



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)
<i>Room Olympia Mancini 1 and Paris&Wien</i>		
Working group and task and finish group - open meetings		
	WG / TFG	Chair
14.10 - 14.55	Microbiology	Jaap van Hellemond
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: <i>EQALM VM Sharing Platform</i> : Overview and updates. Discussion on status and next steps <i>EQALM VM Image Database</i> : Current progress and plans for expansion and enhancement <i>EQALM VM Collaborative 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

The Immunohaematology working group meeting will focus on discussing the progress against the antibody screening sensitivity exercise and any initial results we have received

15.40 - 16.00 Break

16.00 - 16.30 Haematology

Barbara De la Salle

The Haematology working group 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

16.00 - 16.30 Frequency

Wim Coucke

16.30 - 17.00 EQA for POCT

Tony Badrick

The EQA for POCT working group meeting will provide feedback on a pilot project to measure the performance of PoCT in non-laboratory situations using EQA data. The discussion will concentrate on the difficulties of providing EQA for PoCT

16.30 - 17.00 TFG: ISO/IEC 17043:2023

Stephanie Albarede

17.00 - 17.45 Performance Specifications

Dalius Vitkus

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.

17.00 - 17.45 Immunology

Dina Patel

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



Thursday, October 17th

Room Olympia Mancini 1

Time	Lecture	Speaker
COMET project: Manufacturing of commutable calibrators and quality control materials <i>Chair Wim Coucke</i>		
08.30 - 08.50	TraceLabMed survey	Gavin O'Connor (Germany)
08.50 - 09.10	Presentation of the COMET project	Vincent Delatour (France)
09.10 - 09.30	The role of EQALM	Piet Meijer (The Netherlands)
09.30 - 09.45	<i>Short break</i>	
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)
10.30 - 11.00	<i>Break</i>	
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)
12.00 - 13.00	<i>Lunch</i>	



Time	Lecture	Speaker
Session: News from working groups/task and finish 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	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 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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