



## Theme: EQA for the end-user

Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

09.00 – 11.30 Registration

11.30 - 12.20 Lunch

Room Oud Meesters

Time	Lecture	Speaker
<b>Session: Data Science – EQA and the Laboratory</b>		
Chair Rachel Marrington		
12.20	Opening of the Symposium	Gro Gidske (EQALM chair)
12.30 - 13.10	The Role of EQA in Quality Assurance, what is Needed and Expected from EQA Providers	Ian Godber (United Kingdom)
13.10 - 13.50	The Role of EQA in the Future	Michael Neumaier (Germany)

### Working Group (WG) and Task and Finish Group (TFG) - open meetings

Time	WG / TFG	Chair	Room
14.10 - 14.55	WG: Performance Specifications	Marc Thelen	Oud Meesters
Status of existing projects			
Exchangeability project			
New projects			
Doctor awareness of impact of analytical performance on clinical classification, plans for a survey.			
Catalogue project: making different schemes for the same measurand comparable.			
Different definitions of state of the Art, plans for a survey			

14.10 - 14.55	WG: Immunology	Dina Patel	Jan Steen
The aim of the Immunology Working Group is to collaborate with other EQALM members to try to understand how immunology practices/tests are utilised within member countries. A survey was circulated to EQALM members in early 2025, to gather information for the relevant ANA EQA programs. The results from the survey highlighted variability in the content and design of autoimmunity EQA programs offered and the potential inability of detecting performance issues. The survey results will be the main topic of discussion.			



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14.55 - 15.40	Virtual Microscopy	Istvan Juhos	Oud Meesters
14.55 - 15.40	WG: EQA for POCT	Tony Badrick	Jan Steen
<p>The SKUP (Scandinavian evaluation of laboratory equipment for point of care testing) approach to the assessment of POCT devices.</p> <p>The different approaches of hospitals and physicians in their offices dealing with the governance of POCT devices.</p> <p>An open discussion on EQA for POCT.</p>			
15.40 - 16.00	Break		
16.00 – 16.45	WG: Haematology	Barbara De la Salle	Jan Steen
<p>The Haematology Working Group steering committee encourages all with an interest in haematology to attend the meeting. We will discuss the work completed this year on reference intervals in automated counting and the collaborative project with the virtual microscopy working group. We will also discuss a potential new project on the state of the art of Hb A2 measurement. Please come along to hear about the WG work, to propose new activities and to and to consider joining the committee.</p>			
16.00 – 16.45	WG: Frequency	Wim Coucke	Oud Meesters
<p>The results of the brainstorm about factors that determine optimal quality of EQA schemes that was held last year and has been continuing via email, will be presented.</p>			
16.45 - 17.15	WG: Infection diagnostics	Jaap van Hellemond	Oud Meesters
<p>The Working Group Infection Diagnostics will focus on the first projects that have been initiated after restart of the working group in 2024. An update will be presented on the current status of the projects (survey to prepare an overview of existing EQA schemes, use of virtual microscopy in infection diagnostics, and EQA and preparedness for new pandemics). The WG is open for recruitment of additional members and we look forward to your participation and valuable contributions.</p>			
16.45 - 17.15	WG: Haemostasis	Ann Helen Kristoffersen	Jan Steen
<p>The results and conclusion of the data evaluation of EQA for routine coagulation tests will be presented/discussed. In addition, follow-up projects on HIL in coagulation and the EQAs role in improving this phase for coagulation tests will be discussed. Information will be given on the status of INR standardization and consequences for EQA. Suggestions for new projects in EQA and haemostasis are welcome.</p>			



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Time	WG / TFG	Chair	Room
17.15 - 17.45	TFG: ISO/IEC 17043: 2023	Stephanie Albarede	Oud Meesters
17.15 - 17.45	WG: Immunohaematology		Jan Steen
The Immunohaematology working group session will cover the anti-D sensitivity project report.			

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**Time 18.00 - 18.30**

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**Meeting Regarding Feedback on EQALM's Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Association**

*Chair Barbara De la Salle*

During this meeting, we will review the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association and address any questions on the voting procedures.

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

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Time	Lecture	Speaker
<b>Session: COMET Workshop</b>		
Chair Piet Meijer		
08.30 - 08.50	The COMET Multiparameter Commutability Study	Vincent Delatour (France)
08.50 - 09.10	The Commutability Study for POCT Glucose Testing	Sverre Sandberg (Norway) Anne Stavelin (Norway)
09.10 - 09.30	Data Aggregation by Using the EQALM Central Database: Challenges in Combining Data from Different EQA Providers	Wim Coucke (Belgium)
09.30 - 09.50	Short Break	
<b>Breakout Discussion Session</b>		
Chair Gitte Henriksen		
09.50 - 10.00	Groups and Presentation of the Session	
10.00 - 10.10	Presentation of topic 1: <i>Who are the End-Users and How can we Support Them?</i>	Michael Spannagl (Germany)
10.10 - 10.35	Discussion in Groups	
10.35 - 11.00	Plenary Report	
11.00 - 11.20	Short Break	
<b>Breakout Discussion Session</b>		
Chair Gitte Henriksen		
11.20 - 11.30	Presentation of Topic 2: <i>How do we Promote EQA as a Key Component of Quality Improvement Rather than a must do for Accreditation?</i>	Jonna Pelanti (Finland)
11.30 - 11.55	Discussion in Groups	
11.55 - 12.20	Plenary Report	
12.20 - 13.15	Lunch	



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<b>Session: News from Working Groups and Task and Finish Groups</b>		
Chair Wim Coucke		
13.15 - 13.45	EQALM Virtual Microscopy Interlaboratory Research Study 2025	Istvan Juhos (Hungary), Stephanie Albarede (France) Jaap van Hellemond (The Netherlands)
13.45 - 14.00	Can Theoretical Models for Determining IQC Frequency be Used for Determining EQA Frequency?	Tony Badrick (Australia)
14.00 - 14.15	TFG: ISO/IEC 17043 - Organization of Workshops	Rachel Marrington (United Kingdom)
14.15 - 14.45	Break	
14.20 - 14.40	Meet the Poster Presenters	

## EQALM General Assembly

Chair Gro Gidske

14.45 - 15.45

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## Adam Uldall Lecture

Chair Gro Gidske

16.00 - 17.00 Christoph Buchta (Austria)

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## Social Event

Museum tour and dinner at the Boerhaave Museum

18.00 Gathering in the hotel hall – walk together to the museum

18.30 Welcome drink at the museum

19.00 Start tour through museum (± 45 min.) followed by a dinner buffet

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

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Time	Lecture	Speaker
<b>Abstract Session</b>		
Chair Pierre-Alain Morandi		
09.00 - 09.15		
09.15 - 09.30		
09.30 - 09.45		
09.45 - 10.00		
10.00 - 10.15		
10.15 - 10.50	Break	
<b>Session: Collaboration Together for Better Patient Outcomes</b>		
Chair Barbara De la Salle		
10.50 - 11.40	Quality Indicators for the Pre and Post Analytical Phase	Gregor Pairoux (Belgium), Tony Badrick (Australia), Finlay MacKenzie (United Kingdom)
11.40 - 12.20	Laboratory Medicine in this Regulatory Era: from Evolution to Revolution.	Christa Cobbaert (The Netherlands)
12.20	Closing of the EQALM Symposium 2025	Gro Gidske (EQALM Chair)



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