

Results of the international Workshop “10 years to the CIPM MRA: results and prospects of cooperation” held within COOMET and the 23rd meeting of the Joint Committee of Regional Metrology Organizations and the BIPM (JCRB)

The international workshop within COOMET devoted to the tenth anniversary of the CIPM MRA and the 23rd JCRB meeting were held in Kazan (Russia) on 22-24 September 2009. It was the first time when JCRB met in Russia.

The following persons presented their reports on 22 September at the international workshop “10 years to the CIPM MRA: results and prospects of cooperation”:

- Vladimir Krutikov (Deputy Head of Rostechregulirovanie, COOMET Vice-President);
- Andrew Wallard (BIPM Director);
- Wynand Louw (AFRIMETS Chairperson);
- Woogab Lee (APMP Executive Secretary);
- Pavel Neyezhmakov (Head of COOMET Secretariat);
- Wolfgang Schmid (EURAMET Secretary);
- Alan Steele (Chairperson of SIM Technical Committee);
- Ortagoli Hakimov (Director of SE “CNS Uz”, COOMET Committee Member).

The experience in implementing the CIPM MRA was analyzed and special attention was paid to the increasing number of signatories of this arrangement which leads to the decrease of the technical barriers to international trade.

The 23rd JCRB meeting was held on 23-24 September at which the cooperation of Regional Metrology Organizations during the elapsed six months was summed up and the reports of the Director and the Executive Secretary of the BIPM and representatives of organizations participating in JCRB (APMP, COOMET, EURAMET, AFRIMETS, SIM) as well as the reports of Consultative Committees (CC) and CC Working Groups were given. The following was also considered:

- Procedures for approving new RMOs (CIPM MRA-P-01);
- Traceability policy in the CIPM MRA (to be included to CIPM MRA-D-01);
- Interlaboratory comparisons in the CIPM MRA (CIPM MRA-D-05);
- The CIPM MRA revision (version 2);
- ILAC documents relating to the CIPM MRA.

The resolutions and actions taken were included into the minutes of the 23rd meeting of JCRB and presented at the 98th meeting of CIPM (13-16 October 2009, Paris).

Resolutions of the 23rd meeting of JCRB

Action 23/1: After approval in SIM, SIM will present to the JCRB the procedure for appealing decisions of the QSTF.

Action 23/2: Include in the next JCRB agenda a point regarding the issues related with the role of institutes or companies, that are not DIs in the framework of the CIPM MRA, in comparisons carried out under the CIPM MRA. EURAMET to lead the discussion.

Resolution 23/1: The RMOs will present a report of the activities on the QS Working Groups to the JCRB every two year. (next presentation, March 2011)

Action 23/4: The delegates will report to their respective RMOs the discussion on the JCRB about the need for maintaining periodic on site peer reviews and report back to the JCRB in the next meeting.

Resolution 23/2: Approve document CIPM MRA-D-05, Comparisons in the CIPM MRA.

Action 23/X: The Executive Secretary will circulate the final draft of document CIPM MRA-D-05. RMOs will send final comments by October 3.

Recommendation 23/1: The JCRB recommends the CIPM the approval of document CIPM MRA-D-05, Comparisons in the CIPM MRA.

Resolution 23/3: The next JCRB will be hosted by BIPM, March 16 – 17 2010, preceded by the RMOs – RCAB meeting on March 15.
The following meeting will be hosted by Egypt, AFRIMETS, September 21- 22 2010.

Resolution 23/4: Approve the proposed text for a policy for traceability in CIPM MRA.

Recommendation 23/2: Recommend the CIPM the approval of the policy for traceability in the CIPM MRA.