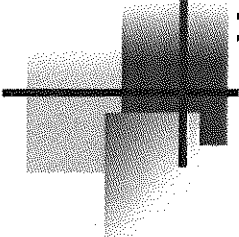


Chairman's 2013 Report

**APLMF Working Group on Mutual  
Recognition Arrangements (MRAs)**

**Chairman: Charles D. Ehrlich**  
**NIST, U.S.A. CIML Member**

**Presentation by: Ralph Richter, P.E.**  
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## 2012-2013 Work Item 1

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- There has been no direct request or inquiry from an APLMF Member Economy to look into a regional Mutual Recognition Arrangement.
- The ongoing work in implementing the OIML MAA has been the focus of the APLMF WG activity, while keeping in mind ways that all interested APLMF Member Economies might participate.
- MAA Seminar held on October 7, 2013, in conjunction with 48<sup>th</sup> CIML Meeting in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Alan Johnston will provide a summary report.

# APLMF WG on MRAS

## 2012-2013 Work Item 1

- **Resolution no. 15** [*Agenda item 9.5*]
- The Committee,
- Noting the oral report by its first Vice-President on the outcome of the seminar to review the operation of the OIML Mutual Acceptance Arrangement (MAA);
- Considering that there appears to be a high level of confidence in those areas where Declarations of Mutual Confidence (DoMCs) are in place;
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- Urges its Members, the participants in the MAA and the BIML to actively promote the MAA among legal metrology authorities and measuring instrument manufacturers worldwide;
  
- Encourages its Members to draw to the attention of trade negotiators within their administrations the opportunities which OIML Recommendations and the MAA structures offer as means of reducing barriers to trade and the possibility they provide to enhance both bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations;
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- Requests its first Vice-President to chair this ad-hoc working group and to report on its activities to the 49th CIML Meeting.

# APLMF WG on MRAS

## 2012-2013 Work Item 1

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- **Resolution no. 16** [Agenda item 9.5]
- The Committee,
- Recalling its Resolution no. 15;
- Considering that the MAA's Committees on Participation Review (CPR) decide on their own rules and procedures within the framework set by OIML Publication B 10 *Framework for a Mutual Acceptance Arrangement on OIML type evaluations* and that TC 3/SC 5 is responsible for that Basic Publication;
- Considering the conclusion of the MAA seminar that there is a need to review the structure and the operation of the CPRs;
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# APLMF WG on MRAS

## 2012-2013 Work Item 1

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[*Agenda item 9.5*]

- The Committee,
- Recalling its decision on the implementation of the MAA in its 39th meeting (2004) under agenda item 6.3;
- Recalling Resolution no. MAA 2006-2 of its 41st meeting concerning a transitory period ending 31 December 2008 in which both MAA certificates and Basic certificates may be issued;
- Recalling Resolution no. 20 of its 43rd meeting (2008), extending the transitory period until such time that the Committee takes an express decision (separate for each category of instruments) to end it, effectively maintaining the Basic Certificate System in parallel to the MAA;
- Recalling its Resolution no. 15;
- Considering that for almost nine years now there exist *de facto* two OIML conformity assessment systems for OIML type evaluations: the OIML Basic Certificate System and the MAA, whereas the MAA was conceived to replace the Basic Certificate System;
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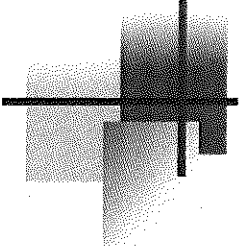
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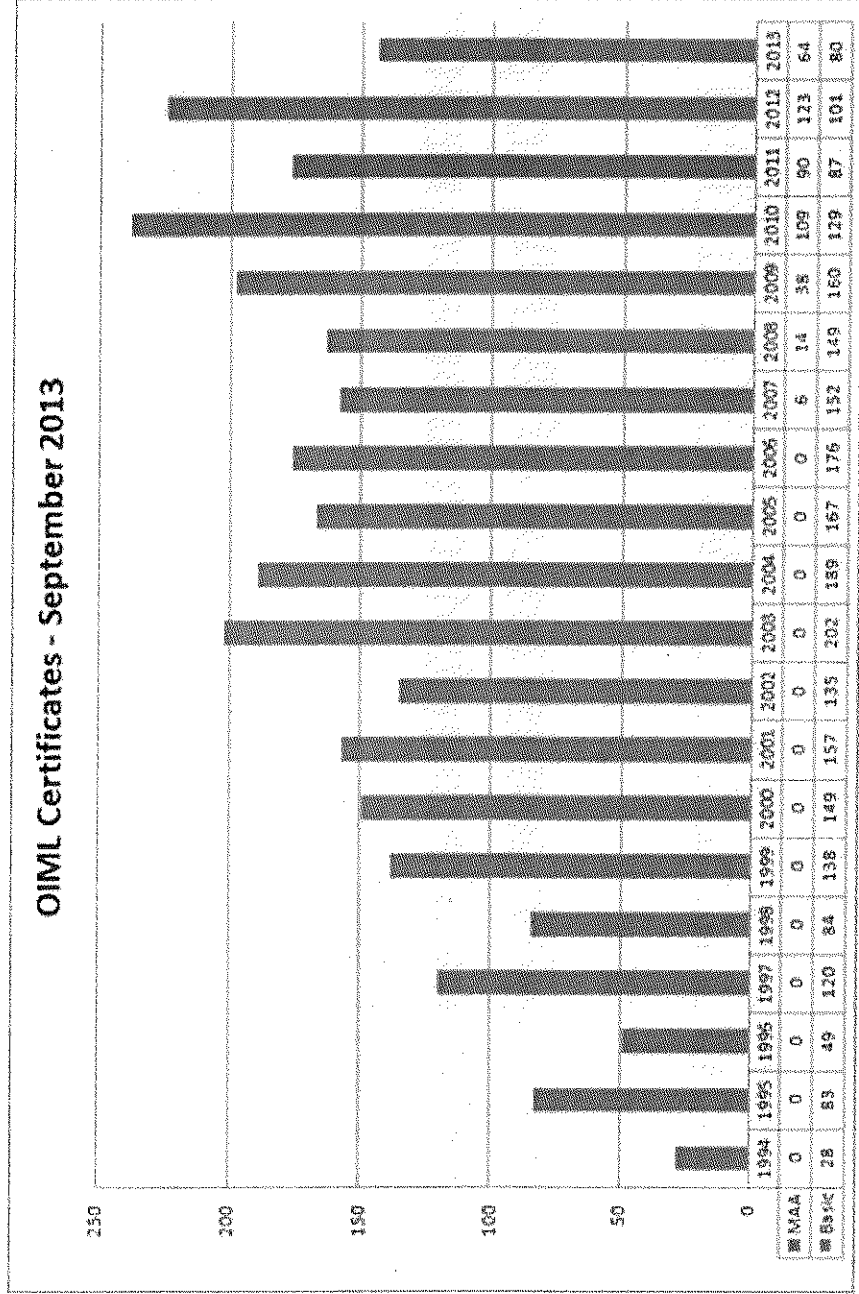
**WG Chair, with assistance of BIML, to provide  
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**No MAA Update Article prepared this year.**

**Apologies from the WG Chairman.**

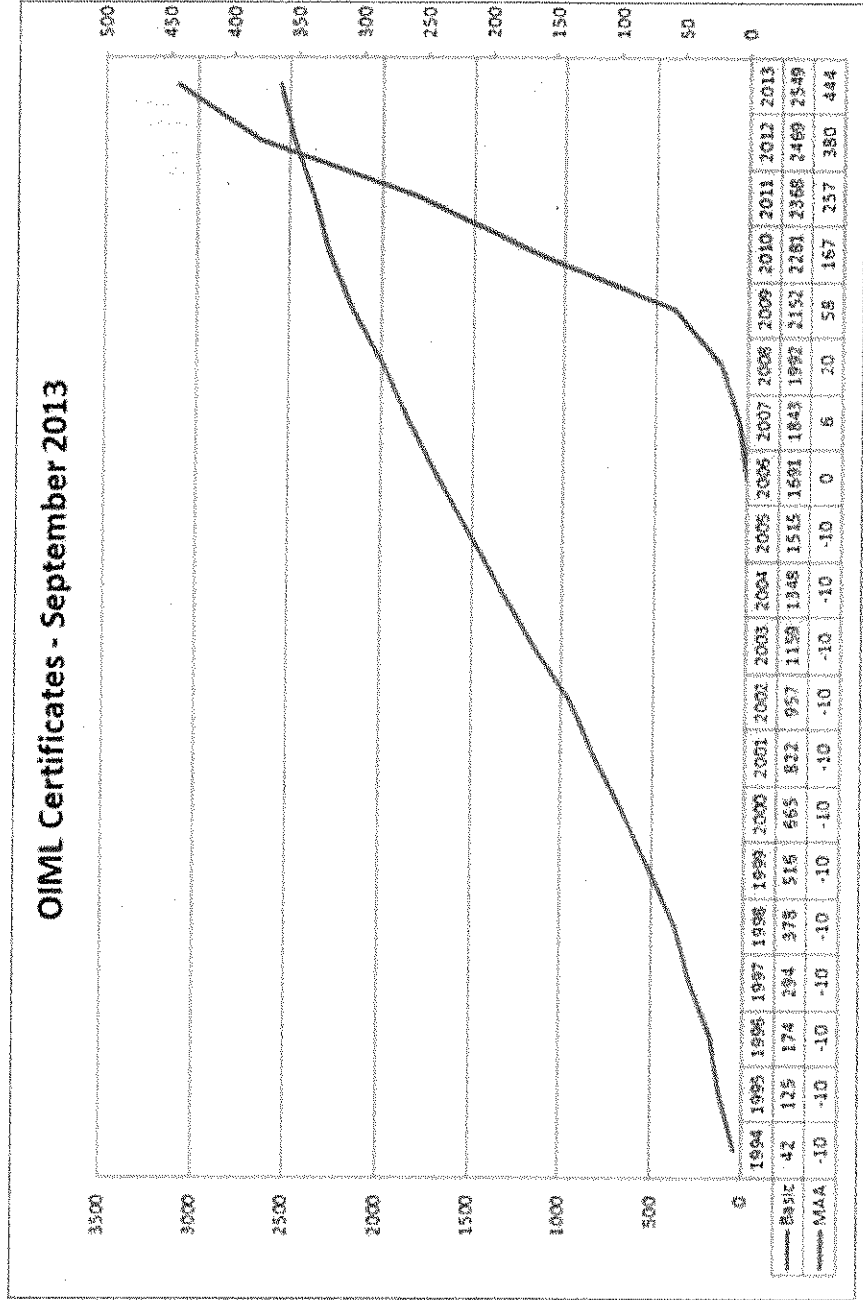
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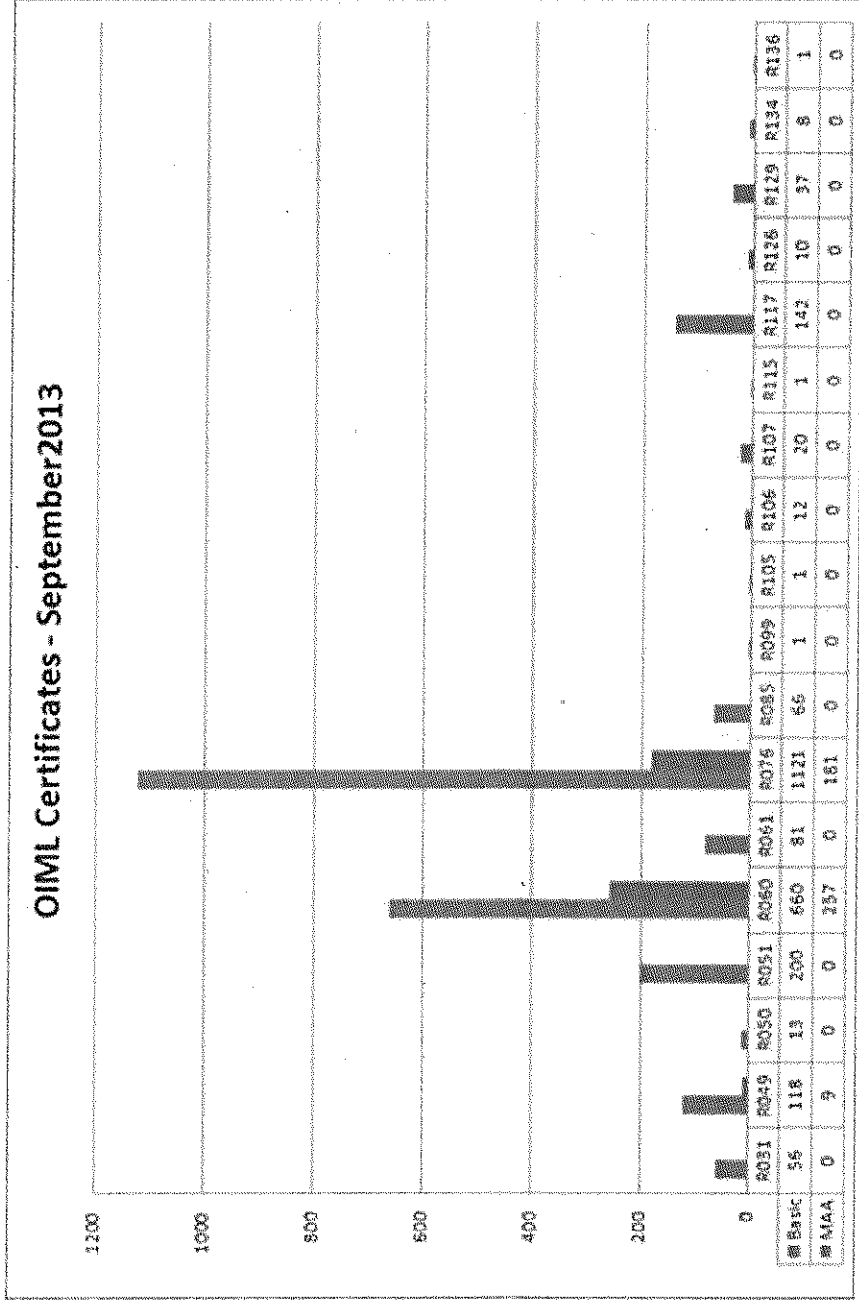
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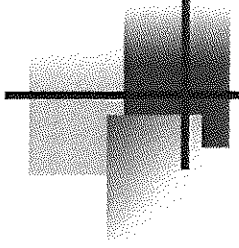


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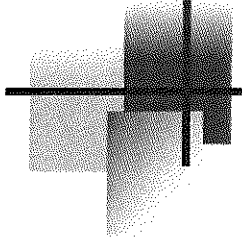


**APLMF WG on MRAS  
2012-2013 Work Item 3**

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**Japan to prepare and circulate surveys?**

# APLMF WG on MRAS



## **Proposed Work Program for next year (2013 – 2014):**

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## 2013-2014 Work Items

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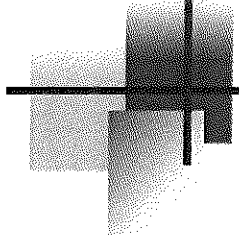
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[If Japan is no longer interested, this could be dropped.]



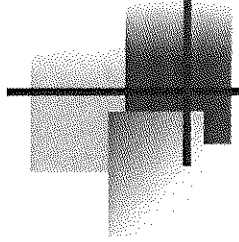
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**QUESTIONS?**

**OTHER IDEAS?**

APLMF WG on MRAS



**THANK YOU!**



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# Mutual Acceptance Arrangement Seminar Conclusion (MAA)

## Presentation to APLMF Members

Alan Johnston

November 2013



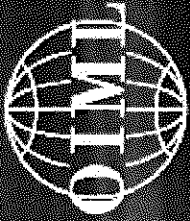
# MAA Seminar

## Background

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**Seminar divided into 4 sessions**

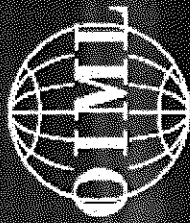
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# MAA Seminar

## Conclusion of the MAA

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- **Raising awareness about the MAA system: Information, benefits,... (e.g. through RLMO's)**
- **Rethink the role of Utilizing Participants with the aim that all Members are able to accept MAA Certificates**
- **CPR: Structure (one CPR?), operation, regular meetings, simplify the rules?**
- **Phasing out the Basic Certificate system**

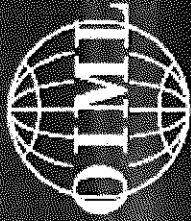


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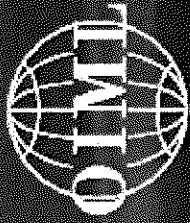
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# MAA Seminar

Presentation by speakers can be found at:

[http://workgroups.oiml.org/maa-seminar/ho-chi-minh-city/2013\\_MAA\\_Seminar\\_presentations.zip/view](http://workgroups.oiml.org/maa-seminar/ho-chi-minh-city/2013_MAA_Seminar_presentations.zip/view)

