



NORAMET Report to SIM GA

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Highlights from NORAMET : People

- Dr Ralph Paroli, NRC, started his term as Chair of ASTM in January 2016
- Dr Ismael Castelazo, CENAM, was appointed President of CCL in November 2016
- Dr James Olthoff, NIST, will become President of NCSLI in January 2017

Highlights from NORAMET : Traceability

- The Bahamas and Haiti are now included in the SIM Time Network, with support from NIST and the MWG-Time/Frequency
- As part of the program for Guest Researchers of NIST, Luis Manuel Pena from CENAM collaborated in the project of a “table top Watt Balance” at NIST from March to May in 2016
- NIST and NRC have recently completed participation in the International Comparison of Absolute Gravimeters conducted in Boulder, CO
- NRC and NIST are considering plans to provide traceability in the Americas following the redefinition of the kilogram anticipated at the General Conference in 2018

Highlights from NORAMET : Training

- NIST continues to offer strong support for capacity building efforts in SIM
 - hosted 12 Guest researchers from 6 countries in 2016
 - hosted 6 hands on training sessions in the NIST laboratories
 - provided funds for SIM participation in the CPEM 2016 meeting
 - supporting SIM participation in the BIPM Leaders of Tomorrow course (on now)
 - Supporting SIM students to attend the NCSLI Exchange in January 2017
- CENAM supported 18 internships during 2016 coming from 9 SIM NMIs, all of them financed by the OAS project Strengthening National Metrology Institutes in the Hemisphere, an essential element in the development of National Quality Infrastructure.