

“Plans for the 150th anniversary of the signature of the Metre Convention”

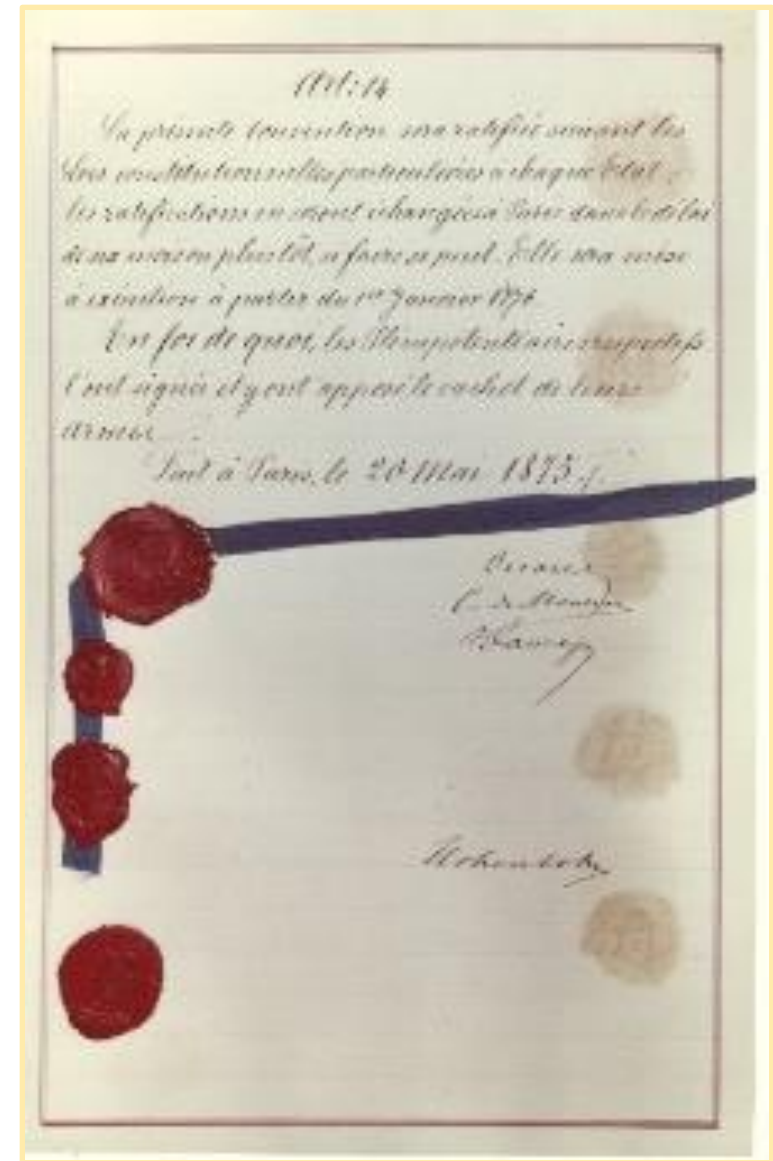
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20th May 1875

The Metre Convention was signed in Paris
by 17 nations on **20 May 1875**
“to assure the international
unification and perfection of the
metric system”



Objectives of the 150th anniversary events

- We are planning a number of events in Paris in the week of 20th May 2025.
- The aim of these events will be:
 1. To celebrate the achievements of 150 years of metrology by the BIPM since the signature of the Metre Convention.
 2. To present a new vision and strategy for the BIPM for 2030 and beyond developed by the CIPM.
 3. To promote metrology to the widest possible global audience.

Communication and liaison with International Organizations

Promoting metrology to external communities



World Metrology Day – 20th May 2023

- The theme related to the food production system
- Poster designed by the Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Industrial (INTI), Argentina (in association with SIM)
- *Translations* into 62 *local* poster versions
- Events listed in 66 countries



UNESCO recognition of WMD

- On 13 October 2022 the UNESCO Executive Board took a key step towards recognizing World Metrology Day as a UNESCO event.
- Proposal formally presented by Kazakhstan and supported by the BIPM and OIML.
- Written support from 43 UNESCO Member States.
- We strongly expect formal recognition in 2024 at the UNESCO General Conference.

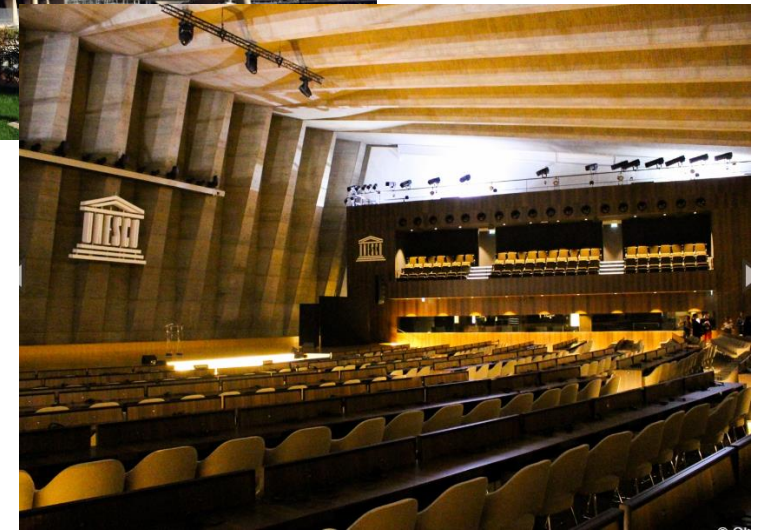
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At the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris

Three sessions

1. VVIP session introduced by the Secretary General of UNESCO, President of the Academy, Ambassadors, CIPM/OIML President
2. Focus on achievements of 150 years of the metric system
3. Where next for BIPM and the world of metrology?

Early evening reception.



21st and 22nd May 2025

Two-day conference in Versailles with working title:

“From units to the universe – future revolutions in metrology”

Three sessions devoted to the cross-cutting themes

- **Environment and climate**
- **Quantum technology**
- **Digital transformation**

Full-day session devoted to

- **“Metrology for future science”.**

All sessions to include keynotes from external stakeholders, panel discussions (CIPM and NMIs) and presentation of results of an open poster competition.

Save the dates..

Mon 19th May

to

Friday 23 May

2025

Paris.



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Thank you!