Report from the BIPM Director

Bureau ↓ International des ↓ Poids et ↓ Mesures

Dr Martin MILTON

01 – Major steps forward in liaison with IOs

World Metrology Day now a UNESCO initiative



General Conference – 42nd session onférence générale – 42^{ème} session



The UNESCO General Conference at its 42nd Session (November 2023) agreed to proclaim "World Metrology Day" on 20 May every year.

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Many thanks to the Permanent Delegation of Kazakhstan and 43 UNESCO Member States:

21 Member States (out of 64): Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

12 Associates of the CGPM (out of 36): Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mauritius, Moldova, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam

10 States that are not MS or AS: *Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Gabon, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Myanmar, Palau, Turkmenistan*

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"At UNESCO, the lead United Nations agency for science, metrology underpins all our work. From mapping the ocean floor to assessing the volume of glacier melt in the Andes and Central Asia two flagship initiatives by UNESCO - we depend on measurements as powerful tools to drive scientific discovery, technological innovation and sustainable development."

> In line with the principles of our Recommendation on Open Science, we are also committed to ensuring that the knowledge we produce through metrology is accessible to scientists around the world.

> The International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development, launched in 2024, is a crucial time to amplify these efforts. It aims to bring together policymakers, scientists and citizens to bridge gaps between scientific disciplines and develop solutions to the challenges facing our world.

As we celebrate this World Metrology Day, let us reflect on the metrology: from energy conservation to public health, from trade fac protection. Let us inspire the next generation, especially young wome as a career, a path that combines science, technology and crea challenges.

Together, let us measure our aspirations, calibrate our ambitions an a more equitable, informed and sustainable world.

Happy World Metrology Day!



Audrey Azoulay **UNESCO Director-General**

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What is metrology?

Metrology is the scientific study of measurement. It allows us to set common standards for units and measuring instruments. Metrology has a wide range of applications, including navigation, construction, product development, environmental monitoring, medicine and food processing.



What can go wrong when the wrong units of measure are used



In 1983, a passenger plane almost ran out of fuel in mid-flight because the crew were unfamiliar with the new metric measurements. Fortunately, the plane landed safely

In 1999, NASA's Mars **Climate Orbiter was lost** because one team had calculated its accelera ration in metres and mil and another team in inches



World Metrology Day - launch at UNESCO





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Le 14 mai 2024, le BIPM a célébré la Journée mondiale de la métrologie au siège de l'UNESCO à Paris, lors d'un événement organisé avec l'OIML.



World Metrology Day – participation in 2024

56 Posters from member/associates and 35 events



Posters from non-member/associates

Towards continuous UTC – mandated by the CGPM (2022)

† ₽ CGPM	Resolution 4 of the 27th CGPM (2022)
Resolution 4 (2022) V	
View	On the use and future development of UTC
	The General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM), at its 27th meeting,
	recognizing that the use of UTC as the unique reference time scale for all applications, including advanced digital networks and satellite systems, calls for its clear and unambiguous specification as a continuous time scale, with a well-understood traceability chain,
	decides that the maximum value for the difference (UT1-UTC) will be increased in, or before, 2035,
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Preparations for the World Radiocommunications Conf -2023

ITU publications



2nd ITU Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-23 Preparation

29 November - 1 December 2022 Geneva, Switzerland

www.itu.int/go/ITU-R/wrc-23-irwsp-22 #ITUWRC

Industry publications and lobbying

WORKING DRAFT - NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Industry Perspectives & Insights on Impacts of Leap Seconds Practice in UTC Time Scale

To Whom it may concern

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Companies and trade association members from IT, Timing and Electric Power industries articulate their insights into impacts of leap seconds practice in UTC time scale on their products and services, as well as their customers. From this collective experience, a shared preference emerges for a continuous UTC time scale without additional leap seconds.

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Many thanks for support from:

- NMIs in CCTF from 20 Member States covering all regions who followed up with their national ITU delegations in 2022 and 2023.
- Other international organization including URSI, ITU-T, IGS, and the ITU-R Director.
- Digital companies such as Google, Facebook, and timing equipment manufacturers.

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OCP-TAP Project lead

Resolution from the World Radiocommunications Conf -2023

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Resolution from the World Radiocommunications Conf -2023

ITU Publications International Telecommunication Union Radiocommunication Sector	
	resolves
RESOLUTION 655 (REV.WRC-23)	1 that, until the implementation of continuous UTC (see recognizing g)), UTC as described in Recommendation ITU-R TF.460-6 shall continue to apply;
Definition of time scale and dissemination of time signals via radiocommunication systems	2 that ITU-R cooperate further with BIPM, CIPM and CGPM in response to the consultation in <i>realizing</i> , to define a new maximum value for the difference between UT1 and UTC and on the implementation date for continuous UTC, possibly in 2035;
The World Radiocommunication Conference (Dubai, 2023),	3 that ITU-R conduct studies, as appropriate, related to actions consequential upon
<i>a)</i> that the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) is responsible for setting standards	limited to, a revision to Recommendation ITU-R TF.460-6;
for the content and structure of time signals to be disseminated via radiocommunication systems, including the standard frequency and time signal service (SFTS) and the standard frequency and time signal-satellite service (SFTSS);	4 to establish a transition period for implementation and allow for the possibility to disseminate the increased difference between UT1 and UTC via radiocommunication system until 2035, but no later than 2040, in cases where existing equipment cannot be replaced earlier;
b) that the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) is responsible for establishing and maintaining the second of the International System of Units (SI) and the reference time scale UTC with the SI second as its scale unit;	5 to maintain the name "UTC" as contained in Recommendation ITU-R TF.460-6 when it is revised,
c) that the definition of reference time scale and dissemination of time signals via radiocommunication systems are important for applications and equipment that require a time	instructs the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau
traceable to the reference time,	to report on the progress of this Resolution to WRC-27,
considering further	
 a) that ITU-R has a liaison with the Consultative Committee for Time and Frequency (CCTF) and participates in the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) as an observer; 	Next step
b) that BIPM is a Sector Member of ITU-R and participates in the relevant activities	A Resolution at the CGPM in 2026 to state
of HO-K,	the "new maximum value and the
ITUWRC	implementation date".
20 November - 15 December 2023 Dubai, United Arab Emirates	10



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- Set a foundation for collaboration with our liaison organizations (WMO, UNIDO etc) at future COP conferences.
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METROLOGY FOR **CLIMATE ACTION**



1st Stakeholders' Meeting of the CIPM SectorialTask Group for Climate Change and Environmentne United Nations

400 participants, 80 speakers, 71 posters

Review of recommendations from 2022 workshop - >50% addressed by the NMI community.

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regional/national/IO groups with NMI input

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	CCRI* (TG on14C?),
	CCPR-TG*?,
	CCM-Flow*?
International Organization	ISO TC 207/SC7/WG17*,
Groups/Projects	WMO-GAW*,
	WMO-G3W,
	TCCON,
	COCCON,
	NDACC,
	CEOS
Regional Projects/Groups	ICOS,
	ACTRIS,
	MEDUSA,
	ESA–FRM4GHG,
	MetCTG*
National Projects	UK GEMMA*,
	China Initiative*,
	US initiatives*,
	Korean Initiative*,
	German Initiative

*Indicates involvement of at least one National Metrology Institute

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Next steps ...

Focus on technical/scientific input to the IPCC ...

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

BIPM was granted IPCC observer status in 2024

- To support the work of the IPCC and its development of WG reports and the Seventh Assessment Report.
- To strengthen its links with the global network of measurement laboratories by encouraging experts to review draft IPCC reports and participate in IPCC processes as requested.

– Highlights in delivering the workprogramme

Overview of outputs 2020-2024





87/61 Participations in the TIME comparisons (*Circular T*/ UTCr)

2770



Participations in Workshop-based CBKT activities

38 Participation in Laboratory-based CBKT (36 placements at the BIPM)



52 WP Secondees assisted to deliver the Work Programme projects

Overview of outputs 2020-2024

Growth in all output measures since 2016-2019



Growing our outputs that support NMIs depends on support from NMIs!

BIPM staff working with visiting staff





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Laboratory highlights – joint technical projects with NMIs

Greenhouse Gas Comparisons - supported by joint technical projects with NMIs

- with NOAA (WMO-CCL) and VSL for GHG Standards Comparison Database.
 - with NIM and KRISS providing secondees and standards for GHG in air comparisons
 - with LACOMET and NPL for capacity building





WORLD METEOROLOGICAL

WMO GLOBAL

GREENHOUSE GAS WATCH

Next generation Kibble balance – with collaborators

- with Tsinghua Univ. (China) on design and manufacture of an advanced magnetic circuit.
- with secondee from NMIJ (Japan) on characterization of balance beam mechanism.
- BIPM staff member seconded for 5 months to NIST
 QEMMS team (Quantum Electrical-Mechanical Metrology Suite)



Ionizing radiation – building collaborations off site



Focus on use of off-site facilities for dosimetry

- high energy photon beams at DOSEO, Saclay (since 2017)
 - 8 comparisons (since 2017) and 17 calibrations (since 2020)
- 137Cs for radioprotection calibrations at IAEA, Seibersdorf (since 2023)
 - 3 comparisons (since 2023) and 2 calibrations (starting in 2024)

Developing the International Reference System (SIR) for radioactivity



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- New SIR to replace the original one (dating from the 70s) with upgraded measurement capabilities and ULCA (**from PTB**)
- Copies of the SIRTI being built in collaboration with SIM and APMP, including new digital acquisition system
- Launch of the "Extended" SIR comparisons with <u>14 new isotopes</u> including ¹⁴C (support to climate change studies), ³²P (for radio medicine) and ²²⁵Ac (new alpha therapies)

Laboratory highlights – knowledge transfer

Capacity building project to improve the quality of the UTC time scale



- Target <u>to improve quality of UTC data and reduce needs</u> for manual data corrections.
- E-learning course developed by secondees from NPLI, NICT and NIST.
- Workshop/training sponsored by APMP and EURAMET.



Bharath Vattikonda (NPLI), Yuko Hanado (NICT) and Tara Fortier (NIST)



E-LEARNING COURSE FOR THE QNMR SUMMER SCHOOL

The e-learning modules allow NMR practitioners at NMIs/DIs to enhance their knowledge and skills in the use...

1st BIPM Summer School on q-NMR methods for Primary Organic RMs

- One-week practical course at BIPM
- 16 NMI scientists from 15 countries
- Instructors: NMIJ, INTI, BAM, NIM, BIPM
- Now available as e-Learning modules online.



Laboratory highlights – new digital services

JCTLM in vitro diagnostic reference systems database: New web interface

- JCTLM database covers 90% of the most measured analytes
- New web-based submission and review interface to improve JCTLM processes to be completed in 2025
- <u>80 000 € raised in 2023 from seven NMIs and two IOs (KRISS, HSA,</u> <u>NIST, NIM, NMIA, LGC, PTB, IFCC, ICSH</u>



Digital data acquisition and reporting for ionising radiation



Accurate results for patient care

- Development, of a new platform for comparison of digital algorithms for radionuclide standardization, to validate data analysis software of digital acquisition systems. with secondees from INMETRO and NIM.
- Development of digital acquisition system (using PTB technology) and signal processing for the BIPM comparison services.
- New digital reporting format (in xml) for BIPM key comparisons.

Laboratory highlights – digital services



New data included in BIPM Circular T

Since the Global Navigation Satellite Systems are now a major point of access for users to UTC.

- We now publish the UTC data from GPS and GLONASS now also including Galileo and Beidou,
- This is based on receiver data from BIPM-calibrated receivers maintained in four NMIs/DIs (NIST, OP, NIM & NICT)



Laboratory highlights – optical clocks in UTC



All clocks contributing to TAI



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All clocks contributing to TAI

Evaluation of the fractional deviation d of TAI scale interval (PSFS) until August 2024

Optical clocks contributing to TAI





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- Facilitate the use of digital certificates and the adoption of the FAIR principles



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Digital access to BIPM databases

- Key Comparison Database
- UTC database

BIPM digital service

SI Reference Point

External digital references

ROR ORCID InChl

Under development

Unit interoperability service

digital references

(v1.0) Available for beta testing

- Units
- Prefixes
- Defining constants
- Quantities *used in the SI Brochure*
- Decisions
- CMCs
- Measurement service categories
 - for Physics (exc RI)

(v2.0) Under development

- Measurement service categories
 - for RI and chemistry
- Quantities used in the KCDB
- Fundamental constants
- ..



- Prefixes Lists the SI prefixes
- Defining Constants Returns the defining constants of the SI
- Decisions Returns the decisions of the CGPM and the CIPM bearing directly upon definitions of the units of the SI, prefixes defined for use as part of the SI, and conventions for the writing of unit symbols and numbers.

– Capacity building and the CIPM MRA

CBKT Participation by RMO

Collaboration with all six RMOs



Thanks for support from:

- METAS, Switzerland
- NIM, China
- NIST, USA

- NMISA, South Africa
- NPL, United Kingdom
- PTB, Germany

- SCL, Hong Kong, China
- TÜBITAK UME, Türkiye
- IEEE, USA

- Plus
- All the RMOs

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CBKT projects 2024 (as of September 2024)

a q-NMR SUMMER SCHOOL (BIPM)
 b q-NMR SUMMER SCHOOL (BIPM)
 c CTF Best practices (Technical exchanges) (BIPM)
 Time Transfer through GNSS Pseudorange Measurements (BIPM)
 The joint BIPM and OIML e-learning course based on the joint publication – "National Metrology Systems - Developing the Institutional and Legislative Framework". (BIPM)



https://e-learning.bipm.org/

Laboratory <u>Placement</u> *cycle 7 / 2024* The 2024, seventh cycle of the joint BIPM and TÜBİTAK UME initiative is now hosting ten talented metrologists from ten different countries (Ethiopia, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Egypt, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Russia) from all RMOs.



Online technical exchanges

Three technical exchanges organized to support the CIPM MRA user community (CMC Writers, Comparison pilots and RMO TC/WG Chairs) with 565 participation.

ONLINE TECHNICAL EXCHANGES

> KCDB 2.0 Comparisons

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Today, the CIPM MRA provides a primary source to identify internationally recognized national capabilities within the NMI and wider metrology community.

ISO/IEC 17025:2017

CIPM MRA: Reliable path for demonstration of metrological traceability

A.3 Demonstrating metrological traceability

 $A.3.1 \ \ Laboratories are responsible for establishing metrological traceability in accordance with this document. Calibration results from laboratories conforming to this document provide metrological$

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Federal Aviation Administration

"...The CIPM Mutual recognition Arrangement (MRA) signatories are acceptable to the FAA and can be found at <u>https://www.bipm.org</u>..."

ILAC-P10:07/2020

CIPM MRA: Reliable route for metrological traceability

ILAC POLICY ON METROLOGICAL TRACEABILITY OF MEASUREMENT RESULTS

When metrological traceability is required, the ILAC policy is that the measuring equipment⁽¹⁾ shall be calibrated by:



"...Tooling shall be calibrated by any of the following laboratories: ...NMI whose scope specifically covers the intended calibration (scope means the services covered by the CIPM MRA ...)"

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Meetings attendance 2019 – 2024







Trends

Reduced participation on site in WGs – enormous increase in online.

Small reduction in CC plenary meetings on site Increase in workshops; on-site and on-line **Overall – substantial increase in participation**



Meetings in 2024

Local outreach

The Meetings Office organised a total of **142 meetings** on 2024





– Finance and contributions and subscriptions for 2025-2027

Member States and Associates (May 2024)



- 36 Associates of the CGPM (States and Economies)

* The official term is "States Parties to the Metre Convention"; the term "Member States" is its synonym and used for easy reference.

NEW MEMBER STATES:

- Morocco (May 2019)
- Ecuador (August 2019)
- Belarus (January 2020)
- Estonia (January 2021)
- Costa Rica (September 2022)

NEW ASSOCIATES:

- Cambodia (January 2021)
- Zimbabwe (February 2022 reinstatement; *excluded in Jan 2021*)

EXCLUDED ASSOCIATES:

- Cuba (January 2022)
- Sudan (January 2022)

WITHDRAWN ASSOCIATE:

- Seychelles (January 2022)



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Revenue and Expenditure (to end 2023)



<u>**Revenue**</u> – increase - (due to small increase in contributions) <u>**Expense**</u> – increase - (electricity and salary inflation)

Revenue and Expenditure (to end 2023)



Salary costs stable in real terms (and only 6.8 % above 2013 level). (Inflation was 4.5 % in 2023/4) Secondments re-building since pandemic.

Contributions and Subscriptions - 2025

UN Scale of Assessment for 2025 to 2027 was published in draft form in September.

The 2025 contributions to BIPM will be available before the end of the month.



United Nations

Report of the Committee on Contributions

Eighty-fourth session (3–28 June 2024)

General Assembly Official Records Seventy-ninth Session Supplement No. 11

Contributions and Subscriptions - 2025

- Member State
- Associate State
- Associate Econom

Summary

64 Member States

3 pay the maximum contribution29 pay the minimum contribution

32 Associate States

7 pay subscriptions on the "escalator" 23 pay minimum subscriptions 3 Associate economies

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Source of Finance by RMOs

Contributions and Subscriptions for 2025 by RMOs EURAMET APMP SIM AFRIMETS COOMET GULFMET Other



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RAPPORT FINANCIER

2023

RAPPORT ANNUEL AUX GOUVERNEMENTS DES HAUTES PARTIES CONTRACTANTES SUR LA SITUATION ADMINISTRATIVE ET FINANCIÈRE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DES POIDS ET MESURES



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Thank you!