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**Information about the 40th JCRB meeting**

**40th meeting of the Joint Committee of the Regional Metrology Organizations and the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (JCRB)**was held on 13–14 March 2019 in BIPM, Paris, France. Delegations from five Regional Metrology Organizations (RMOs) – EURAMET, SIM, COOMET, APMP, AFRIMETS and also representatives of Regional Organization with the interim status – GULFMET took part in the meeting.

The agenda of the meeting included:

* Report on BIPM progress since the 39th JCRB meeting, including outcomes from the 26th CGPM Meeting, World Metrology Day, associates encouraged to become member states; BIPM QMS report; Report on the CBKT activities; Report from the CIPM
* Representative CMCs and amendments to the document CIPM-MRA-D-02 “Use of the CIPM MRA logo and certificates statement”
* Status of CMC submissions and review / issues from Consultative Committees
* KCDB report
* Status of the scope for KCDB 2.0
* CIPM MRA documents update
* JCRB discussion on formalizing “Any other evidence”
* Highlights of the RMO reports to the JCRB including status of RMO Quality Management Systems.

According to the results of discussions during the meeting the following Actions and Resolutions were taken:

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| **Action 40/1** The JCRB decides that the informal QMS meeting after the 40th JCRB be open to all JCRB members and that minutes be taken for any recommended actions for the next JCRB. Any future QMS discussion meetings will take place before the JCRB as further preparation for the formal QS items as an integral part of the plenary agenda. |
| **Action 40/2** In order to support therestructuring of the CIPM MRA document suite, the JCRB Delegate from each RMO will assign a person to support the review of the drafts by 31 March 2019. |
| **Action 40/3** JCRB Chair to consult the CCQM and CCRI Presidents and then write to request the EU-JRC to clarify whether their intention with respect to the CIPM MRA is to cease participation or to re-instate their CMCs. |
| **Action 40/4** BIPM to review existing JCRB documents for guidance relating to CIPM MRA participants that wish to cease their involvement in the CIPM MRA, and to prepare a summary and a proposal (if necessary) to be presented to the 41st JCRB. |
| **Action 40/5** Following Resolution 39/2, theBIPM will finalize arrangements with the SIM QSTF Chair for the review of the BIPM QMS (by the end of April 2019). |
| **Recommendation 40/1** The JCRB agrees that the Hybrid Comparison scheme proposed by APMP may be used as an example of “Other available knowledge and experience” in Section 3 of CIPM MRA D-04, which underpins CMCs. It was noted that the use of Hybrid Comparisons is not an alternative to participation in key or supplementary comparisons when accessible. It was also noted that it is not intended to include Hybrid Comparisons within Appendix B of the KCDB. This agreement is to be sent to the CIPM for approval in order to expedite communication to the Consultative Committees. |

The 41st meeting of the JCRB will take place during 9 – 11 September 2019 in Dubai (UAE) with the QMS discussion meeting in advance of the plenary.

The 42nd meeting of the JCRB shall take place in Sevres, France, week 11, 2020.