted at the WELMEC Committee Meeting in

April 2018. Namely, the following guides will be referenced on the website [europa.eu](http://europa.eu):

- Guide 7.2: Software Guide
- Guide 8.2: Application of Module H1
- Guide 8.5: Assessment of Notified Bodies in Charge of Type Examination Presumption of Conformity based on EN 17065
- Guide 8.6: Presumption of Conformity of the Quality System of Manufacturers with Module D or H 1 when EN ISO 9001:2015 is applied
- Guide 8.7: Assessment of Notified Bodies Designated for Module F based on EN ISO/IEC 17020
- Guide 8.10: Guide for Generating sampling Plans for Statistical Verification according to Annex F and F1 of MID
- Guide 11.6: Modular Evaluation of Gas Meters and Volume Conversion Devices
- Guide 11.8: External auxiliary power supply of electrical energy meters
- Guide 6.14: Information on units of weight or volume used on prepackages

Furthermore, the wgMI approved two corresponding tables:

- CT-004: MID - OIML R75:2002
- CT-010: MID – OIML R99-1 & 2:2008.

The third corresponding tables submitted by WELMEC (CT-001: MID – OIML R49) was withdrawn from the agenda during the wgMI meeting for further investigations by WELMEC.

### **Next WELMEC Committee Meetings (2019 and 2020)**

I would also like to recall that the next (ordinary) WELMEC Committee Meeting will take place in Brno (CZ) from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Many important items will be on the agenda at this meeting, not least the approval of the byelaws of the new legal entity WELMEC e.V. Furthermore, the Committee will also appoint the next WELMEC Chair, who will act as Chair-elect

between April 2019 and April 2020 and enter into office as Chair in April 2020. Further information on the event will be distributed early 2019.

The place for the 2020 Committee Meeting has not yet been determined. Should your institute be willing to host the event, please contact me and I will happily provide all necessary information.

As we are already almost at the end of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2018 was an exciting year for WELMEC and so will 2019 be. I look forward to working together with you.

Best wishes,

**Gregor Dudle**

WELMEC Chairperson