



## Program

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

09.00 – 11.30 Registration

11.30 - 12.20 Lunch

Room Olympia Mancini 1

Time	Lecture	Speaker
<b>Session: Clinical Impact of EQA</b>		
<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)
<b>Working group and task and finish group (open) meetings</b>		
	WG / TFG	Chair
14.10 - 14.55	Microbiology	
14.10 - 14.55	Hemostasis	Ann Helen Kristoffersen
14.55 - 15.40	Virtual Microscopy	Istvan Juhos
The EQALM Virtual Microscopy Working Group meeting will focus on key ongoing projects and initiatives:		
- EQALM VM Sharing Platform: Overview and updates. Discussion on status and next steps		
- EQALM VM Image Database: Current progress and plans for expansion and enhancement		
- EQALM VM Collaborative <i>Network</i> : Introduction and goals. Opportunities for collaboration and engagement		
We look forward to your participation and valuable contributions		
14.55 - 15.40	Immunohaematology	Richard Haggas
15.40 - 16.00	Break	



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16.00 - 16.30	Haematology	Barbara De la Salle
<p>The Haematology WG committee will present the summary of the work undertaken during the year, including the outcome of the survey on normal ranges planned at the 2023 meeting. Delegates will be invited to propose new work items for the group. We welcome any new interest in joining the Haematology WG steering committee</p>		
16.00 - 16.30	Frequency	Wim Coucke
16.30 - 17.00	EQA for POCT	Tony Badrick
16.30 - 17.00	TFG: ISO/IEC 17043:2023	Stephanie Albarede
17.00 - 17.45	Performance Specifications	Dalius Vitkus
<p>Results of EQALM survey “Identification of exchangeability of results. The role of EQA organisations” will be presented. Progress on the project “How equal is equal enough to allow combination of data within one health record” will be discussed.</p>		
17.00 - 17.45	Immunology	Dina Patel
<p>The aim of the Immunology Working Group is to collaborate with other EQALM members to try to understand how immunology practices for anti-nuclear testing (ANA) tests are utilised within member countries. A survey was circulated to EQALM members in summer 2023 and results analysed by the group in autumn 2023. The results from the survey will be presented and discussed with EQALM members during the EQALM annual Meeting in Vienna in October 2024. The Immunology WG will publish a paper using the data from the survey</p>		

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Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

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Time	Lecture	Speaker
<b>COMET project: Manufacturing of commutable calibrators and quality control materials</b> <i>Chair Wim Coucke</i>		
08.30 - 08.50	TraceLabMed survey	TBA
08.50 - 09.10	Presentation of the COMET project	Vincent Delatour (France)
09.10 - 09.30	The role of EQALM	Piet Meijer (The Netherlands)
<i>09.30 - 09.45 Short break</i>		
<b>Session: Follow-up from Symposium 2023</b> <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)
<i>10.30 - 11.00 Break</i>		
<b>Session: (Personal) Competence, Image-based EQA</b> <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)
<i>12.00 - 13.00 Lunch</i>		



Time	Lecture	Speaker
<b>Session: News from working groups/task and finish groups</b>		
<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	ISO/IEC 17043:2023. Suggestions for implementation	Olivier Pierson (France)
14.10 - 15.00	<i>Break</i>	
14.20 – 14.40	<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 18<sup>th</sup>

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Time	Lecture	Speaker
<b>Abstract session</b>		
<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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