



EQALM Symposium 2024
Hotel Savoyen, Vienna, Austria
October 16th-18th

Program

Wednesday, October 16th

09.00 – 11.30 Registration

11.30 - 12.20 Lunch

Room Olympia Mancini 1

Time	Lecture	Speaker
Session: Clinical Impact of EQA		
<i>Chair Gro Gidske</i>		
12.30	Opening of the Symposium	Gro Gidske (EQALM chair)
12.30 - 13.10	Future of EQA	Mario Plebani (Italy)
13.10 - 13.50	Clinical Impact of EQA	Michael Spannagl (Germany)

Time	WG / TFG	Chair	Room
Working group and task and finish group (open) meetings			
14.10 - 14.55	Microbiology	Michael Noble	Olympia Mancini 1
14.10 - 14.55	Hemostasis	Ann Helen Kristoffersen	Olympia Mancini 3B
14.55 - 15.40	Virtual Microscopy	Istvan Juhos	Olympia Mancini 1
14.55 - 15.40	Immunohaematology	Richard Haggas	Olympia Mancini 3B
<i>15.40 - 16.00 Break</i>			
16.00 - 16.30	Haematology	Barbara De la Salle	Olympia Mancini 1
16.00 - 16.30	Frequency	Wim Coucke	Olympia Mancini 3B
16.30 - 17.00	EQA for POCT	Tony Badrick	Olympia Mancini 1
16.30 - 17.00	TFG: ISO/IEC 17043:2023	Stephanie Albarede	Olympia Mancini 3B
17.00 - 17.45	Performance Specifications	Dalius Vitkus	Olympia Mancini 1
17.00 - 17.45	Immunology	Dina Patel	Olympia Mancini 3B



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COMET project; Manufacturing of COMmutable calibrators and quality control materials for standardisation and post-market surveillance of IVD tests		
<i>Chair TBA</i>		
08.30 - 08.50	Presentation of the COMET project	Vincent Delatour (France)
08.50 - 09.10	The role of EQALM	Piet Meijer (The Netherlands)
09.10 - 09.30	TBA	TBA
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<i>09.30 - 09.45</i>	<i>Short break</i>	
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Session: Follow-up from Symposium 2023		
<i>Chair Wim Coucke</i>		
09.45 - 10.15	Outcome of last years' breakout discussion session: Use of statistics, commutability testing and education in EQA	Barbara De la Salle (United Kingdom)
10.10 - 10.30	IVD-R and EQA	Paolo Mellino (Germany)
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<i>10.30 - 11.00</i>	<i>Break</i>	
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Session: (Personal) Competence, Image-based EQA		
<i>Chair Pierre-Alain Morandi</i>		
11.00 - 11.20	Image based EQA	Emilia Svala (Sweden)
11.20 - 11.40	EQALM Virtual Microscopy Collaborative Network	Istvan Juhos (Hungary)
11.40 - 12.00	Nordic immunohistochemical Quality Control (NordiQC)	Rasmus Røge (Denmark)
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<i>12.00 - 13.00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
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Session: News from working groups		
<i>Chair Gitte Henriksen</i>		
13.00 - 13.15	Normal ranges in automated blood counting	Barbara De la Salle (United Kingdom)
13.15 - 13.30	Sensitivity of antibody screening tests – the 2024 EQALM Super Challenge	Christoph Buchta (Austria)
13.30 - 13.50	Projects in EQALM Central Database	Wim Coucke (Belgium)
13.50 - 14.10	TBA	TBA
<i>14.10 - 15.00</i>	<i>Break</i>	
<i>14.20 – 14.40</i>	<i>Meet the poster presenters</i>	
15.00 - 16.00	General Assembly	Gro Gidske (Norway)

Adam Uldall Lecture

Chair Gro Gidske

16.00 - 17.00	EQA and its abilities	Anja Kessler (Germany)
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Social Event

Dinner in the historic Heurigen (wine tavern) on the outskirts of Vienna

The buses will pick us up at 18.00 in front of the Hotel Savoyen



Friday, October 18th

Room Olympia Mancini 1

Time	Lecture	Speaker
Abstract session		
<i>Barbara De la Salle</i>		
09.00 - 09.15	Abstract 1	TBA
09.15 - 09.30	Abstract 2	TBA
09.30 - 09.45	Abstract 3	TBA
09.45 - 10.00	Abstract 4	TBA
10.00 - 10.20	Abstract 5	TBA
10.20 - 10.50	Break	

Session: Clinical performance specifications and misclassification of patients

Chair Rachel Marrington

10.50 - 11.10	Commutability of reference materials – perspective of the clinical laboratory	Michael Vogeser (Germany)
11.10 - 11.30	Analytical performance specifications - are we providing clinically appropriate EQA?	Annette Thomas (United Kingdom)
11.30 – 11.50	Serological misclassification	Lukas Weseslindtner (Austria)
11.50 - 12.10	How EQA performance can be used in simulation studies to check whether laboratory performance is clinically appropriate	Marc Thelen (The Netherlands)
12.15	<i>Closing of the symposium</i>	<i>Gro Gidske, EQALM Chair</i>



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