

DI workshop: Enquiry among DIs and NMIs

Summary

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Action B25-A07	Responsible: <u>Janko, Maguelonne, Wolfgang</u>	Due: 2 June 2015
Prepare an updated agenda for the DI workshop and present it during the EURAMET GA. Ask for further proposals for the agenda.		

Status:

- 1) Enquiry was launched on 13 March 2015 (Letter from Chairperson, see annex 1)
- 2) Reminder with extension of deadline (27 April) was sent.
- 3) 11 answers were received, representing 6 countries and 18 institutes (in the case of Spain one answer from CEM representing the whole Spanish system was sent).
- 4) Several additional oral information received.

Conclusions of the survey and rationale for the DI workshop :

- 1) The workshop should explain well the EURAMET concept for cooperation with NMIs and DIs. The idea is to stimulate full integration of DIs in EURAMET and to take active role within EURAMEt activities.
- 2) The workshop will explain the difference between CIPM MRA and accreditation and why the TC-Q is reviewing the QMS of DIs (and NMIs) even if they are accredited.
- 3) The workshop will be focused to EURAMET – NMI/DI relations and can not enter discussions related to issues which needs to be resolved at the national level.
- 4) The workshop will present some case studies/success stories to demostrate various possible solutions.
- 5) The target audience/participants are representatives from DIs, NMIs and national designating authorities

Preliminary content/agenda topics:

- EURAMET structure of NMIs and DIs, legal and practical aspects, mission of NMIs/DIs, relation/resemblance to Meter Convention
- CIPM MRA, CMC processes, QMS, accreditation
- CIPM, EURAMET and national responsibilities and authorities
- Success stories(case studies) of EURAMET members
- Proposals/ideas/suggestions/observations from the participants
- Conclusions/recommendations

Next steps (proposal):

- 1) Feedback from the DIs was discussed at the BoD-meeting on 12 May 2015. BOD confirmed the action.
- 2) Update agenda, taking into account received feedback and conclusions of BoD discussion.
- 3) Present the concept and draft agenda at the GA in Krakow, June 2015
- 4) Stimulate the interest among the DIs to attend the workshop and ask for further topics of interest for the agenda. The tentative date for the DI workshop is February 2016, at the joint BOD and TCC meeting in Denmark/Copenhagen.

Annex: Letter to DI-contacts and Delegates

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Dear DI contact person, Dear Delegate

As you may be aware, in EURAMET, we have 76 Designated Institutes (DI) who are Associate Members. The DIs, in combination with the NMIs, have a significant role in developing and maintaining the European metrology infrastructure. DIs are also important for the implementation of the CIPM MRA and, accordingly, EURAMET published its Guide No. 2 on "Role of Designated Institutes within the CIPM MRA" which aims to define and facilitate the operations of DIs within EURAMET.

We recognise that the DIs have a huge range of relevant and important capabilities which, if used synergistically with the capabilities of the NMIs, could bring major additional benefits to all our members and stakeholders by helping to improve industrial competitiveness and societal well-being. With this in mind, the EURAMET Board of Directors proposes to hold a workshop dedicated to DIs so that we can explore ways how we can realise the potential benefits of stronger collaboration between our Members and Associates.

Such a workshop is planned for the autumn this year. To help us develop the programme, we would like to ask all DIs to propose up to three topics, preferably indicating priorities, for discussion from the DI perspective.

At the same time, EURAMET Board of Directors is also asking for discussion topics from NMIs and designating/financing authorities in order to make a balanced programme covering key issues for the operation and use of national metrology systems.

We would appreciate it if you could send your comments on the proposed workshop and its format as well as suggestions for topics and speakers to the Secretariat (secretariat@euramet.org) by 15th April 2015.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards



Dr Kamal Hossain
EURAMET Chairperson