

General Coordination Meeting
Interamerican Metrology System

SIM

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
23 to 27 January 1995

Proceedings

1 Participants

The following countries were represented at the meeting:

Antigua & Grenadines, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & Grenadines, United States of America, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The Instituto Centroamericano de Investigación y Tecnología Industrial - ICAITI was also present.

The following institutions were present as observers: Organization of American States - OAS, United Nations Industrial Development Organization - UNIDO, Brazilian Agency for Cooperation - ABC and Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt - PTB.

The complete list of participants, which includes name, institution and address, constitutes Appendix A.

2 Agenda

The meeting followed the agenda distributed previously (Appendix B).

3 Presidency of General Meeting

The meeting was presided by Arnaldo Pereira Ribeiro, president of SIM, and conducted by Marcelo Lins Vertis, from Brazil.

4 General Coordination Session

The General Coordination Session was held on Friday, 27 January 1995, according to the agenda distributed previously (Appendix C).

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5 Deliberated issues

5.1 New member categories

It was agreed that article 10, from the statutes of September 3, 1979, will be revised in order to change the existing categories, whose full definition will be done by the Council. It was agreed that representation is institutional, appointed by the country government. The following categories were approved:

- . full members
- . institutional members
- . observer members

5.2 New members

The following countries expressed their willingness to become members of SIM and were accepted as such: Antigua & Barbuda, Canada, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & Grenadines and United States.

Costa Rica,, Nicaragua and Trinidad & Tobago have expressed their desire to become member countries and they will be accepted as soon as they formalize their position to the President of SIM.

SIM invited PTB to become an observer member which was accepted by its representative.

5.3 Structure

The expansion of the regional structure was approved with the creation of two new subregions. Therefore, SIM is now constituted of five regions as follows:

- Region 1 NORAMET, with the participation of Canada, Mexico and United States
- Region 2 CAMET, with the participation of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama
- Region 3 CARIMET, with the participation of Antigua & Barbuda, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & Grenadines
- Region 4 ANDIMET, with the participation of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela
- Region 5 SURAMET, with the participation of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay

Each region shall have a regional coordinator.

Additionally, a Council was created, composed by the present president of SIM, the past president and the five regional coordinators, in a total of seven members. Two committees were created, composed of one representative from each region, being also admitted observers at the discretion of the committees: one for professional development and another for metrological technical issues. The structure also creates an executive secretariat.

The statutes should be revised, in their articles 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, in order to accomodate this new structure.

5.4 Revision of statutes

The statutes will be revised by the elected council, which will prepare a draft within two months from this date. Member countries will have a further two months to report their comments, after which the council will work on including the relevant suggestions and prepare a final version. The new statutes will be approved by the Council *ad referendum*.

5.6 Work plan

The work plan will be analysed by both professional development and technical metrology committees, as soon as possible. However, the draft plan, as prepared during the regional discussions, will be included in the project to be submitted to OAS shortly.

5.7 Elections

Presidency

Mexico was unanimously chosen to hold the Presidency of SIM for the period of two years (1995/1996).

Regional Coordinators and Committee Members

The following countries were chosen by their respective region member countries to represent them in the committees:

ANDIMET	Coordinator Professional development Technical metrology	Ecuador Venezuela Colombia
CARIMET	Coordinator Professional development Technical metrology	Jamaica Dominican Republic Grenada
CAMET	Coordinator Professional development Technical metrology	Panama Honduras Guatemala
NORAMET	Coordinator Professional development Technical metrology	Canada United States Mexico
SURAMET	Coordinator Professional development Technical metrology	Brazil Uruguay Argentina

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5.8 Next meeting venue

It was agreed that the next general coordination meeting, in two years, will be held in Mexico.

Rio de Janeiro, 27 January 1995

Signed by the representatives on enclosed list






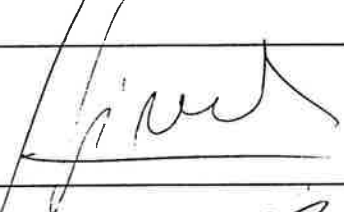
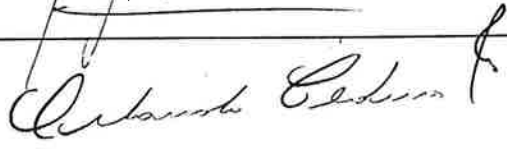


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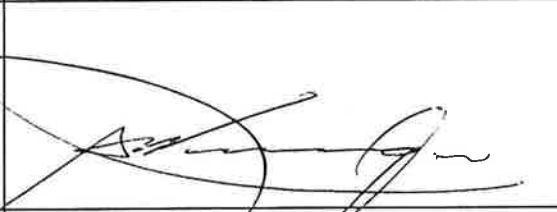
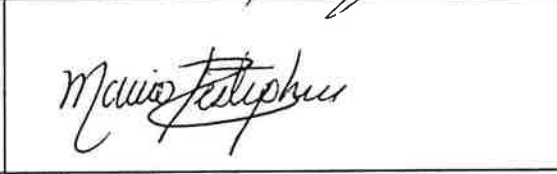
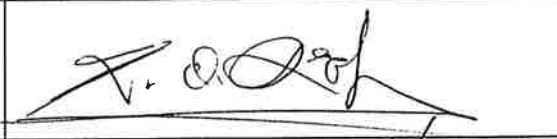

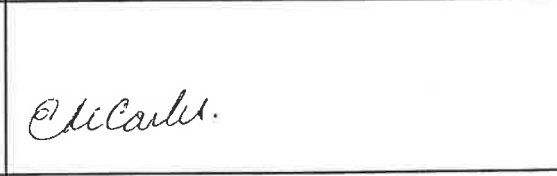

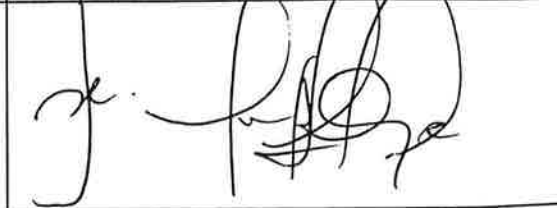
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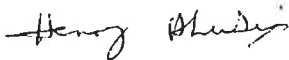



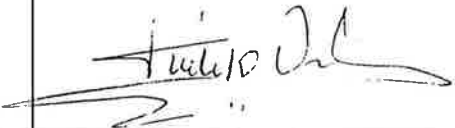


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	23.01.95 Monday	24.01.95 Tuesday	25.01.95 Wednesday	26.01.95 Thursday	27.01.95 Friday
08:00 am	Registration			Departure from Hotel	
08:30 am	Opening ceremony and address President of SIM	Presentation by Mexico	UNIDO and Regional Cooperation Representative from UNIDO	The Brazilian System of Metrology, Standardization & Industrial Quality	General Coordination Session
09:30 am		Presentation by Uruguay & Antigua	Cooperation of PTB on Metrology in Latin America Representative from PTB	Presentation by the Directors of INMETRO	General Coordination Session
10:00 am	The role of OAS in Metrology Representative from OAS	Presentation by Jamaica & El Salvador	Cooperation opportunities with Brazil Representative from ABC	continuation	General Coordination Session
10:30 am	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
11:00 am	NIST: development of Metrology in Latin America and the Caribbean Representative from NIST	Presentation by Brazil	Group Discussion	Visit to Laboratories	General Coordination Session
11:30 am	Presentation by Venezuela & St. Vincent	Presentation by Colombia	Group Discussion	Visit to Laboratories	General Coordination Session
12:00 am	Presentation by Costa Rica & Grenada	Presentation by Chile & Santa Lucia	Group Discussion	Visit to Laboratories	General Coordination Session
12:30 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
02:30 pm	Presentation by Peru & St. Kitts	Presentation by United States	Group Presentation	Visit to Laboratories	General Coordination Session
03:00 pm	Presentation by Canada	Presentation by Paraguay & Panama	Group Presentation	Visit to Laboratories	General Coordination Session
03:30 pm	Presentation by Nicaragua & Bolivia	Presentation by Ecuador & Dominican Rep.	Group Presentation	Visit to Laboratories	General Coordination Session
04:00 pm	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
04:30 pm	Presentation by Cuba	Presentation by Guiana & Honduras	Group Presentation	Departure to Hotel	Closing
05:00 pm	Presentation by Argentina		Round Table A New Structure for SIM		
05:30 pm	Presentation by Guatemala		Round Table A New Structure for SIM		
06:00 pm	Cocktail				

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Agenda

Coordination Session

1. **Admission of new members**
 - . new member categories
 - . new member countries

2. **New structure for SIM**
 - . regional structure
 - . coordination council
 - . committees
 - . executive secretariat

3. **New statutes**
 - . national institutional representation
 - . statutes revision
 - . change into OAS institution

4. **Work plan for 1995/1996**
 - . coordination activities
 - . committees activities
 - . regional activities
 - . cooperation within SIM
 - . cooperation with other metrology systems and institutions

5. **Funding for 1995/1996**
 - . OAS project
 - . other sources (UNIDO, European Community, World Bank)

6. **Elections**
 - . presiding country for 1995/1996
 - . regional coordinating countries
 - . committees composition
 - . venue for next general coordination meeting

