



Dear Colleagues, dear EQALM members, dear friends!

It is a great pleasure for us to announce the **EQALM Symposium 2023** and we cordially invite you to attend this event.

The Symposium will be held from

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**at the Sofitel Lyon Bellecour Hotel  
in Lyon, France**

As every year, we have invited great speakers and have arranged a particularly exciting **programme** – see the headlines of the sessions:

- \* Emerging technologies in laboratory medicine
- \* Breakout discussion session, topics to be discussed:
  - Topic 1: Practical problems in EQA - use of statistics
  - Topic 2: Commutability testing - is it always necessary?
  - Topic 3: How do you provide education in your schemes - including pre and post analytic EQA
- \* Abstract session
- \* IVD-R and the role of EQA
- \* News from WG's
- \* Adam Uldall lecture

The website [www.eqalm.org](http://www.eqalm.org) will be regularly updated with details about the programme.

In this year the symposium will be organized with the help and support of ProBioQual, Centre Lyonnais pour la Promotion de la Biologie et du contrôle de Qualité.

Please use this [link](#) for registration, and note the early bird registration fee that applies until July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

If you intend to submit an abstract for a **poster** to be presented at the Symposium, please do so using the abstract submission form which can be downloaded from [here](#). Deadline for abstract submission is also July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. As every year, some posters will be selected for oral presentation.

For reservation of **accommodation** at the **Sofitel Lyon Bellecour Hotel**, please use [this link](#). Rooms for delegates to the EQALM Symposium will be available at special conditions as long as the hotel has availabilities.

Information on bookings at Sofitel Lyon Bellecour Hotel:

- This link is available for a booking from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- This link is available as long as we have availabilities
- Rate for a room single occupation 240€ per night breakfast included (+3.30€ city tax per person, per night)
- Rate for a room double occupation 265€ per night breakfast included (+3.30€ city tax per person, per night)

Warranty Policy

- Pre-payment by credit card of the entire stay charged at the time of booking.

Cancellation period

- Free cancellation up to 7 days before arrival, 18:00 (Local Time). Beyond that, the amount committed is not refundable even in case of cancellation or modification.

If you do not want to book accommodation at the Symposium Hotel, the following hotels near to the venue are recommended by the local organizer.

**Hôtel Le Royal Lyon – Mgallery : 5\***

20 Place Bellecour

69002 LYON FRANCE

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Price per night around 280€ breakfast included – 5 minutes' walk from SOFITEL

**Hôtel Mercure Lyon Centre Plaza République : 4\***

5 rue Stella

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Price per night: around 290€ breakfast included – 5 minutes' walk from SOFITEL

**Hôtel IBIS Lyon Centre Perrache : 3\***

28 Cours de Verdun Perrache

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GPS:45.748487, 4.82806

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Price per night: around 200€ breakfast included – Metro line A direct to SOFITEL or 10 minutes' walk

**B&B HOTEL Lyon Centre Monplaisir : 2\***

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Price per night around 95€ per night breakfast included – Metro line D direct to SOFITEL or 20 minutes' walk

Please be aware that in September and October 2023 the Rugby World Championship takes place in France

(<https://www.rugbyworldcup.com/2023/matches>), and some matchups will be in Lyon. This might have impact on hotel accommodation availabilities.

Do not hesitate to contact the EQALM office ([office@eqalm.org](mailto:office@eqalm.org)) if you have any questions!

We hope to see you in Lyon in October 2023!

... see you *there*, as this will not be a hybrid event in this year!

Best wishes,

Christoph Buchta, Wim Coucke, Gro Gidske, Gitte Henriksen, Pierre-Alain Morandi, Rachel Marrington (EQALM Executive Board)

Bernard Poggi (ProBioQual, local organizer)