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Dear ILAC Members

On behalf of the ILAC Secretariat staff, best wishes to you and your colleagues for a healthy and productive 2021.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the members of the ILAC Executive Committee elected as part of the 2020 ILAC General Assembly as they formally commence their terms of office this month. We look forward to a productive year ahead.

Towards the end of 2020 and over the past week we have finalised several activities and therefore provide the following updates for your information:

### **One International Organisation for Accreditation project Contractor appointed**

The ILAC and IAF Executive Committees have supported the IAF/ILAC Steering Committee recommendation to accept Dr.-Ing. Thomas Facklam Unternehmensberatung as the preferred contractor for the IAF-ILAC Single Organization Project.

The Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee, Maribel Lopez and Emanuele Riva, are working with Dr.-Ing. Thomas Facklam, to develop a formal contract for completion of this project.

### **Schedule for online mid-term meetings**

The ILAC and IAF Secretariats are currently working with the Committee Chairs to finalise the schedule for the IAF/ILAC mid-term 2021 meetings that will be held on on-line. This schedule will be made available to members towards the end of this month.

### **ILAC R3:12/2014 ILAC Strategic Plan 2015-2020 & Supplement 1 to ILAC R3:12/2014**

As you will recall the ILAC Strategic Plan was due to conclude at the end of 2020 however following the decision taken in October 2019 to establish a single international organisation for accreditation, the ILAC Executive considered whether to commit resources to produce a new strategic plan for ILAC, for the 2 to 3 year period until the single organisation is established, or to present a proposal to the members recommending the current strategic plan be extended until the establishment of the single international organisation for accreditation.

In November 2020, the ILAC Executive subsequently made the following recommendation that was supported via a referendum of the voting members:

*the current ILAC Strategic Plan, ILAC R3:12/2014 ILAC Strategic Plan 2015-2020 & Supplement 1 to ILAC R3:12/2014, be extended until the project to establish a single international organization for accreditation is completed.*

The ILAC website has been updated to reflect this extension to the implementation period for the ILAC Strategic Plan, ILAC R3: <https://ilac.org/publications-and-resources/ilac-rules-series/> including updated referencing on the document ILAC R3 and removing the supplement. The supplement is available from the Secretariat if anyone requires a copy.

### **IAF/ILAC A-series revised Terms of Reference**

The IAF and ILAC Executive Committees (JEC) have approved the revised Terms of Reference for the JWG A-series. The approved Terms of Reference have been published in the members area of the ILAC and IAF websites.

As part of the adoption of this most recent version of the JWG A-Series Terms of Reference, a list the members of the JWG A-series members has also been made available on the websites. Finally, as this 2020 version of the JWG A-series Terms of Reference includes the specific requirements to be followed in the development, approval and maintenance of IAF/ILAC A-Series documents that are in addition to the general IAF and ILAC procedures for maintaining publications, IAF/ILAC A6:01/2018 *Approval Process for IAF/ILAC A-Series Documents* has therefore been withdrawn.

### **ILAC brochure - ISO 20387: Accreditation for Biobanking Facilities**

This brochure, a result of the combined efforts of the ILAC AIC and MCC, has been published: [https://ilac.org/latest\\_ilac\\_news/accreditation-for-biobanking-facilities-brochure/](https://ilac.org/latest_ilac_news/accreditation-for-biobanking-facilities-brochure/) and provides information on the accreditation process and advantages of accreditation in this field.

### **JWG A-series ISO/IEC 17011 FAQs**

Two further FAQs and responses relating to the accreditation cycle requirements have been included in the list of ISO/IEC 17011 FAQs available from <https://ilacfaq.org/a-series-faq/>

As you are aware these FAQs and answers are provided for use by IAF and ILAC, regional cooperation bodies, accreditation bodies and peer evaluators. They are provided as a tool to assist in the understanding and application of ISO/IEC 17011, to help achieve equivalence of the outcomes of peer evaluations based on ISO/IEC 17011 and as a resource for training. The answers are prepared by the members of the JWG A-series and are given as guidance based on the committee members' experience and are therefore not mandatory.

### **Revised ILAC G17 to be published**

As a result of the referendum last month, the latest version of ILAC G17:01/2021 *ILAC Guidelines for Measurement Uncertainty in Testing* was approved for publication and will be available from the ILAC website <https://ilac.org/publications-and-resources/ilac-guidance-series/> early next week.

Kind regards

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