

6th EURAMET General Assembly Minutes Plenary Session

22 to 23 May 2012
Lyngby, Denmark



Time	Part 1: Tuesday 22 May 8h30 – 13h00 Part 2: Wednesday 23 May 8h30 – 17h30
Place	DTU Campus, DTU Mødecenter, DK-2800 Kgs. Lyngby
Participants	EURAMET Delegates Representatives of EURAMET Associates and Liaison Organisations TC-Chairs Invited Guests Staff of EURAMET Secretariat (for support)

Minutes:

Keeper:	Wolfgang Schmid EURAMET Head of Secretariat
Approved:	Participants of the plenary session, 28 June 2012
Distribution:	Delegates and Alternates of EURAMET Members Representatives from EURAMET Associates Representatives from Liaison Organisations TC-Chairs Research Council Invited Guests to the GA EURAMET Secretariat
Notes:	Further documents to which reference is made in these minutes are available on the EURAMET website under "General Assembly" (direct link: http://www.euramet.org/index.php?id=ga-open)

G06.01 Welcome address

The Administrative Director of DFM Michael Kjær opened the meeting and welcomed the participants to Denmark. He gave an overview on the Danish metrology infrastructure.

The Rector of DTU Anders Bjarklev gave a welcome address on behalf of the hosting organisation of the General Assembly.

G06.02 Opening and adoption of the agenda

EURAMET Chairperson Leslie Pendrill welcomed the participants to the 6th EURAMET GA and gave overview on the sessions of the week. He presented the agenda of this Plenary Session; the agenda was adopted without changes.

G06.03 Chairpersons' Report

Leslie Pendrill presented the "Chairpersons' Report" on EURAMET activities of the last year. Report and slides are attached.

G06.04 EURAMET Administration and Secretariat

Head of EURAMET Secretariat Wolfgang Schmid gave an overview on the activities of the EURAMET Secretariat of the last year. Report and slides are attached.

G06.05 EURAMET Objectives and Strategic Matters

G06.05.01 EURAMET Strategy – overview and implementation

Kamal Hossain, Chair-elect and responsible for the coordination of development and implementation of the EURAMET 2020 Strategy, gave a short overview on the progress in the implementation and the distribution of responsibilities for the 5 strategic objectives within the BoD:

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| 1) Engagement of key stakeholders | Albert Dalhuijsen |
| 2) Increase influence with European policy makers and national governments | EURAMET Chairperson |
| 3) Further develop co-operation in R&D | EMRP-Chair |
| 4) Deliver high value to members and associates | Janko Drnovsek |
| 5) Supporting quality infrastructure in Europe and internationally | Maguelonne Chambon |

Kamal emphasised that the input from the members is crucial for EURAMET to achieve its objectives and asked the Delegates to give direct feedback to him and suggest one to three important things that they consider EURAMET should do for its members and associates.

The leaders of each strategic objective gave an overview on the respective goals and actions (see also attached “EURAMET 2020 Strategy”):

G06.05.02 Engagement of key stakeholders

Albert Dalhuijsen introduced this strategic objective and emphasised that one important conclusion of the EMRP midterm evaluation of the EMRP was, that EURAMET has a very good programme, but is not very well known to the outside world. A stronger engagement of stakeholders is needed; the BoD is currently working on identifying the key stakeholders of EURAMET.

He informed that EURAMET has generated a post of a Communications Officer; the call is still open and published on the EURAMET website.

G06.05.03 Increase influence with European policy makers and national governments

Leslie Pendrill gave an overview on the actions related to this strategic objective and focussed on the action to “ensure appropriate results from EMRP projects contribute effectively to the development of European standards of major importance.” (see attached slides)

G06.05.04 Deliver high value to Members and Associates

Janko Drnovsek introduced this strategic objective, emphasising the huge variety of different organisations and people in EURAMET and the importance for EURAMET to offer support to all members and associates of the organisation. A focus of the current discussions is how to bring the benefits of the EMRP to the members currently not participating directly in the EMRP and how to design the follow-up programme EMPIR to enable an effective participation of these members.

Janko announced a break-out session for non-EMRP Members on Wednesday 23 May afternoon, which has the objective to analyse the needs and expectations of these members on the capacity building modules in EMRP and EMPIR.

G06.05.05 Supporting quality infrastructure in Europe and internationally

Maguelonne Chambon explained goals and action plan of this strategic objective. The important partners to intensify the interactions are the EC, the JCRB and the EA. An action plan was presented; see attached slides.

G06.06 European Metrology Research Programme – EMRP

G06.06.01 Status report EMRP & interim evaluation

Duncan Jarvis, EMRP Programme Manager gave an overview on the midterm evaluation of the EMRP, carried out during the last year (see attached slides). The report was published by the Commission (EC) in April 2012 and is available on the websites of the EC and EURAMET. The overall conclusions on the management of the programme were very positive; gaps between expectations and reality were identified in relation to capacity building, interaction with wider scientific community and mobility. Duncan explained the next steps responding to the report and addressing the recommendations.

At the end of his presentation he informed on a newly established EURAMET Impact Prize, which will be awarded this year for the first time. The recipient of the prize is Oswin Kerkhof, from VSL, Netherlands.

G06.06.02 Follow-up programme EMPIR: principles & cornerstones

EMRP-Chair Jörn Stenger focussed his presentation on the preparation of the follow-up programme EMPIR, the “European Metrology Programme on Innovation and Research” (see attached slides).

He explained the envisaged modules and cornerstones of the EMPIR and concept and timeline for drafting the proposal to be provided to the EC. He announced that the discussion will be continued in the Working Session for Delegates Only, in particular to agree the cornerstones and to discuss the national commitments. It is envisaged that EMPIR should have a similar financial value as the current A-185 EMRP.

Furthermore, Jörn outlined that in September 2012 an ex-ante impact assessment for EMPIR will be carried out by the EC and that it will be important to have appropriate material available. In order to support the current efforts of the BoD in this respect, he suggested a secondment for 3 months in summer 2012 for the preparation of such material.

In the following discussion Anneke van Spronssen, WELMEC Chairperson, recommended that the EMPIR proposal should underline that it will be a coordinating activity, why A-185 (and not another funding tool of the EC) is the appropriate instrument, as cooperation among the countries shall be intensified. Another recommendation was to make a wider use of the ministry representatives, not only via meetings, but also via continuous dissemination of written information. Andreas Bauch, TC-TF Chair, acknowledged that it is positive to have new modules like innovation, pre-normative research and capacity building in the EMPIR and raised the question why it is not envisaged to increase, as a consequence the total volume of the programme compared to the A-185 EMRP.

G06.07 BIPM and CIPM MRA

Andy Henson, International Liaison Officer of BIPM, gave an overview on recent developments at BIPM and within the CIPM MRA (see attached slides).

G06.08 Report from EURAMET horizontal TCs

G06.08.01 TC-Q

Pavel Klenovsky, TC-Q Chair gave an overview on the activities of the TC Quality during the last year and on the results of its annual meeting from 8 to 9 March 2012 in Warsaw, Poland (see attached slides). An important conclusion was that end of this year the QMS of all NMIs and A-DIs participating in the CIPM MRA will be evaluated via peer review or accreditation.

G06.08.01 TC-IM

Maguelonne Chambon, TC-IM Chair gave an overview on the activities of the TC for Interdisciplinary Metrology during the last year (see attached slides).

G06.08.03 TC-IM FG-FNMID

Janko Drnovsek, gave a short oral report on status and activities of the Focus Group for "Facilitating National Metrology Infrastructure Development". Activities are running in a routine way. Due to the retirement of the previous Chair Arnold Leitner, the EURAMET BoD delegated responsibilities for the FG-FNMID to the Janko Drnovsek for an interim period.

Janko informed on the status of the transfer of the FG to a joint EURAMET-WELMEC TC for Metrology Infrastructure Development. Legal ground for the operation of joint committees is now established within the revised version of the EURAMET RoP. In close interaction with the WELMEC Chairperson, first ToR have been drafted. Due to recent discussions, this new TC shall have an important role in capacity building within EMPIR. The concepts for this are currently under development and the draft ToR will be adapted as soon as its role in EMPIR is defined. The next step is that EURAMET and WELMEC have to approve the ToR; after approval by both organisations the new TC can be established.

G06.09 Report from Working Session Delegates Only

Chairperson Leslie Pendrill presented the important results from the preceding GA Working Session – Delegates Only:

- After this GA the Chairmanship will pass over to Kamal Hossain (NPL, UK), who had been elected at the last GA as new EURAMET Chair.
Leslie Pendrill will continue in the BoD for one year as past-Chair.
- Two BoD members have been re-elected for a second term of office (till GA 2014):
Albert Dalhuijsen (VSL, Netherlands)
Beat Jeckelmann (METAS, Switzerland)
- Three TC-Chairs have been re-elected for a second term of office (till GA 2014):
TC-IM Maguelonne Chambon (LNE, France)
TC-Q Pavel Klenovsky (CMI, Czech Republic)
TC-T Andrea Peruzzi (VSL, Netherlands)

- Five personal members of the Research Council (RC) have been re-appointed for a further term of office and one new member has been appointed (till GA 2016):
 Manfred Grasserbauer (Austria)
 Klaus von Klitzing (Germany)
 Ivan Ohlidal (Czech Republic)
 Elly Plooi van Gorsel (Netherlands)
 Christophe Salomon (France)
 Terry Wilkins (UK), new member
- The GA decided that the preparation of the EMPIR shall continue along the cornerstone paper as presented to the GA. A draft of the full proposal shall be presented end of September to the Delegates for approval.
- The financial report 2011 (together with the reports on internal and external audit) has been accepted by the Delegates. The Chairpersons' report has been endorsed. Chairpersons and Head of Secretariat have been discharged of responsibility for the financial year 2011.
- In order for EURAMET to continually meet its non-profit objectives and fulfill its obligations regarding the implementation of the EMRP, the GA decided to transfer the amount made up of surplus and released operating capital reserve from 2011 to reserves (operating capital and uncommitted reserve).
- A budget of 247 k€ for member services in 2013 has been approved.
- The annual fees to be paid by Members & Associates in 2013 shall be the same as in 2012.
- A revised version of the EURAMET Rules of Procedures (RoP) has been approved (see attached documents).
- The EURAMET GA 2013 will be in the week from 27 to 31 of May in Iceland.
- The EURAMET GA 2014 will be in Albania; date to be defined.

G06.10 Highlights and scientific challenges of the Technical Committees

Presentations of Technical Committees have been given by the respective Chair or a representative. For further information the PP presentations and the annual reports are available on the EURAMET website.

G06.10.01	TC-TF	Andreas Bauch
G06.10.02	TC-T	Davor Zvizdic (representing TC-Chair)
G06.10.03	TC-PR	Marek Smid
G06.10.04	TC-MC	Michela Sega
G06.10.05	TC-M	Nieves Medina
G06.10.06	TC-L	Antti Lassila
G06.10.07	TC-IR	Hans Bjerke
G06.10.08	TC-F	Elsa Batista
G06.10.09	TC-EM	Francois Piquemal
G06.10.10	TC-AUV	Salvador Barrera

G06.11 Important Developments among Liaison Organisations and Guests

Presentations of representatives of Liaison Organisations have been given. For further information the PP presentations are available on the EURAMET website.

G06.11.01	EUROLAB	Jiri Sobola
G06.11.02	WELMEC	Anneke van Spronssen
G06.11.03	COOMET	Pavel Neyezhmakov
G06.11.04	EA	E. Oehlenschlaeger
G06.11.05	CEN/CENELEC	Luc v. d. Berghe
G06.11.06	NCSLi	Lonie Spires

G06.12 Conclusions and follow-up

The important results had been reported already under G06.09.

G06.13 Any other business

No further business discussed.

Leslie Pendrill thanked the Delegates for their support during his term as EURAMET Chairperson and closed the session.

ANNEX: List of Participants

Name	Function	Organisation	Country
Aladzhem, Petya	Guest	BIM	Bulgaria
Arnason, Gudmundur	Delegate	NEST	Iceland
Asanovic, Vanja	Delegate	MBM	Montenegro
Athanassiadis, Konstantinos	Delegate	EIM	Greece
Barrera-Figueroa, Salvador	TC-Chair	DANIAmet-DFM	Denmark
Bartolo, Joseph A.	Delegate	MSA-NMS	Malta
Batista, Elsa	TC-Chair	IPQ	Portugal
Bauch, Andreas	TC-Chair	PTB	Germany
Bender, Jutta	Secretariat	EURAMET	
Bjerke, Hans	TC-Chair	NRPA	Norway
Buzoianu, Mirella	Delegate	INM	Romania
Chambon, Maguelonne	TC-Chair	LNE	France
Christodoulous, Christodoulou	Delegate	MCIT	Cyprus
Dalhuijsen, Albert	Delegate	VSL	Netherlands
Drnovsek, Janko	Delegate Vice-Chairperson (GA)	MIRS	Slovenia
Džemić, Zijad	Delegate	IMBiH	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Edelmaier, Robert	Alternate	BEV	Austria
Filipe, Eduarda	Alternate	IPQ	Portugal
Frøystein, Hans Arne	Alternate	JV	Norway
Golicz, Laurence	Alternate	CRP Henri Tudor	Luxembourg
Halaj, Martin	Delegate	SMU	Slovakia
Henson, Andy	Representative	BIPM	
Hetherington, Paul	Delegate	NSA-NML	Ireland
Hossain, Kamal	Delegate Chairperson-elect	NPL	United Kingdom
Hoxha, Majlinda	Alternate	DPM	Albania
Ikonen, Erkki	EMRP Deputy Chair	MIKES	Finland
Isotalo, Heikki	Delegate	MIKES	Finland
Ivanova, Dimka	Delegate	BIM	Bulgaria
Jarvis, Duncan	EMRP PM	EURAMET	
Jeckelmann, Beat	Delegate	METAS	Switzerland
Klenovský, Pavel	Delegate	CMI	Czech Republic

Krukoniene, Gerda	Alternate	VMT	Lithuania
Lassila, Antti	TC-Chair	MIKES	Finland
Maruszewski, Krzysztof	Delegate	IRMM	European Commission
Medina, Nieves	TC-Chair	CEM	Spain
Morazzani, Valerie	Delegate	LNE	France
Nagyné-Szilágyi, Zsófia	Delegate	MKEH	Hungary
Neyezhmakov, Pavel	Representative	COOMET	
Nicolas, Jacques	Delegate	SMD	Belgium
Oehlenschlaeger, Erik	Representative	EA/DANAK	Denmark
Panardziev, Dimitar	Delegate	BoM	FYR Macedonia
Pendrill, Leslie	Delegate Chairperson	SP	Sweden
Petersen, Jan C.	Delegate	DANIAMet-DFM	Denmark
Piquemal, Francois	TC Chair	LNE	France
Popowska, Janina Maria	Delegate	GUM	Poland
Ramotowski, Zbigniew	Guest	GUM	Poland
Rastello, Maria Luisa	Delegate	INRIM	Italy
Robles, José Angel	Delegate	CEM	Spain
Schmid, Wolfgang	Head of Secretariat	EURAMET	
Sega, Michela	TC-Chair	INRIM	Italy
Smid, Marek	TC-Chair	CMI	Czech Republic
Sobola, Jirí	Representative	Eurolab aisbl	
Spires, Lonnie	Representative	NCSLI	
Stenger, Jörn	Delegate EMRP Chair	PTB	Germany
Tafel, Barbara	Legal Advisor	EURAMET	
Üstüner, Fathih	Delegate	TUBITAK-UME	Turkey
Van den Berghe, Luc	Representative	CEN-CENELEC	
Van Spronssen, Anneke	Representative	WELMEC	
Vukoslavovic, Goran	Guest	BOM	Montenegro
Vukovojac, Beti	Guest	BoM	FYR Macedonia
Zivkovic, Vida	Delegate	DMDM	Serbia
Zvizdic, Davor	Delegate	HMI	Croatia