



MINUTES
25th COOMET Presidential Council meeting,
held online via videoconference
on 26 June 2020

The participants of the online meeting:

Representatives of national metrology organizations of COOMET member countries		
Country	Name	Status in COOMET, NMI
BELARUS	1. Valery HUREVICH	COOMET President, BelGIM
	2. Nadezhda LIAKHOVA	Head of COOMET Secretariat, BelGIM
GERMANY	3. Peter ULBIG	COOMET Vice-President, Chair of TC2, PTB
	4. Moritz ACKERMANN	National COOMET Secretariat in Germany, PTB
GEORGIA	5. Nino MIKANADZE	COOMET Vice-President, Chair of COOMET Quality Forum, Institute of metrology of GEOSTM
RUSSIA	6. Sergey GOLUBEV	COOMET Vice-President, Rosstandart
	7. Anna CHUNOVKINA	Chair of Joint Committee for Measurement Standards, VNIIM
	8. Sergey ZHDANKIN	National COOMET Secretariat in Russia, VNIIMS
UKRAINE	9. Pavel NEYEZHMAKOV	COOMET Vice-President, Chair of TC 4, NSC "Institute of Metrology"
	10. Yulia BUNYAEVA	National COOMET Secretariat in Ukraine, TC4 Secretariat, NSC "Institute of Metrology"

The online meeting of Presidential Council was chaired by COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich. He welcomed all the participants and wished them successful and fruitful work.

The following agenda of the online meeting was adopted:

№	Issue	Speaker (s)
1.	About the possibility of holding the meetings of COOMET Committee and Joint Committee for Measurement Standards in 2020	
2.	About further actions to adopt the COOMET Strategy for 2020-2025 and Roadmap for its implementation About the need to hold a seminar to discuss the COOMET Strategy	<i>V.Hurevich, COOMET President</i>
3.	About further actions to adopt the COOMET Development Program for 2020 - 2022	
4.	About the procedure for the election of COOMET President for the period from April 2021 to April 2024	
5.	About the organization of online meetings of COOMET bodies via videoconferences (in view of the activities of the WG for project 811/BY/20)	
6.	About the results of agreeing on Record № COOMET E-01-2020 based on the results of the electronic voting on some issues of COOMET activities, held among COOMET Committee members	<i>N.Liakhova, Head of COOMET Secretariat</i>
7.	About the offices of the current Chairs of CSBs and COOMET SCs in view of Record № COOMET E-01-2020	
8.	About the appropriateness of holding electronic voting on the updated membership of the COOMET Appeal Board for comparisons of national measurement standards and CMC review	
9.	About the offices of the Chairs of TC2 "Legal Metrology" and SC 2.1 "Harmonization of Regulations and Norms"	<i>P.Ulbig, COOMET Vice-President</i>
10.	About the appointment of an official COOMET representative to the OIML CS (Action PC-24-43)	<i>V.Hurevich, COOMET President</i>
11.	About the preparation of the COOMET Roadmap for implementation of resolutions, related to the redefinition of the SI base units	<i>S.Golubev, COOMET Vice-President</i>
12.	About the preparation for peer reviews of QMS of COOMET NMIs and DIs in 2020-2021	<i>N.Mikanadze, COOMET Vice-President</i>
13.	About the draft Plan of training activities of COOMET for 2020-2021	<i>P.Neyezhnikov, COOMET Vice-President</i>
14.	About possible actions to implement task 1.2.3 of the WG for Preparation of the COOMET Development Strategy (Making proposals on the organizational and legal form of COOMET, including financing mechanisms)	<i>V.Hurevich, COOMET President</i>
15.	About proposals of Slovakia on shared financing of the joint meetings of TCs of the RMO (in view of the SMU's proposals at the stage of discussion of amendments to COOMET Document D5 "Model Regulations for COOMET Structural Body" in the context of a possible joint meeting of EURAMET TC-T and COOMET TC 1.10 in October 2020)	<i>N.Liakhova, Head of COOMET Secretariat</i>
16.	About the dates and venue of the next Presidential Council meeting	<i>Participants</i>
17.	About the COOMET Committee meeting in 2021	

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS

25th online meeting of COOMET Presidential Council

1. About the possibility of holding the meetings of COOMET Committee and Joint Committee for Measurement Standards in 2020

Under this item of the agenda COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich, informed about the telephone conversations with the General Director of KazInMetr, Mr. Toktabek Tokanov (Kazakhstan), about the possibility of holding the 30th COOMET Committee meeting and 18th meeting of the Joint Committee for Measurement Standards in Nur-Sultan in 2020 (these meetings had been provisionally postponed to November 2020 after their cancellation in April 2020).

In view of the difficulties with assessing the possibility to meet in Nur-Sultan in autumn 2020 owing to the Covid-19 pandemic and the requirements of clause 4.2 of the COOMET Rules of Procedure (according to which President shall notify about the meeting at least ten weeks in advance), Presidential Council decided on holding the 30th COOMET Committee meeting in the second half of September 2020 via online videoconference on Zoom platform.

The exact dates of the meeting will be announced according to the procedure established in the COOMET Rules of Procedure.

Taking into account the limitations related to the duration of the online meeting owing to different time zones of COOMET member countries and in view of the need for holding closed voting during the meeting, Presidential Council approved:

- holding of a closed session of the COOMET Committee meeting involving only COOMET Committee members or their official representatives, whose authorities will be confirmed in writing (representatives of national secretariats will be able to take part in the session only by the decision of the Committee member from the country);
- appropriateness of including only those issues in the agenda of the online meeting, that require decisions to be made by COOMET Committee members.

It was also agreed to hold a web-seminar ahead of the 30th COOMET Committee meeting to discuss possible fields of joint scientific research.

COOMET Presidential Council members also adopted the proposal of the Chair of Joint Committee for Measurement Standards (JCMS), Mrs. Anna Chunovkina, to hold the 18th meeting of the COOMET JCMS on 9 July 2020 via online videoconference on Zoom platform. The need to hold another JCMS online meeting ahead of 30th COOMET Committee meeting will be discussed with the Chairs of TC 1.1 - TC 1.12 during the online meeting on 9 July 2020.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-1:	<i>To approve holding of the 30th COOMET Committee meeting in the second half of September 2020 via online videoconference on Zoom platform involving only COOMET Committee members or their official representatives under the shortened agenda.</i>
Action PC-25-1:	<i>To request COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich, to inform COOMET Committee members about the date of the 30th online COOMET Committee meeting taking into account the requirements of clause 4.2 of Section 4 in the COOMET Rules of Procedure.</i>
Resolution PC-25-2: & style="background-color: cyan;"> Action PC-25-6:	<i>To hold a web-seminar ahead of the 30th COOMET Committee meeting involving only COOMET Committee members or their official representatives, as well as Chairs of structural bodies to discuss possible fields of joint scientific research.</i>
Resolution PC-25-3:	<i>To approve holding of the 18th meeting of the Joint Committee for Measurement Standards on 9 July 2020 via online videoconference on Zoom platform.</i>

2. About further actions to adopt the COOMET Strategy for 2020-2025 and Roadmap for its implementation. About the need to hold a seminar to discuss the COOMET Strategy

Under this item of the agenda COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich, presented to the participants the final version of the draft COOMET Strategy for 2020 – 2025 and Roadmap for its implementation. These documents had been preliminary reviewed by COOMET Committee members and Chairs of COOMET structural bodies (by e-mail correspondence).

Presidential Council adopted the presented versions of the documents.

In view of the need for broader discussion of these documents, COOMET President suggested holding a COOMET web-seminar to discuss the draft COOMET Strategy for 2020 – 2025 (instead of the cancelled seminar scheduled for 31 March 2020 ahead of the 30th COOMET Committee meeting). Presidential Council members supported this proposal.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-4:	To adopt the draft COOMET Strategy for 2020 – 2025 and Roadmap for its implementation (as of 26.06.2020) (Annexes 1 and 2).
Resolution PC-25-5:	To approve holding of a COOMET web-seminar to discuss the draft COOMET Strategy for 2020 – 2025 (on 13 July 2020) on Zoom platform involving COOMET Committee members or their official representatives, members of the Working Group for Preparation of the COOMET Development Strategy, as well as Chairs of COOMET structural bodies.
Action PC-25-1:	To request COOMET Secretariat to send a draft Program of the web-seminar to COOMET Vice-Presidents for approval by 01.07.2020 and to organize sending of invitations for the participation in the web-seminar to COOMET Committee members (with copies to national secretariats), members of the Working Group for Preparation of the COOMET Development Strategy and Chairs of COOMET structural bodies.
Action PC-25-2:	To request COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich, to submit the final version of the COOMET Strategy for 2020 – 2025 and Roadmap for its implementation (taking into account the results of the discussion at the webinar) for approval at the 30 th online COOMET Committee meeting.

3. About further actions to adopt the COOMET Development Program for 2020 - 2022

Under this item of the agenda COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich, presented to the participants the final version of the draft COOMET Development Program for 2020-2022. This document had been preliminary reviewed by COOMET Committee members and Chairs of COOMET structural bodies (by e-mail correspondence).

Presidential Council adopted the presented version of the document. Meanwhile it was agreed that the timeframes for implementation of some activities should be updated in view of the restrictions owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Secretariat will perform this work in due course.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-6:	To adopt the draft COOMET Development Program for 2020 – 2022 (as of 26.06.2020) (Annex 3).
Action PC-25-3:	To request COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich, to submit the final version of the COOMET Development Program for 2020 – 2022 for approval at the 30 th online COOMET Committee meeting.

4. About the procedure for the election of COOMET President for the period from April 2021 to April 2024

In view of the earlier decision of COOMET Presidential Council recommending to extend the term of office of the current COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich, for the period from April 2021 to April 2024 (Resolution PC-24-2), Presidential Council members approved voting on the extension of the term of office of the current COOMET President at the 30th online COOMET Committee meeting.

For this purpose, Presidential Council decided on holding **closed voting (involving only COOMET Committee members or their official representatives) using the features of Zoom platform.**

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Action PC-25-4:

In accordance with section 5, clause 7 of the COOMET Memorandum of Understanding and section 1, clause 1.3 of the COOMET Rules of Procedure to request COOMET Secretariat to include the issue of holding closed voting (involving only COOMET Committee members or their official representatives) on the extension of the term of office of the current COOMET President using the features of Zoom platform in the agenda of the 30th online COOMET Committee meeting.

5. About the organization of online meetings of COOMET bodies via videoconferences (in view of the activities of the WG for project 811/BY/20)

Under this item of the agenda Head of COOMET Secretariat, coordinator of project 811/BY/20, Ms. Nadezhda Liakhova, presented to the participants brief information about the work performed within the WG for the project on choosing services for holding official COOMET meetings and events under the auspices of COOMET in the form of videoconferences/webinars.

Ms. Nadezhda Liakhova reported that the WG for project 811/BY/20 recommended Zoom service for holding online COOMET events in year 2020, since to date this is the only platform, providing for simultaneous interpretation into two languages during online meetings. This fact makes it possible to implement the provision of clause 1, section 6 "Languages" of the COOMET Memorandum of Understanding, which envisages holding of COOMET Committee meetings in English and/or in Russian.

At the initiative of COOMET President BelGIM (as the NMI, maintaining COOMET Secretariat) purchased in mid-June 2020 a license package of Zoom Business (with a feature of simultaneous interpretation) to test the possibility of holding online meetings of working and structural bodies of COOMET in the situation of the pandemic.

Based on the results of this online meeting, which has proved the convenience of work in Zoom and stability of simultaneous interpretation during the meeting, Zoom Business license will be renewed for BelGIM in September 2020.

Presidential Council supported the recommendation on the use of Zoom platform within COOMET.

Note:

1) Zoom platform has limitations in terms of the direct connection of participants from Cuba and DPR of Korea. However these countries can make an attempt to connect via Skype for Business (Zoom has the technical possibility for it).

2) Zoom platform provides for the possibility of recording online events (but without recording the channel, at which the simultaneous interpreter works). Recording can be performed (subject to agreement received from all participants of the online meeting) to familiarize representatives of Cuba or DPR of Korea (if they are not able to connect) and/or representatives of other COOMET member countries (if they are not able to take part in the online meeting for various reasons) with the materials of online meetings. The record can be made available to the above mentioned participants, after which e-voting on the issues subject to consideration and/or approval at the meetings of COOMET bodies can be held for these countries.

Owing to the uncertainty about the development of the situation with the Covid-19 pandemic COOMET Presidential Council recommended that Chairs of COOMET structural bodies consider the possibility of organizing online meetings of CSBs in year 2020 (with assistance from COOMET Secretariat in terms of using Zoom platform).

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Resolution PC-25-7:	To recommend Zoom platform as a service for holding official COOMET meetings and events under the auspices of COOMET in the form of videoconferences/webinars.
Action PC-25-5:	To request Chairs of COOMET structural bodies (TC 1.1 – TC 1.12, TC2, COOMET Quality Forum, TC 3.1 and TC 4) to inform COOMET Secretariat by 10.08.2020 about the possible dates of online CSB meetings in year 2020 as an alternative to conventional meetings if they are impossible owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.
Action PC-25-6:	To request COOMET Secretariat to provide maximum cooperation and assistance in the organization of online meetings of COOMET structural bodies TC 1.1 – TC 1.12, TC2, COOMET Quality Forum, TC 3.1 and TC 4) in year 2020.

6. About the results of agreeing on Record № COOMET E-01-2020 based on the results of the electronic voting on some issues of COOMET activities, held among COOMET Committee members

Under this item of the agenda Head of COOMET Secretariat, Ms. Nadezhda Liakhova, presented to the participants the results and outcomes of the e-voting on agreeing upon Record № COOMET E-01-2020 based on the results of the electronic voting on some issues of COOMET activities, held among COOMET Committee members.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-8:	To take note of the presented information.
Action PC-25-7:	To request COOMET Secretariat to send Record № COOMET E-01-2020 to COOMET Committee members and Chairs of COOMET structural bodies and to post it on the COOMET information resources by 10.07.2020 .

7. About the offices of the current Chairs of CSBs and COOMET SCs (in view of Record № COOMET E-01-2020)

Under this item of the agenda Head of COOMET Secretariat, Ms. Nadezhda Liakhova, presented to the participants summary information about the terms of offices of Chairs of COOMET structural bodies and subcommittees (in view of the resolutions of Record № COOMET E-01-2020 based on the results of the electronic voting on some issues of COOMET activities, held among COOMET Committee members).

COOMET Presidential Council members discussed approaches to appointing Chairs of COOMET structural and working bodies and terms of their offices (inter alia, taking into account amendments to the COOMET Memorandum of Understanding, voting results and experience of other RMOs).

COOMET Presidential Council shared the view of COOMET President regarding the need of further discussion of this issue following the agreement on the COOMET Strategy for 2020-2025 as a part of implementation of action G.2 “Performance of works on the improvements of activities of COOMET steering and structural bodies” of task G “COOMET internal development and external representation” of the COOMET Strategy.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-9:	To take note of the presented information.
Resolution PC-25-10 & Action PC-25-8:	To monitor and discuss the issues of appointing Chairs of COOMET structural and working bodies in assessing indicators Ind-g.2.1 to Ind-g.2.4 of task G of the draft COOMET Strategy for 2020-2025.

8. About the appropriateness of holding electronic voting on the updated membership of the COOMET Appeal Board for comparisons of national measurement standards and CMC review

Under this item of the agenda Head of COOMET Secretariat, Ms. Nadezhda Liakhova, noted that for the legitimacy of the new membership of the COOMET Appeal Board for comparisons of national measurement standards and CMC review (the membership was agreed at the 24th COOMET Presidential Council meeting – see Resolution PC-24-19) decision of COOMET Committee was required.

In view of the earlier decision to hold the 30th COOMET Committee meeting in the second half of September 2020 via online videoconference Head of COOMET Secretariat, Ms. Nadezhda Liakhova, suggested including this issue in the agenda.

COOMET Presidential Council members supported this proposal.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Action PC-25-9:	<i>To request the Chair of JCMS, Mrs. Anna Chunovkina, to include the issue of the new membership of the COOMET Appeal Board for comparisons of national measurement standards and CMC review in the agenda of the 18th online JCMS meeting (9 July 2020).</i>
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Action PC-25-10:	<i>To request COOMET Secretariat to include the issue of approving the new membership of the COOMET Appeal Board for comparisons of national measurement standards and CMC review in the agenda of the 30th online COOMET Committee meeting.</i>
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9. About the offices of the Chairs of TC2 “Legal Metrology” and SC 2.1 “Harmonization of Regulations and Norms”

Under this item of the agenda COOMET Vice-President, Chair of TC 2 “Legal Metrology”, Mr. Peter Ulbig, informed Presidential Council members about his decision not to propose his candidacy for the position of the TC2 Chair after the expiration of his term of office (in April 2021). He reported that elections of a new Chair from among TC2 members would be held at the next TC2 meeting, according to the requirements of D5:2020 "Model Regulations for COOMET Structural Body".

After the expiration of his term of office Mr. Peter Ulbig is prepared to act as the Deputy TC2 Chair to provide assistance to a new Chair.

Mr. Peter Ulbig also reported that he had received the information from the Chair of SC 2.1 “Harmonization of Regulations and Norms”, Mr. Nikolai Zhagora (BelGIM, Belarus), that he would not propose his candidacy for the position of the SC 2.1 Chair after the expiration of his term of office (in April 2021) either. Mr. Peter Ulbig stated that discussion of objectives, tasks and work program of SC 2.1 would take place during the next TC2 meeting, since the main task of SC 2.1 (Analysis of documents and recommendations of OIML and other RMOs for adoption or adaptation to the needs of COOMET) overlaps to varying degrees with the tasks of TC 2 on the whole. After that elections of a new SC 2.1 Chair will be held.

COOMET Vice-President, Mr. Sergey Golubev, noted that it would be appropriate to discuss the results of the elections of the TC2 and SC 2.1 Chairs at the COOMET Presidential Council meeting (before the approval of COOMET Committee), taking into account the fact that the field of “Legal Metrology” is one of the key fields within COOMET and allows COOMET to have the status of a “Regional organization for legal metrology”. Presidential Council members supported the proposal.

Mr. Peter Ulbig made a comment, that in spite of the postponement of the TC2 meeting from September 2020 to April 2021 he would try to organize an online TC2 meeting in autumn 2020, at which those issues would be discussed.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-11: To take note of the presented information.

Action PC-25-11: To request COOMET Vice-President, Chair of TC2 "Legal Metrology", Mr. Peter Ulbig, to organize consideration of the issue of the terms of office of TC2 Chair and Chair of SC 2.1 "Harmonization of Regulations and Norms" among TC2 members in autumn 2020 and submit the results for consideration at the next COOMET Presidential Council meeting.

10. About the appointment of an official COOMET representative to the OIML CS (Action PC-24-43)

Under this item of the agenda COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich, reported that in accordance with Action PC-24-43 he had received two proposals on the possible candidacy for the official COOMET representative to OIML Certification System, namely:

- 1) Mr. Aleksandr Kuzin, Director of FGUP "VNIIMS", Moscow, Russian Federation;
- 2) Mr. Yuriy Kuzmenko, Deputy General Director of SE "Ukrmetrteststandart", Kiev, Ukraine.

Taking into account the fact, that the Russian Federation is a participant of the OIML Certification System, COOMET Presidential Council members unanimously supported the appointment of Mr. Aleksandr Kuzin, Director of FGUP "VNIIMS", Moscow, Russian Federation, as the official COOMET Representative in the OIML Certification System.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-12: To appoint Mr. Aleksandr Kuzin, Director of FGUP "VNIIMS", Moscow, Russian Federation, as the official COOMET Representative in the OIML Certification System.

Action PC-25-12: To request COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich, to notify the Executive Secretary of the OIML Certification System of this decision.

11. About the preparation of the COOMET Roadmap for implementation of resolutions, related to the redefinition of the SI base units

Under this item of the agenda COOMET Vice-President, Mr. Sergey Golubev, presented to the participants information about the preparation of the COOMET Roadmap for implementation of resolutions, related to the redefinition of the SI base units. He also reported that this issue would be discussed at the forthcoming 18th online JCMS meeting (on 9 July 2020).

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-13: To take note of the presented information.

Action PC-25-13: To request the Chair of JCMS, Mrs. Anna Chunovkina, to include the discussion of preparation of the COOMET Roadmap for implementation of resolutions, related to the redefinition of the SI base units, in the agenda of the 18th online JCMS meeting (on 9 July 2020).

Action PC-25-14: To request the Chair of JCMS, Mrs. Anna Chunovkina, to submit a draft Roadmap under Action PC-25-13 for approval at the 30th online COOMET Committee meeting.

12. About the preparation for peer reviews of QMS of COOMET NMIs and DIs in 2020-2021

Under this item of the agenda COOMET Vice-President, Chair of COOMET Quality Forum, Ms. Nino Mikanadze, informed the participants about the plans for conducting peer reviews of QMS of COOMET NMIs and DIs in 2020 – 2021.

In view of:

- the earlier decision of COOMET Presidential Council on extending the period of validity of COOMET confirmations of recognition of QMS of NMIs/DIs for compliance with the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 (VNIIM, VNIIMS, VNIIOFI, VNIIFTRI, KazInMetr) and for compliance with the requirements of ISO 17034 (VNIIM, VNIIOFI, KazInMetr) until 1 March 2021,
- resolution JCRB 42/01 (Considering the restrictions imposed in response to the global coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, the end of the transition period to 17025:2017 as decided in JCRB resolution 39/3 is extended from 30 November 2020 to 1 June 2021),
- the uncertainty about the development of the situation with Covid-19,

TC 3.1 “Quality Forum Technical Committee” will try to organize peer reviews of VNIIM, VNIIMS, VNIIOFI, VNIIFTRI, KazInMetr during the period from October 2020 to February 2021.

Ms. Nino Mikanadze also reported that the next TC 3.1 meeting was scheduled for September – October 2020 (possibly via online videoconference). The issue of peer reviews of QMS of other COOMET NMIs and DIs, the validity of the confirmations of recognitions of which expires in year 2021, will also be discussed at this meeting.

Ms. Nino Mikanadze noted that in connection with the extension of the transition period to 17025:2017 (until 1 June 2021) work would be shortly initiated to update the Policy and Plan of the COOMET Quality Forum Technical Committee related to the transition to ISO 17034:2016 and ISO/IEC 17025:2017 for peer reviews of QMS of COOMET NMIs and DIs. Presidential Council decided that this work should be completed before the 30th COOMET Committee meeting.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-14: *To take note of the presented information.*

Action PC-25-15: *To request COOMET Vice-President, Chair of COOMET Quality Forum, Ms. Nino Mikanadze, to organize the update of the document “Policy and Plan of the Technical Committee of the COOMET Quality Forum related to the transition to ISO 17034:2016 and ISO/IEC 17025:2017 for peer reviews of QMS of COOMET NMIs and DIs”(owing to the changes to the transition period to ISO/IEC 17025) and to submit this document for approval at the 30th online COOMET Committee meeting.*

13. About the draft Plan of training activities of COOMET for 2020-2021

Under this item of the agenda COOMET Vice-President, Chair of TC 4 “Information and Training”, Mr. Pavel Neyezhnikov, presented to the participants a draft Plan of training activities of COOMET for 2020 – 2021.

Presidential Council members supported the draft and considered it necessary to use it as a guide in organizing training activities under the auspices of COOMET.

It was also noted that owing to the uncertainty about the development of the situation with Covid-19 pandemic, it was difficult to predict the possibility of performing the activities of the Plan in the conventional format.

Presidential Council recommended to include the issue of updating the Plan of training activities of COOMET for 2020 – 2021 in the agenda of the next meeting of TC4 “Information and Training” and present the updated version at the next Presidential Council meeting.

The participants also discussed the dates and venue of the next International competition “The Best Young Metrologist of COOMET” in 2021 (note: according to the established practice, practitioners from other regional metrology organizations can also take part in the competition).

COOMET Vice-President, Mr. Peter Ulbig, suggested holding of the competition in Germany in April 2021 (if restrictions owing to the Covid-19 pandemic are removed). Presidential Council members recommended exploring the possibility of participation in the competition both in the conventional format and via videoconference.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-15:	To adopt the draft Plan of training activities of COOMET for 2020 – 2021 (Annex 4) and use it as a guide in organizing training activities under the auspices of COOMET.
Action PC-25-16:	To request COOMET Vice-President, Chair of TC 4 “Information and Training”, Mr. Pavel Neyezhnikov, to include the issue of updating the Plan of training activities of COOMET for 2020 – 2021 in the agenda of the 17 th meeting of TC 4.
Action PC-25-17:	To request COOMET Vice-President, Chair of TC 4 “Information and Training”, Mr. Pavel Neyezhnikov, to present the updated version of the Plan under <u>Action PC-25-16</u> at the next Presidential Council meeting.
Resolution PC-25-16:	To thank COOMET Vice-president, Mr. Peter Ulbig, for the opportunity to hold the next International competition “The Best Young Metrologist of COOMET” in Germany in April 2021.
Action PC-25-18:	To request COOMET Vice President, Chair of TC 4 “Information and Training”, Mr. Pavel Neyezhnikov, to provide for informing the interested participants about the dates, venue and terms of the IX International competition “The Best Young Metrologist of COOMET” in accordance with the requirements of COOMET Recommendation R/GM/18:2020 “Procedure of the Competition “The Best Young Metrologist of COOMET””.
Action PC-25-19:	To request COOMET Secretariat to provide for posting an announcement about the dates and venue of the IX International competition “The Best Young Metrologist of COOMET” on the COOMET information resources by 15.07.2020.

14. About possible actions to implement task 1.2.3 of the WG for Preparation of the COOMET Development Strategy (Making proposals on the organizational and legal form of COOMET, including financing mechanisms)

Under this item of the agenda Presidential Council members exchanged their views on the possible actions to implement task 1.2.3 of the WG for Preparation of the COOMET Development Strategy.

Presidential Council members considered it necessary that all COOMET Committee members share their views on the appropriateness of changing the institutional status of COOMET and its possible forms in the future during the COOMET web-seminar for the discussion of the draft COOMET Strategy for 2020 – 2025 (13 July 2020).

It will be also useful to discuss the experience of other RMOs in terms of approaches to and principles of membership, as well as institutional status of the RMO. The proposals will be taken into account in the program of the above seminar.

It will be appropriate to hold the next meeting of the WG for Preparation of the COOMET Development Strategy after the seminar to discuss the results of the seminar.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-17:	To consider it necessary to share views on the appropriateness of changing the institutional status of COOMET and its possible forms in the future with all COOMET Committee members during the COOMET web-seminar for the discussion of the draft COOMET Strategy for 2020 – 2025 (13 July 2020).
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Action PC-25-20:

To hold the next meeting of the WG for Preparation of the COOMET Development Strategy after the COOMET web-seminar for the discussion of the draft COOMET Strategy for 2020 – 2025 to discuss the results of the seminar.

15. About proposals of Slovakia on shared financing of the joint meetings of TCs of the RMO

(in view of the SMU's proposals at the stage of discussion of amendments to COOMET Document D5 "Model Regulations for COOMET Structural Body" in the context of a possible joint meeting of EURAMET TC–T and COOMET TC 1.10 in October 2020)

Under this item of the agenda Head of COOMET Secretariat, Ms. Nadezhda Liakhova, informed the participants about the proposals of the Slovak Institute of Metrology on introducing "shared" financing of joint meetings of TCs of the RMO by participants.

The proposals were received at the stage of discussion of amendments to COOMET Document D5 "Model Regulations for COOMET Structural Body", but were not accepted (by agreement with SMU), since that provision shall be initially realized at the level of the COOMET Memorandum of Understanding (Document D5 cannot contain requirements, to a greater or lesser extent conflicting with the MoU). Presidential Council members supported the proposal on additional discussion of this issue within the WG for Preparation of the COOMET Development Strategy in the context of task 1.2.3 "Making proposals on the organizational and legal form of COOMET, including financing mechanisms"

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To take note of the presented information.

Action PC-25-21:

To consider it appropriate to additionally discuss the proposals of the Slovak Institute of Metrology within the WG for Preparation of the COOMET Development Strategy in the context of task 1.2.3 "Making proposals on the organizational and legal form of COOMET, including financing mechanisms".

16. About the dates and venue of the next Presidential Council meeting

COOMET Vice-President, Mr. Peter Ulbig, suggested holding the 26th COOMET Presidential Council meeting in Germany (tentatively the week from 22 to 26 February) in the absence of restrictive measures relating to the Covid-19 pandemic. The venue of the meeting will be specified by correspondence.

COOMET Presidential Council members thanked Mr. Peter Ulbig for this proposal, however it was agreed that this meeting could be held via online videoconference on Zoom platform on the same dates as an alternative.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:**Resolution PC-25-19:**

To hold the 26th COOMET Presidential Council meeting in Germany in February 2021 or via online videoconference on Zoom platform (depending on the situation with the Covid-19 pandemic).

17. About the COOMET Committee meeting in 2021

Due to the shift in the schedule of meetings of COOMET steering bodies owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, COOMET President, Mr. Valery Hurevich, suggested scheduling the 31st COOMET Committee meeting for the first half of June 2021.

This proposal also resulted from the fact that COOMET would celebrate the 30th anniversary of its establishment on 12 June 2021. Hence holding of the COOMET Committee meeting on these dates will allow for organization of the COOMET's anniversary celebration.

Council members supported this proposal.

The venue and dates of the meeting will be agreed in due course.

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS:

Resolution PC-25-20: | *To adopt the proposal on holding the 31st COOMET Committee meeting in June 2021.*



Valery Hurevich,
COOMET President



Nadezhda Liakova,
Head of COOMET Secretariat