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Update from the IAF



IAF Liaison Report to CIML September 2021

1. IAF Membership

The number of IAF members now totals 117, with 87 Accreditation Body Members, 24 Association Members, and 6 Regional Accreditation Group Members.

O'ZAKK: the Center for Accreditation (Uzbekistan) was added as a new member in Dec. 2020, The Unified National Body of Accreditation - Accreditation Centre (Georgian Accreditation Centre - GAC) was added in Mar. 2021, and AACB - The Association of Accredited Certification Bodies was added in Sept. 2021. A number of other applications are in progress.

A list of IAF members by category can be found on the [IAF website](#).

2. IAF MLA

The IAF Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MLA) now has 75 Accreditation Body Signatories representing 88 economies and 5 Recognized Regional Accreditation Group MLAs. The [IAF MLA](#) currently has five main scopes with twelve sub-scopes.

IAF Accreditation Body Members had accredited 10,400 Certification and Validation & Verification Bodies worldwide as of 2020. The latest version of the IAF MLA Annual Report can be found [here](#).

FSSC 22000 is a recent addition, with the IAF Chair and Foundation FSSC 22000's Director General [signing an MLA Agreement](#) for endorsement of the scheme on 12 March 2021.

One new IAF Member has become a signatory to the IAF MLA – the Gulf Cooperation Council Accreditation Center (GAC (GCC)), recognized for the Main Scope of Product Certification - ISO/IEC 17065 on 11 August 2021.

Scope extensions granted since the 2020 General Assembly (GA) include: EIAC for ISO 27001; EIAC, JAB, INACAL-DA and SAS for ISO 45001; APAC, ANAB, CNAS, COFRAC, JAB, and TAF for ICAO CORSIA; INACAL-DA for ISO 14001, JAB for ISO 13485, IOAS for GLOBALG.A.P. IFA; EA, AA, ACCREDIA, BELAC, CAI, COFRAC, DAKKS, DANAK, ENAC, ESYD, FINAS, INAB, IPAC, PCA, RENAR, RvA, SAS, SWEDAC, TURKAK, and UKAS for FSSC 22000 V5; UKAS for FAMI-QS

A complete list of AB signatories and their MLA scopes can be found [here](#).

3. IAF Directors

The current IAF Directors are: Mr Xiao Jianhua (CNAS, China), the IAF Chairman; Mr Emanuele Riva (ACCREDIA, Italy), IAF Vice-Chair; Mr Peter Kronvall (SWEDAC, Sweden), the Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in High Income Economies; Mr Ekanit Romyanon (NSC, Thailand), the Director representing Accreditation Body Members located in Low and Medium Income Economies; Mr Marcus Long (IIOC, International), the Director representing Conformity Assessment Body Association Members; Ms Sheronda Jeffries (TIA, International), the Director representing Industry and User Association Member; and Mr Roger Muse (ANAB, USA), Interim IAF Treasurer, who was appointed 28 March by the IAF Board, following the unanticipated departure of Mr. Keith Greenaway. This interim appointment will conclude following the 2021 Joint Annual meetings. Following a call for nominations for the position of IAF Treasurer, Pedro Alves (IQNet) was nominated as a candidate, and the Board will confirm his appointment following the November 2021 IAF General Assembly.

The second and final terms of the IAF Chair, IAF Vice-Chair, and Director representing Industry and User Association Members will expire at the close of the upcoming IAF GA in November 2021. Following a call for nominations for the position of IAF Chair, Mr. Emanuele Riva (ACCREDIA) was the successful candidate. Following a call for nominations for the position of IAF Vice-Chair and subsequent elections, Ms. Lori Gillespie (ANAB) was the successful candidate. Following a call for nominations for the position of IAF Director representing Industry and User Association Members, Mr. Emmanouil Geneiatakis (FAMI-QS) was the successful candidate.

4. IAF Committee Chairs

The current Chairs of the decision making committees are:

Mr Norman Brunner (AA, Austria), Chair of the MLA Committee (MLAC); Mr Steve Keeling (JAS-ANZ, Australia), Chair of the Technical Committee (TC); Mr Brahim Houla (GAC, GCC Economies), Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC); and Ms Andrea Barroso Melo Monteiro de Queiroz (CGCRE, Brazil), Chair of the Development Support Committee (DSC).

The current Chairs of the Advisory Committees are: Mr Peter Kronvall (SWEDAC and Director representing Accreditation Bodies located in High Income Economies) and Mr Ekanit Romyanon (NSC and Director representing Accreditation Bodies located in Low and Medium Income Economies) - Co-Chairs of the Accreditation Body Information Exchange Group (ABIEG); Ms Sheronda Jeffries (TIA and Director representing Industry and User Association Members) - Chair of the User Advisory Committee (UAC); and Mr Marcus Long (IIOC and Director representing Conformity Assessment Body Association Members) - Chair of the Conformity Assessment Body Advisory Committee (CABAC).

The second and final terms of the MLA Committee Chair and Development Support Committee Chair, along with the first terms of the Technical Committee Chair, and Communications & Marketing Committee Chair will expire at the close of the upcoming IAF GA in November 2021. Following a call for nominations for the position of Communications and Marketing Committee Chair, Mr. Brahim Houla (GAC (GCC)) was the successful candidate. Following a call for nominations and subsequent election for the position of IAF Technical Committee Chair, Mr. Kevin Belson (UKAS) was the successful candidate. Following a call for nominations for the position of MLA Committee Chair, Ms. Kylie Sheehan (JAS-ANZ) was the successful candidate. Following a call for nominations for the position of Development Support Committee Chair, Mr. Carlos Martin Echeverria (SAE) was the successful candidate.

Additionally, in April 2021 the IAF Board appointed Mr. Matt Gantley (UKAS) as Chair of the IAF Database, LLC Database Management Committee (DMC).

5. IAF-ILAC Virtual Mid-term Meetings – April-May 2021

Virtual Meetings of the IAF MLA Committee, IAF Technical Committee, and IAF-ILAC Joint Development Support Committee were held April-May 2021 with the assistance of SSC, our event planners. Other Committees, Working Groups and Task Forces continued to progress their work electronically/remotely.

Planning is underway for the 2022 Mid-term meetings; however no firm decisions have been made as to these dates due to the continuing uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

6. COVID-19 Response

COVID-19 continues to be a world-wide concern with IAF Committees, Working Groups, and Task Forces progressing their work plans electronically and meeting remotely.

IAF Resolution 2020-16 was approved in Nov. 2020:

IAF Resolution 2020-16 – (Agenda Item 9.1) **IAF COVID-19 FAQs** – *The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, endorses the IAF COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) as developed and published by the IAF COVID-19 FAQ Task Force.*

The General Assembly further endorses the IAF COVID-19 FAQ Task Force to continue its work on a temporary basis dependent on the evolution of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The General Assembly acknowledges and accepts that standards and other normative documents do not cover specific requirements for all situations that can occur. In this case, IAF COVID-19 FAQs have regulated the unanticipated situation of the pandemic.

For this reason, when an accreditation body or a conformity assessment body refers to an IAF COVID-19 FAQ, published by IAF, it is assumed to be operating not in contradiction or excluding any of the requirements included in the relevant international standards and/or other normative documents (see ISO/IEC 17011, § 4.6.2). Such assumption is on a temporary basis dependent on the evolution of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Conformity Assessment Bodies and Accreditation Bodies can implement the dispositions contained in IAF COVID-19 FAQs, but where the situation permits, priority should be given to the ordinary situation.

and was followed by:

- FAQs [33](#) and [34](#): published in Nov. 2020, and Jan. 2021 respectively,
- [Addendum 01/2021 to IAF/ILAC A1/A2: IAF/ILAC Approach to Remote Peer Evaluations of Regions and Single Accreditation Bodies during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), also published in January 2021, and
- A [Joint IAF/ILAC Statement on Replacement of Assessments During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) by IAF and ILAC, published in March 2021.

[IAF is open to receiving new FAQ's](#), and the FAQs will continue to be updated as required.

IAF, ILAC and ISO have produced a survey to collect the views of the conformity assessment community and those that rely on conformity assessment results, such as regulators, on the use of remote techniques due to COVID-19 restrictions, which ran until 08 August 2021.

7. Update on the Establishment of a Single International Organization for Accreditation between IAF and ILAC

The IAF/ILAC Steering Committee Terms of Reference were adopted 27 May 2020, a contractor was engaged in Feb. 2021 to assist the Steering Committee in their deliberations, and related consultations have begun. Currently, the main focus of the IAF/ILAC Steering Committee is on structure.

8. Communications

The IAF CMC is continuing efforts to improve our communications tools and to work with our partners in ILAC to increase engagement with stakeholders.

World Accreditation Day 2021 - Poster and Video Contests

June 09 marked World Accreditation Day, a global initiative jointly established by IAF and ILAC to raise awareness of the importance of accreditation-related activities. The theme for WAD 2021 (#WAD2021) was "Accreditation: Supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals".

The official brochure and joint statement by the IAF and ILAC Chairs are available [here](#).

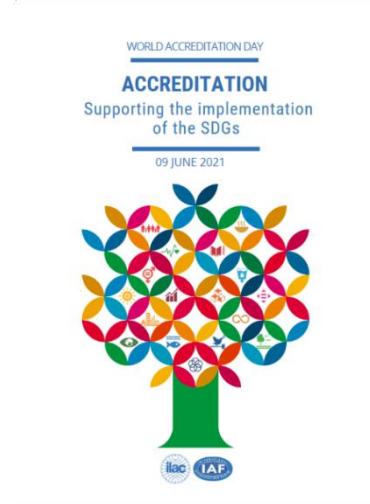
This year's poster was selected via a contest. Winners of the prizes were:

1st: Irene González Fernández, Soledad Pacheco Alonso, Denise Diaz Pozo

2nd: Japhet T. Celis

3rd: Laura Uraíne

Read more about the designers and the inspiration for their posters [here](#).



Three videos with the themes of *people*, *planet* and *prosperity* were published on the [IAF/ILAC YouTube Channel](#). We thank all Members who have submitted subtitle translations to make the videos available in a wide variety of languages.

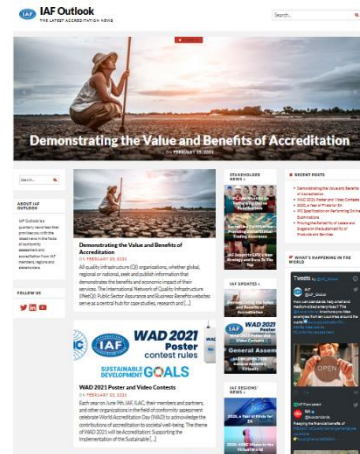
IAF and ILAC held an online event celebrating World Accreditation Day event on June 09, featuring guests from UNIDO and ISO/CASCO.

IAF Outlook

IAF currently has over 20,000 subscribers for IAF Outlook, its publication for sharing the latest information and developments in the international accreditation, conformity assessment and standards arena. The first edition was published in December 2019, and the latest in July 2021. A link to all issues can be found [here](#).

Website Redesign

A year after the IAF digital transformation project began, the redesigned IAF website was launched 14 July 2021, with all new functional modules for use by IAF committees



PSA and Business Benefits Websites

Efforts to increase the evidence base supporting the value of accreditation continue with the Public Sector Assurance website (<http://www.publicsectorassurance.org/>) now containing 331 case studies, 93 research papers, and 61 supporting materials. The Business Benefits website (<https://business-benefits.org/>) now contains 98 case studies and 81 research

papers. Studies on both sites have now been categorized by UN development goals Submissions for posting on both sites are invited.



Increased Industry Engagement

The IAF User Advisory Committee is continuing implementation of its strategy to better engage with industry, with the UAC Chair delivering a number of seminars regarding remote auditing in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Stepped Up Engagement with Other International Organizations

IAF continues to enhance engagement with its international partners with assumption of the Chair and Secretariat for INetQI, and of the Secretariat for the IEC-ILAC-IAF Steering Committee, and with continued participation in conformity assessment related activities and joint communications efforts in particular with INetQI members and ISO/CASCO.

Social Media

Information on publications, promotional materials, news, liaison activities, and events is available via the IAF website (www.iaf.nu), LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com/company/international-accreditation-forum-inc/), and Twitter ([@IAF_Global](https://twitter.com/IAF_Global)). You can also subscribe to the joint IAF-ILAC YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/user/IAFandILAC) for training materials and promotional videos in a variety of languages.

9. Development/Revision of Publicly Available IAF Documents

Annex 1 includes a list of publicly available documents published since the 2020 IAF-ILAC Virtual Meetings and documents under revision or development.

Eight new or revised documents have been published since the 2020 IAF-ILAC Virtual Meetings, five were sent for 30-day ballot to all IAF Members, and six were sent for 60-day comment to all Members. Three documents (MD11, IAF/ILAC A6, and MD10) were withdrawn.

Additionally, IAF MD4, IAF MD21, IAF PL7, and the IAF Food WG Remote Auditing Activities for Accredited Food Safety Certification document had the hyperlinks contained within them updated to ensure compatibility with the new IAF website.

Published documents may be found on the IAF website under [Publications](#), and are available free of charge.

10. Signing of Memoranda of Understanding/Agreements

An MLA Agreement between IAF and Foundation FSSC 22000 to endorse FSSC 22000 as a sub-scope of the IAF MLA was signed 12 March 2021, as noted above.

Discussions regarding development of a MoU with UNFCCC continue, along with discussions with ITU to renew the tripartite IAF-ILAC-ITU MoU.

Existing MoUs/Agreements can be found on the IAF website under [Publications, General Information](#), with the exception of the MoU with ICAO, which has been posted on the Members' side of the IAF website at their request.

10. Future IAF and ILAC Joint Meetings

The next scheduled Joint IAF-ILAC annual meetings will take place online in October and November 2021.

Information on future joint IAF-ILAC meetings can be found on the IAF website, under [Media Center, Events](#).

For further information about IAF please go to the [IAF website](#), or contact the Secretary at secretary@iaf.nu.

Prepared by the IAF Secretariat 10 September 2021.

Annex 1

Publicly Available Documents Published Since November 2020 and Documents Currently Under Revision/Development*

Documents Published:

- IAF MD 13:2020 Knowledge Requirements for Accreditation Body Personnel for Information Security Management Systems (ISO/IEC 27001)
- IAF/ILAC A1/A2: Addendum IAF/ILAC Approach to Remote Peer Evaluations of Regions and Single Accreditation Bodies during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- IAF Public Document Responsibility: June 2021
- IAF Representatives, Contacts and Liaisons: June 2021
- IAF-ILAC Statement on Replacement of Assessments during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- IAF-ILAC Handbook July 2021
- IAF MLA Annual Report 2020
- IAF MLA Annual Report 2020 Infographic

Documents Under Revision:

- IAF PL 2:2015 Bylaws of the International Accreditation Forum Inc.
- IAF PL 3:2016 Policy and Procedure for Expansion of the Scope of the MLA
- IAF ML 2:2016 General Principles on Use of the IAF MLA Mark
- IAF MD 9:2017 Application of ISO/IEC 17021 in Medical Device Quality Management Systems (ISO 13485)
- IAF-ILAC-ITU Memorandum of Understanding (14 May 2012)
- Joint IAF-IEC Communiqué on IAF Resolution 2018-13
- IAF B1 1/2012 IAF – An Overview
- IAF B3 1/2012 Why Use an Accredited Certification Body?
- IAF B5 1/2012 The IAF Initiative for Accredited Certification to ISO 13485 – Medical Devices

Documents Under Development:

- IAF MDX:202X Criteria for the evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes
- IAF MDX: 202X Transition Requirements for ISO 50003:2021
- IAF PRX: 202X Requirements for Producing IAF Mandatory Documents on Transitions

* Reflects documents at the 60-day comment to all IAF Members and 30-day ballot to all IAF Members stages.