

Highlights and Challenges in Mass and Related Quantities

2010-2011 TC-M Report to the General Assembly

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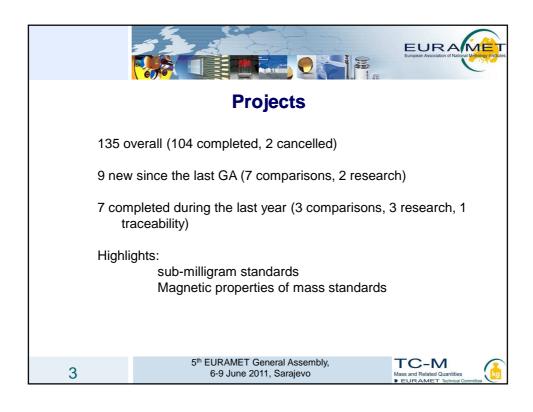
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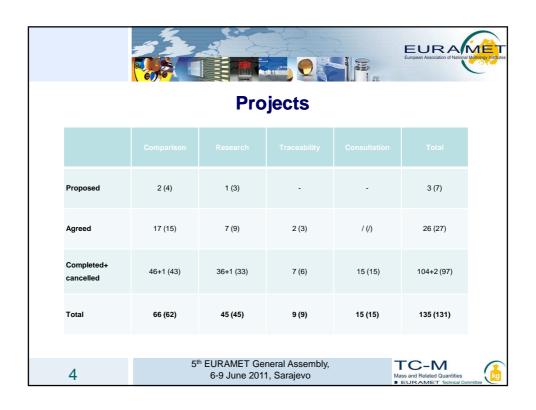
- Many very different quantities
- Three sub-fields: mass (with density), force (gravimetry, hardness), pressure
- No separate meetings (so far), just technical sessions before the TC-CP meeting
- Last TC-M contact persons meeting San Anton, Malta, 2 to 4 March 2011.

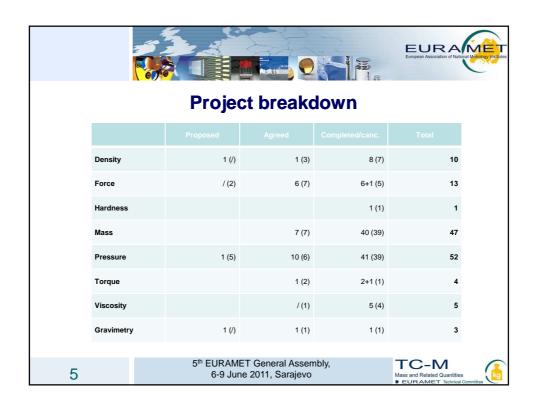
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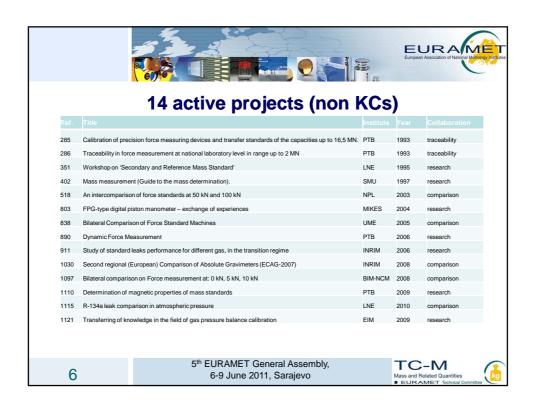
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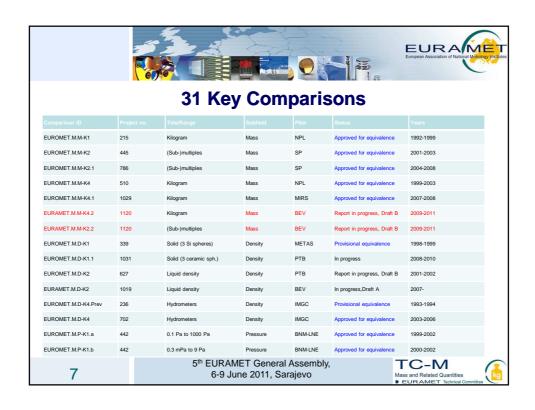


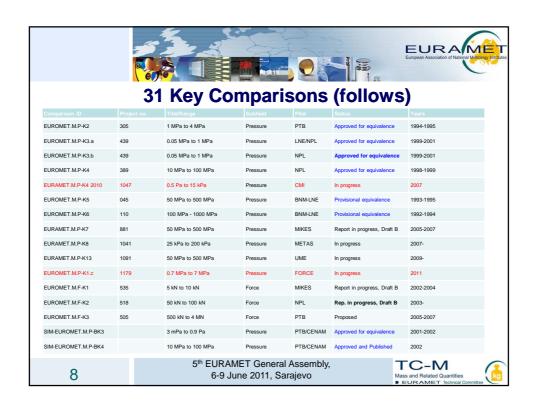


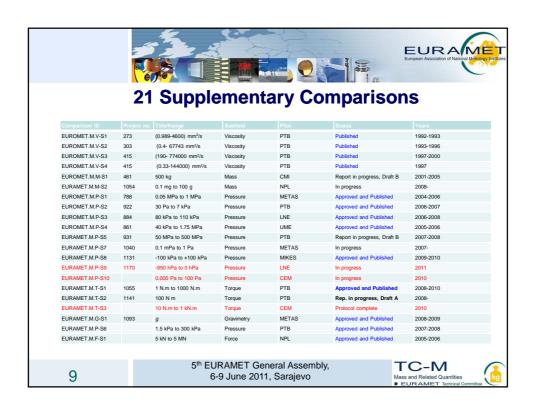


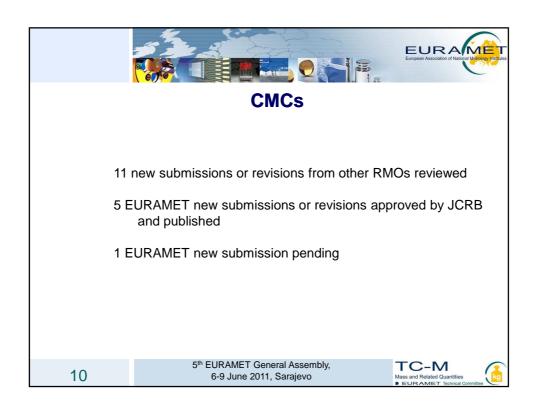


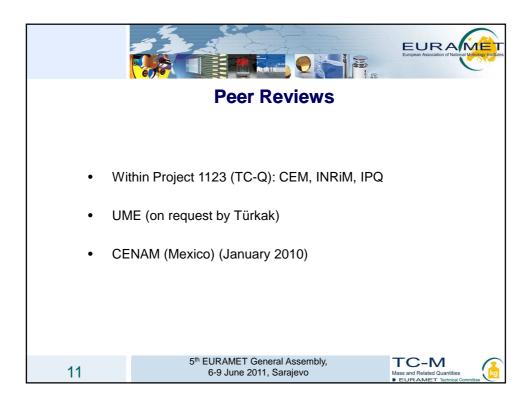


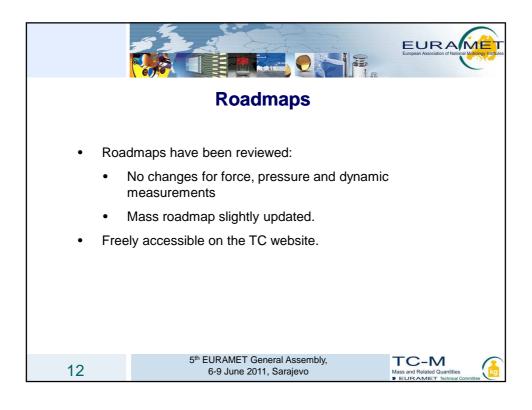














Redefinition of the kilogram - Data

The International Avogadro Cooperation (IAC) published (end 2010) their final value for N_A

$$u(N_{\rm A}) \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

- Values for h and N_A are now better aligned with those given by the NIST watt balance, but
- there is still a discrepancy of $\approx 1.6 \cdot 10^{-7}$ with the recommended CODATA

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Redefinition of the kilogram - Mise en pratique

- Practical work on a *mise-en-pratique* is actively underway.
- A CCM comparison (NPL pilot) is ongoing on sorption artefacts. Preliminary results available.
- A mise en pratique document is being prepared under the CCM as a joint international effort.

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Redefinition of the kilogram – general framework

The CCM met twice. In March 2010 a new recommendation was prepared - G1 (2010)

NEEDS

- At least three independent experiments, with $u \le 5.10^{-8}$ (at least one with $u \le 2 \cdot 10^{-8}$)
- Consistency at the 95 % level of confidence
- Target uncertainty in the realization of the kilogram $\leq 2 \cdot 10^{-8}$
- In May 2011, the WG on Changes to the SI discussed a first draft of mise en pratique

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Revision of the SI

- The redefinition of the kilogram is now within the more general revision of the SI
- The CCU met in September 2010. It was acknowledged that a revision in 2011 woud be premature
- A recommendation to the CIPM was prepared U1 (2010), containing the basic scheme of the future SI revision
- Next meetings: CCU, 2012; CCM, 2014 (with possibly a special meeting in 2013)

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EMRP 2010

- Four JRPs under "Industry" (mostly) within the TC-M
 - Traceable Dynamic Measurement of Mechanical Quantities
 - High Pressure Metrology for Industrial Applications
 - · Vacuum metrology for production environments
 - Dynamic mechanical properties and long-term deformation behaviour of viscous materials.

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EMRP 2011

- Call 2011 "SI broader scope"
 - Two Selected Research Topics, SRT:
 - · Realisation of the awaited definition of the kilogram resolving the discrepancies
 - Developing a practical means of disseminating the new kilogram

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Guides on calibration

- Balances: just published. Concerns from some users. Revision considered.
- Force: Published.
- Pressure: Published.

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Issues

- CMC review
 - Discrepancy of approach to review process (and need for KC support) between RMOs.
 - Examples:
 - magnetic properties of mass standards
 - capability of measuring input quantities (such as volume for mass).
- Projects Database
 - Difficulties in obtaining activity reports from coordinators.
- EMRP
 - Largely out of the control of the chairperson.

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