

THE VOLUME UNITS YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Summary

Measurements accompany development of human civilization from its very beginning, since they provide objective data about the magnitude of objects surrounding the people, which in turn underlay information and knowledge about the world. Besides the length, time and temperature used in trade and in therapeutics quantification of volume requires precisely defined units. Over centuries a lot of units for volume measurements has been

used and their diversity was a source of disputes and even conflicts. Nowadays, in a large majority of countries an international system of units called SI is in use. However, there are some geographical regions where some independent systems are employed. It is thus very important to know both the SI system and the other systems, as well as respective conversion factors.