

63th GENERAL COUNCIL SESSION 2020

ON THE 13TH, 14TH, AND 15TH OF NOVEMBER THE GC SESSION AND ITS RELATED MEETINGS TOOK PLACE. IT HAS BEEN QUITE AN EVENT TO ORGANISE AND ATTEND WITH WORLDWIDE AUDIENCE. HERE IS THE SHORT VERSION OF WHAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED.

THE PRESIDENTIAL BOARD MEETINGS

Due to this year's situation worldwide, to solve urgent matters at hand the Presidential Board has been established, consisting of Prof. Masatoshi Ishikawa, Prof. Frank Härtig and Prof. Ken Grattan.

They have held meetings since April every months. This Board supported the President in making major decisions without summoning a General Council Session. The Board made several necessary and important arrangements. The GC approved the work of the Presidential Board and its decisions.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The extended Advisory Board meeting with high attendance took place on Friday 13th of November. During the meeting the relevant strategic issues have been thoroughly discussed. New mechanisms suggested by the Presidential Board have been supported and further improved.

The consultation on the possible risks arising from the pandemic situation and the changing publication trends (like open access) were also among the important topics of the meeting.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL SESSION

The President Prof. Masatoshi Ishikawa opened the web-based session with welcoming words.

The formal Report from the Technical Board was presented by Professor Frank Härtig, the President-Elect/Chair of the TB at the GC Session with a detailed strategic plan and the report on the TCs. As part of the new strategy for the TCs came the reorientation of two TCs.

The TC6 is now Digitalization and the TC11 is Measurement in Testing, Inspection & Certification.

XXIII. IMEKO WORLD CONGRESS

The decision was born that the Congress in Yokohama 2021 is going to be web based.
<https://imeko2021.org/>

XXIV. WORLD CONGRESS

The preparations for 2024 Congress in Hamburg are well on the way. You can find out more under:
<https://www.imeko2024.org/>



THE NEW TC6 DIGITALIZATION

Dr. Sascha Eichstädt “PTB Scientist and Digitalization Evangelist” (ref. LinkedIn) gave a presentation after briefly introducing himself on trends of digitalization. During the thorough discussions various Technical Committees expressed their interest in a co-operation with the newly established TC. Dr. Sascha Eichstädt has been elected as Chair to the new TC6.

THE NEW TC11 MEASUREMENT IN TESTING, INSPECTION & CERTIFICATION

Dr. Álvaro Silva Ribeiro President of RELACRE and EUROLAB presented the background, objectives and goals of this newly forming TC. He has been elected as new Chair to TC11.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM AND ALSO TO THE NEWLY ELECTED TC OFFICERS!

- Prof Piotr Bilski Scientific Secretary TC10
- Dr. Lorenzo Ciani Vice Chairperson (previously Scientific Secretary) TC10
- Dr. Adam Gaska Scientific Secretary TC14
- Mr. Joris van Loco Chairperson to TC23
- Dr. Nives Ogrinc Vice Chairperson TC23
- Dr. Maria Fernandes-Whiley Scientific Secretary TC23

The Technical Committees welcomed all together 14 new members. Thank you for joining IMEKO!

CONFERENCES DUE TO BE HELD IN 2020 POSTPONED, COULD EXCEPTIONALLY BE HELD UP TILL MARCH 2021!

JOURNALS

MEASUREMENT
JOURNAL

Recent years saw a substantial rise in the number of submitted articles in Measurement. The Impact Factor and CiteScore of Measurement both rose this year, reaching their highest levels yet: Impact Factor: 3.364 (previous year was 2.791), CiteScore: 5.50 (previous year was 4.90). Measurement is now ranked 22/91 in Clarivate's 'Engineering, Multidisciplinary' category and 13/64 in 'Instruments & Instrumentation'. The latest CiteScore Tracker (updated monthly) can be viewed here: <https://www.scopus.com/sourceid/15424>.

MEASUREMENT
SENSORS

This journal is an open-access journal whose field-of-interest was defined not to overlap with the existing Measurement journal scope. Professor Ken Grattan of City University, London is the journal Editor-in-Chief. The journal is fully Gold open access. A software mechanism between the two titles is in operation, allowing authors to quickly transfer their papers from Measurement to the new journal in case of out-of-scope decisions by the Editors. Refer to the EiC report for further details.

ACTA IMEKO

The online journals reputation is increasing.

Acta IMEKO has been indexed by the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education. MSHE on the list of scientific journals recommended for authors to publish their articles.

Since the last GC meeting in September 2019 the journal has published another four issues. ACTA IMEKO would welcome more TCs in organizing or sponsoring special sections or issues.

<http://acta.imeko.org>



INFORMATION OFFICERS REPORT

By now (October 2020) on IMEKO's website there are 548 (last report: 517) events in the database.

The number of contacts increased from 1041 to 1077. There are now 8218 (7479) papers in our proceedings database. Unfortunately, not all TCs provided their conference proceedings for the IMEKO repository. It would be nice if more would do.

IMEKO ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Among the decisions of the GC has been to continue with the project IMEKOs presence on social media .Beside the IMEKOs frequent posts on LinkedIn and the rising number of followers, there are groups created for each TC to boost communication.

If you have a LinkedIn account please follow IMEKO and join your TC! If you haven't got an account yet maybe you like to open one now? You are more than welcome!

If you have anything to share a short article (e.g. advertise your scientific activity) on LinkedIn we look forward to receive your work.



SECRETARIAT'S EXTRA

Another initiative set into motion and now in a trial phase is a supporting website created for the smoother running of the secretariat. Under IMEKO Support Team the site is holding information on events with calendar, file repository, an inquiry form and so much more planned.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The series of Presidential Board Meetings are continuing. Please send any ideas, request to the Secretary General via the Secretariat or use the link to the [contact form](#).