



EQALM Symposium 2023
Sofitel Lyon Bellecour, Lyon, France
October 18th -20th

Program

Wednesday, October 18th

9.00 – 12.00 *Registration*

12.00 - 13.00 *Lunch*

Room Ampère A&B

Session: Emerging technologies in laboratory medicine

Time	Lecture	Speaker
<i>Chair Christoph Buchta</i>		
13.00 - 13.10	Opening of the Symposium	Christoph Buchta (EQALM Chair)
13.10 - 13.35	Emerging technologies and challenges: big data and AI within laboratory medicine and EQA aspects.	Damien Gruson (Belgium)
13.35 - 14.00	The role of EQA for reliable software in the laboratory	Andreas Bietenbeck (Germany)

Time	Working Group / TFG	Working group Chair	Room
14.10 - 14.55	Frequency	Wim Coucke	Ampère A&B
14.10 - 14.55	ISO/IEC 17043:2023	Stephanie Albarede	Ampère C&D
14.55 - 15.40	Performance Specifications	Dalius Vitkus	Ampère A&B
14.55 - 15.40	EQA for POCT	Tony Badrick	Ampère C&D
<i>15.40 - 16.00 Break</i>			
16.00 - 16.45	Immunology	Dina Patel	Ampère A&B
16.00 - 16.45	Immunohaematology	Richard Haggas	Ampère C&D
16.45 - 17.30	Haematology	Barbara De La Salle	Ampère A&B
16.45 - 17.30	Haemostasis	Ann Helen Kristoffersen	Ampère C&D
17.30 - 18.45	Virtual Microscopy	Istvan Juhos	Ampère A&B
17.30 – 18.45	Microbiology	Michael Noble	Ampère C&D



Thursday, October 19th

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Breakout discussion session

Time	Lecture	Speaker
<i>Chair Gitte Henriksen</i>		
08.30 - 08.35	Presentation of the breakout session	Gitte Henriksen (Denmark)
08.35 - 08.50	Topic 1: Practical problems in EQA - use of statistics	Tony Badrick (Australia)
08.50 - 09.10	Discussion in groups	All
09.10 - 09.30	Plenary report of the groups from the group chair	
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<i>09.30 - 09.35</i>	<i>Short break</i>	
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<i>Chair Pierre-Alain Morandi</i>		
09.35 - 09.50	Topic 2: Commutability testing - is it always necessary?	Barbara De la Salle (United Kingdom)
09.50 - 10.10	Discussion in groups	
10.10 - 10.30	Plenary report of the groups from the group chair	
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<i>10.30 - 11.00</i>	<i>Break</i>	
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<i>Chair Gitte Henriksen</i>		
11.00 - 11.20	Topic 3: How do you provide education in your schemes - including pre and post analytic EQA?	Anne Stavelin (Norway)
11.20 - 11.40	Discussion in groups	
11.40 - 12.00	Plenary report of the groups from the group chair	
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<i>12.00 - 13.00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
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Session: IVD-R and the role of EQA

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<i>Chair Rachel Marrington</i>		
13.00 - 13.30	IVDR NBO, post-market surveillance and use of EQA	Karin Schwenoha (Austria)
13.30 - 13.50	Metrology input for post-market surveillance of IVD tests	Vincent Delatour (France)
13.50 - 14.10	Central database: HALMA	Wim Coucke (Belgium)
14.10 - 14.30	The role of reference measurement procedures in supporting EQA	Denise O'Sullivan (United Kingdom)
<i>14.30 - 15.00</i>	<i>Break</i>	
15.00 - 16.00	General Assembly	

Adam Uldall Lecture

Time	Lecture	Speaker
<i>Chair Christoph Buchta</i>		
16.00 - 17.00	Education: The Holy Grail of EQA?	Barbara De La Salle (United Kingdom)

Social Event

Time TBA	Dinner cruise
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Friday, October 20th

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Abstract session

Time	Lecture	Speaker
<i>Chair Gro Gidske</i>		
09.00 - 09.10	EQA serum composition directly impacts performance surveillance; an example for creatinine is shown	Rachel Marrington (United Kingdom)
09.10 - 09.20	NOPAM – a new international patient-based EQA-program	Anne Elisabeth Solsvik (Norway)
09.20 - 09.30	Performance Assessment of Point of Care Testing for Blood Glucose – a 5 year review	Gareth Davies (United Kingdom)
09.30 - 09.40	Variability in employee training and competence management policies and procedures by EQA providers reveals an opportunity for harmonization in capacity building	Lucy A. Perrone (Canada)
09.40 - 09.50	Knowledge, Awareness, and Challenges of External Quality Assessment among Laboratory Medicine Professionals: An Online Survey	Aleksei Tikhonov (France) and Serafeim Karathanos (Greece)
09.50 – 10.00	Abstract session closure and poster information	Gro Gidske (Norway)
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10.00 - 10.20	Medical Laboratory and EQA during war	Viktoriia Ianovska (Ukraine)
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10.20 - 10.50	<i>Break</i>	



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Session: News from WG's and local organiser

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<i>Chair Wim Coucke</i>		
10.50 - 11.10	Presentation from ProbioQual	Bernard Poggi (France)
11.10 - 11.25	Immunology: Is machine learning leading the way to harmonisation of ANA testing?	Dina Patel (United Kingdom)
11.25 – 11.40	EQALM Virtual Microscopy projects	Istvan Juhos (Hungary)
11.40 - 11.55	The EQALM Guidelines for publishing on interlaboratory comparison studies (PubILC)	Christoph Buchta (Austria)
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11.55 - 12.15	EQA for the diagnostic process – using case history and EQA samples	Piet Meijer (The Netherlands)
<i>12.15 – 12.20</i>	<i>Closing of the symposium</i>	<i>Christoph Buchta (EQALM Chair)</i>



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