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MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

as of 16 October 2026

Interim President

P. Richard, Switzerland.

Interim Secretary

H.A. Frøystein, Norway.

Members

V.G. Achanta, India.

M. Akoshima, Japan.

D. Calonico, Italy.

V. Coleman, Australia.

D. del Campo Maldonado, Spain.

C. Denz, Germany.

J.-R. Filtz, France.

J.-T. Janssen, UK.

J. Kushmerick, USA.

H. Laiz, Argentina.

G. Macdonald, Canada.

Y.-K. Park, Republic of Korea.

J. Pillay, South Africa.

J. Qu, China.

G.P. Ripper, Brazil.

M. Šmíd, Czechia.

BIPM Director

A. Koo

1. Opening of the session and quorum

The International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM) held Session III of its 115th meeting on Friday 16 October 2026 at the BIPM headquarters.

Participants:

V.G. Achanta, M. Akoshima, D. Calonico, V. Coleman, D. del Campo Maldonado, C. Denz, J.-R. Filtz, H.A. Frøystein, J.-T. Janssen, J. Kushmerick, H. Laiz, G. Macdonald, A. Koo (Director of the BIPM), Y.-K. Park, J. Pillay, J. Qu, P. Richard, G. Ripper and M. Šmíd.

Also attending the meeting were:

C. Fellag Ariouet (Head of the Director's Office and Meetings Office), A. Rohrer (BIPM Legal Adviser) and R. Sitton (Publications).

The following attended for part of the meeting:

B. Mutter (Head of the Human Resources Service)

With eighteen members present, the quorum was satisfied according to Article 12 of the Regulations annexed to the Metre Convention.

2. Confirmation of the acting Chair

The Director congratulated the newly-elected and re-elected CIPM members and welcomed them to the formal induction meeting. She noted that pending the election of a new bureau, without which the CIPM is not formally constituted, it is customary that the first meeting of the newly-elected CIPM is Chaired by the senior incumbent member, in this case P. Richard. The CIPM members agreed and the floor was handed to P. Richard to Chair the inaugural meeting.

P. Richard thanked the Director, welcomed the CIPM members and offered his congratulations on their election.

3. Confirmation of the agenda

The acting Chair recalled that he had presented a draft agenda for this formal induction meeting to the previous CIPM in June 2026. The aim of the agenda was to allow for a structured onboarding session and a smooth transition to the new CIPM. The draft was refined in consultation with the Director in August and the contributors for each onboarding topic were contacted to secure their participation.

The acting Chair said that the majority of the agenda would consist of onboarding presentations and was for information only. The only decision that will need to be taken later in the agenda is to formally note the decisions taken by correspondence since Session II in June 2026.

The CIPM adopted the agenda.

4. Onboarding presentations

The CIPM received presentations on the following topics (for information only):

- BIPM Mission and Vision (A. Koo)
- Governance issues (P. Richard)
- CIPM roles and responsibilities, Code of Conduct and Rules of Procedure (A. Rohrer)
- Election and roles of the CIPM bureau (A. Rohrer)
- CIPM Consultative Committees, Forum and Sectoral Task Group activities (D. del Campo Maldonado (CIPM Sectoral Task Group on Climate and Environment (CIPM-STG-CENV)), G. Macdonald and C. Denz (Forum on Metrology and Digitalization (FORUM-MD)), V. Coleman (Consultative Committees))
- CIPM Working Groups and Committees (P. Richard)
- Financial issues, including the BIPM Pension Fund Advisory Board (P. Richard and H.A. Frøystein)
- Staff issues (A. Koo and B. Mutter).

The presentations are available to the CIPM on the following webpage (login required):

https://www.bipm.org/en/committees/ci/cipm/115-_3-2026-2

A number of points were raised during the presentations, with the following being noted.

Resolution 7 of the 28th CGPM (2026) "On the adoption of Rules of Procedure of the General Conference on Weights and Measures" resulted in the creation of a new Election Commission and the revocation of the former Committee for CIPM Election. The CIPM asked how the Election Commission will be constituted considering that it does not currently have a Chair. The Director replied that she will write to the nine members of the new Commission to facilitate its first meeting and will propose a draft agenda.

The CIPM had a comprehensive discussion on the election of a new bureau. The outcome was that an Interim President and Interim Secretary will be elected by secret ballot during the current meeting. A second election will be held to elect a full bureau, including two Vice-Presidents, at Session I of the 116th meeting in March 2027. A call was made for candidates and four CIPM members put their names forward for the interim positions (see §6).

The acting Chair recalled that following changes in membership resulting from the election of the new CIPM, there are vacancies for Presidents of the Consultative Committee for Electricity and Magnetism (CCEM), Consultative Committee for Photometry and Radiometry (CCPR), Consultative Committee for Amount of Substance: Metrology in Chemistry and Biology (CCQM) and Consultative Committee for Time and Frequency (CCTF).

The acting Chair asked for expressions of interest in filling the vacant positions.

It was confirmed that all ten CC Presidents will be appointed or re-appointed at the next session of the CIPM. The election of the CIPM bureau will take place first, because if elected to the bureau, the CIPM members concerned may want to reconsider their positions taken up to now due to the increased workload.

G. Rietveld, the outgoing Chair of the CCEM, will Chair its 35th meeting in March 2027. This meeting will include a celebration of the CCEM's centenary. The acting Chair of the CIPM encouraged the potential CCEM candidates to attend this meeting.

There are also vacancies on five of the CIPM Working Groups:

- BIPM Pension Fund Advisory Board (one vacancy)
- CIPM Sub-Committee on Finance (two vacancies)
- CIPM Sub-Committee on Governance (two vacancies)
- CIPM Sub-Committee on Strategy (vacant Chair)
- CIPM *ad hoc* Working Group on Conditions of Employment (vacant Chair).

In addition, there are two vacancies for CIPM representation on the Joint Committee for Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (JCTLM). J.-R. Filtz volunteered to act as the interim CIPM representative to the next meeting of the JCTLM on 3-4 December 2026 and offered his candidature to become a permanent representative from March 2027.

5. Information on decisions to be taken before March 2027

The Director noted that there are four decisions that will require action by the CIPM before its next session.

- Approval of the BIPM budget for 2027
- Appointment of a new Director for the Physical Metrology Department
- Potential suspension of the Islamic Republic of Iran and exclusion of Syria (or extensions) if they reach three years of arrears on 1 January 2027
- Development of a model for targeted voluntary financial contributions and associated project costings.

The Director added that work on the model for targeted voluntary financial contributions should start as soon as possible. The BIPM needs information about any expressions of interest from Member States that are willing to engage with it to make such contributions. This will have an impact on strategic decisions that need to be taken for 2027, for example the length of recruitments for projects that may not continue. The CIPM Sub-Committee on Finance will support the Director. J. Pillay and J. Kushmerick will support the activities of the Sub-Committee as interim members until March 2027.

6. Election of an interim CIPM bureau

The CIPM proceeded with a secret ballot to elect an Interim President and Secretary. There were four candidates for the two positions, with each candidate applying for both positions: if unsuccessful for the Interim President's position, the remaining three candidates would then go into the election for the Interim Secretary.

All eighteen CIPM members and the BIPM Director were eligible to vote in the secret ballots. The first candidate to reach ten votes (a majority) would be declared the winner. In the event that ten votes were not reached, the candidate with the lowest number of votes would drop out and there would be further rounds until one candidate achieved ten votes.

The secret ballots were held, with the following results:

- P. Richard was elected as CIPM Interim President after one round of voting.
- H.A. Frøystein was elected as CIPM Interim Secretary after two rounds of voting.

Decision CIPM/115-23 (2026)
The CIPM elected the following by secret ballot:
- P. Richard as Interim President of the CIPM;
- H.A. Frøystein as Interim Secretary of the CIPM.

7. Decisions taken by correspondence since the previous meeting

The Interim Secretary presented a draft decision to formally note the decisions taken by correspondence since Session II in June 2026 (the last session of the previous CIPM). The presentation also included a brief contextual paragraph relating to the decisions that will be added to the annex. Following a discussion, the CIPM endorsed one change to the contextual paragraph and approved the following decision.

Decision CIPM/115-22 (2026)
The CIPM took note of Decision CIPM/115-21 (2026), Decision CIPM/115-20 (2026) and Decision CIPM/115-19 (2026) and agreed to publish them in an annex to the report of Session II of the 115th meeting. The three decisions were taken by the previous CIPM by correspondence after the end of the session. A brief contextual paragraph relating to the decisions will be added to the annex.

8. Planning for the next meeting

The Interim President suggested that the CIPM should maintain the existing timetable of weeks 12, 25 and 42 for its meetings in 2027. G. Macdonald pointed out that week 42 clashes with a public holiday in Canada and suggested that the meeting be moved to either weeks 43 or 44 if possible. The Interim President commented that the dates for the Sessions II and III of the 116th meeting in 2027 can be agreed at Session I in March and noted the request from G. Macdonald. The Director added that the CCAUV is scheduled to meet in week 41 and the CCL in week 43 in 2027.

The Interim President encouraged the CIPM members to attend the March 2027 meeting in person due to the requirement to hold the full election for the CIPM bureau via a secret ballot. The CIPM agreed that Session I of its 116th meeting will be held from Monday 22 March to Wednesday 24 March 2027, with the bureau election taking place on the morning of the first day.

9. Any other business

The Director asked if there should be a call for nominations for candidates for the bureau elections two months in advance of the meeting scheduled for March 2027, in accordance with the RoP of the CIPM? The Interim President said that he will discuss the matter with the Interim Secretary. The CIPM is not obliged to follow these rules for the CIPM bureau election, but good practice would be to do so. The rules for the full election will be discussed by correspondence.

The Interim President thanked the BIPM staff for preparing the meeting, particularly after the long week, which had included the meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM). He thanked the CIPM members for their participation and the open discussions; a good team spirit has developed among the CIPM very rapidly. He noted that the presentations given during the meeting will be made available on the CIPM website.

He closed the meeting.



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