

CROATIAN CENTRE FOR QUALITY ASSESSMENT IN LABORATORY MEDICINE

Specifics and challenges of EQA in Croatia

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Presentation content



□ Overview:

- Why are we specific (different?)
- What are our major problems (challenges)
- Which activitis of CROQALM Team are to be solved main problems in organizing and conducting EQA
- What are the benefits of national EQA (CROQALM)



Timeline of EQA in Croatia



> 50 years



Committee for EQA gets official name CROQALM

in this composition with minor modifications it still works today

from 1973 – EQA was conducted continuously through Society of MB

1953 – first record about conducted EQA in our regia

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Why are we specific?

HD<mark>MBLM</mark>)

CCMB

ADVANTAGE

√ (2005) issued document:

Harmonization of laboratory test
reports for general, special and highdifferentiated medical biochemistry
tests – application is mandatory for
all ML (refers to recommended
methods, units, reference intervals)

- ✓ According dicision of CCMB (2013), Croqalm EQAS is obligatory for all MLs in Croatia (for each test that ML works and test is part of the CROQALM scheme). ADVANTAGE/ DISADVANTAGE
- √ (2012) issued document: Requests for CROQALM

ML

Number of registration ML in Croatia vary from 194 to 204
DISADVANTAGE

A large number of different analysers/ reagents DISADVANTAGE

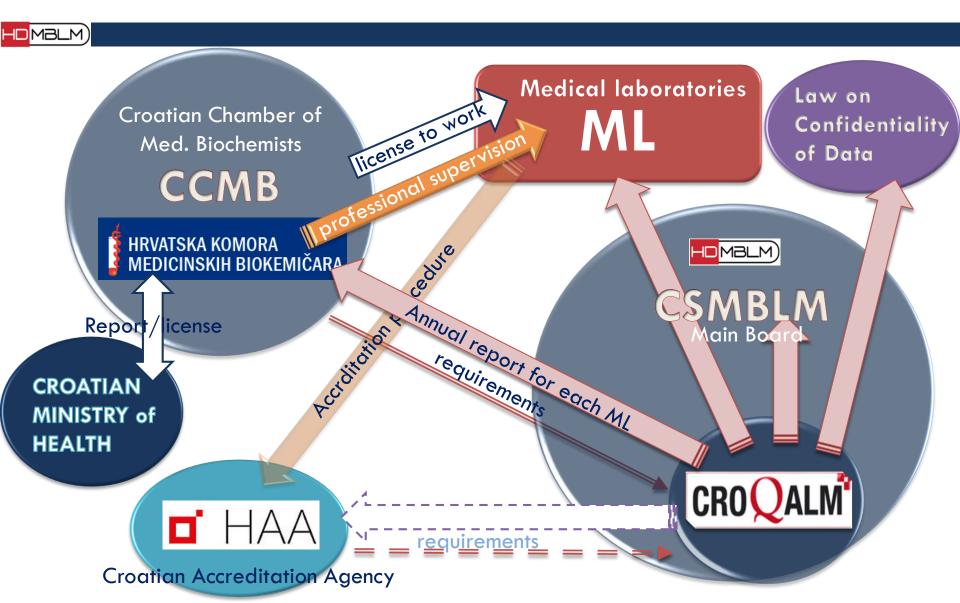
> resulting in

- ✓ difficult choice <u>of optimal</u>
 (<u>commutable</u>) <u>sample</u> for a wide
 variety of analysers and reagents
- ✓ Small and numerous <u>peer groups</u> that can be statistically evaluated

→ our challenges



Who is responsible to whom...





How are we organized?



According modules (11 modules):

10 analytical modules (schemes) and 1 for extra-analytical phase

Coordinators for modules

According to the working groups for:

- Making and work on web site
- o Improving the quality of the sample
- improving the program for data evaluation
- Education



Where are we now?



External quality assessment (EQA) scheme in Croatia

- 10 analytical modules with different number and type of analytes per module
- The control samples distributed three times per year, depending on the participants' application and the module schedule

| Module | Name of the module | No of round per year | Type of control sample | Number of participants (in 2018) |
|--------|--|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Biochemistry parameters | 3 | liquid frozen control sample (pool, WEQAS) | 180 |
| ш | Specific proteins, CRP | 3 | Commercial human based control sample (lyophilized or liquid) | 168 |
| III | Laboratory haematology | 3 | Stabilized whole blood from blood donor | 183 |
| IV | Laboratory coagulation | 3 | Commercial control sample (lyophilized plasma sample) | 164 |
| V | Drugs | 1 | Commercial control sample (lyophilized) | 17 |
| VI | Urinalysis: urine test strip, sediment | 3 | Commercial human based sample (liquid) | 178 |
| VII | Analysis of pH, blood gases, electrolytes, glucose and lactate | 3 | Commercial control sample (liquid) | 70 |
| VIII | Hormones, vitamins, tumor and cardiac markers | 2 | Commercial human based control sample (lyophilized) | 94 |
| IX | Glycosylated hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) | 3 | Commercial human based control sample (lyophilized) | 151 |
| X | Extra-analytical phase of laboratory testing | 3 | Questionnaire design: 1st and 2nd phase: Distributed samples (simulating errors) | 168 |
| ΧI | Sweat chloride test | 3 | Liquid control sample (home-made) | 8 |



Education



Two levels:

Education of CROQALM members

- CROQALM workshop (2015; CSMBLM)
- DEKS (Danish Institute of External Quality Assurance for Laboratories in Health Care) education
- Active participation in EQALM (workgroups of EQALM, posters presentations)



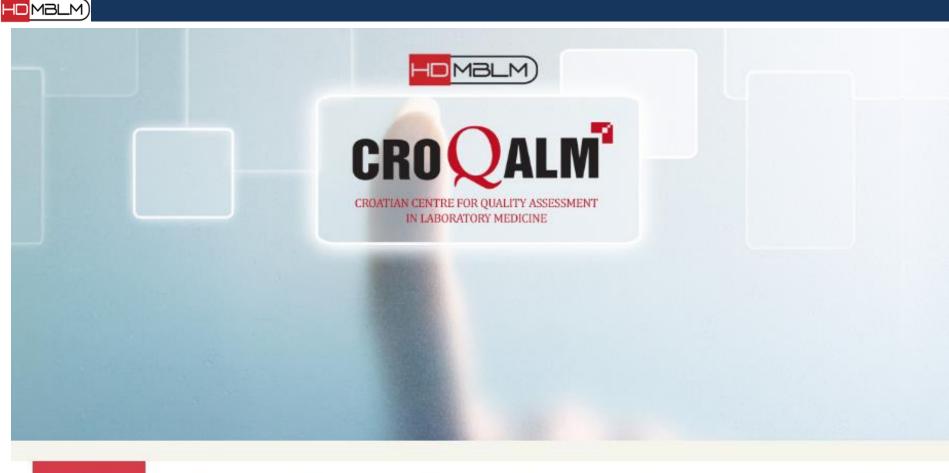
Croatia - host country for EQALM
 Simposium 2018

Education of participans (ML)

- Lectures/Seminar in regional centers
- E-seminar CSMBLM (sweat test)
- Poster presentations at national and international professional meetings (Sarajevo 2015, Dubrovnik Course 2015 EQALM 2015, 2016, Locus 2016)
- Publishing results (BM, CCLM)
- Organizing the Symposium: "National EQA: From sample to judgment"



http://croqalm.hdmblm.hr





















Application for participation and results entry/evaluation





Statistical evaluation of quantitative results

- HD<mark>MBLM</mark>)
 - □ at the end of each exercise
 - for each peer group with five or more participants
 - after outlier removal (Tukey), mean, standard deviation and coefficient of variation is calculated for each peer group.

- □ the data are further evaluated according to:
 - predefined allowable limits of performance
 - z-scores with graphical presentation



Analytical performance specifications



In 2017 CROQALM defined analytical performance specifications according to:

Model 1: Based on the effect of analytical performance on <u>clinical outcomes</u>

- Direct outcome studies
- Indirect outcome studies

Model 2: Based on components of biological variation

Model 3: Based on <u>state-of-the-art</u> (only where BV isn't possible)

absolute allowable deviation from target value at low concentrations

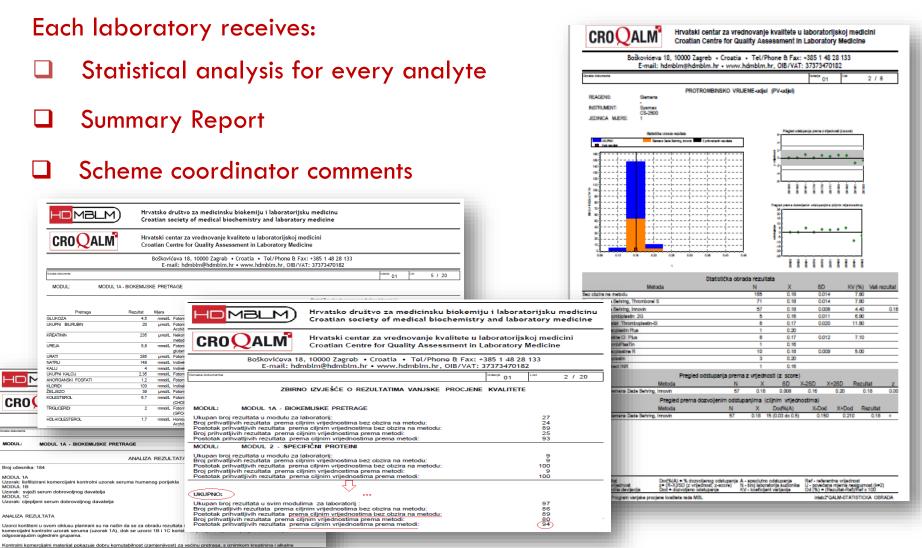
^{*} Sandberg S, Fraser CG, Horvath AR, et al. Defining analytical performance specifications: Consensus statement from the 1st strategic conference of the European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine. Clin Chem Lab Med 2015;53:833–5.



Reports

(at the end of every exercises)







Annual Report



For:

- Participants (Certificate of participation with an indication of the scheme in which they participated)
- CCMB (report of acceptable results per exercise for each ML used in professional supervision)



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POTVRDA

za sudjelovanje u programu vanjske procjene kvalitete u 2014.

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MODULI:

MODUL 1 - BIOKEMIJSKE PRETRAGE MODUL 2 - SPECIFIČNI PROTEINI MODUL 3 - LABORATORIJSKA HEMATOLOGIJA MODUL 4 - LABORATORIJSKA KOAGULACIJA MODUL 5 - D-DIMERI I SRČANI BILJEZI MODUL 6 - ANALIZA MOKRAĆE MODUL 7A - POCT

MODUL 8 - HORMONI, LIJEKOVI, VITAMINI I TUMORSKI BILJEZI MODUL 10 - PREDANALITIČKA FAZA LABORATORIJSKOG RADA MODUL 11 - POSTANALITIČKA FAZA LABORATORIJSKOG RADA

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What are benefits of our national EQA?



or why to maintain and improve a small, national EQAS when there are available well-established international EQA providers?

Because:

- 1. Adapted to our system of professional legality
- 2. Have an acceptable price for our conditions

This is sustainable because:

- members are volunteers
- each participant (ML) also participates as a professional responsible person



CROQALM members....



all members are:

EuSpLM and work in ML
(Hospital or Private ML)
and are
volunteers for
CROQALM and
CSMBLM)























THANK YOU!



Have a useful and nice time in Zagreb