



Pancyprian Union of Chemists  
Division of Quality Assurance  
Eurachem Cyprus Committee

### ***Laboratory Accreditation***

#### **A TWO-DAY TRAINING COURSE : ISO 15189:2022**

#### **THE NEW STANDARD FOR THE COMPETENCE OF MEDICAL LABORATORIES**

**16 and 17 March 2023**

***Cleopatra Hotel, Nicosia, Cyprus  
Conference Room Macedonia***

The Division of Quality Assurance of the Pancyprian Union of Chemists (PUC) and Eurachem are organising a two-day training course on the accreditation of medical laboratories, focusing on the publication of the revised standard ISO 15189:2022. The training course, one of a series of successful events organised by PUC and Eurachem, will present and discuss the new standard, providing the opportunity for interaction between laboratory personnel and other stakeholders. The topic of accreditation of medical laboratories is of interest especially in the light of recent developments with regard to other documents, i.e. legislation, standards and guides (including Eurachem guidance) which will also be discussed.

#### ***The scope of the training is to***

- present and discuss critical issues of interest to medical laboratories addressed in ISO 15189:2022 and other relevant documents
- discuss the experience of laboratories in various sectors, problems and solutions
- present recent publications (Eurachem guides and others).

#### ***How to meet the task***

This task will be addressed through presentations by experienced trainers, exercises and group work as well as audiovisual means. It is expected that by the completion of the training, the participants will have a good understanding of the critical issues addressed in ISO 15189:2022 and will acquire a clear picture of the work to be done in their laboratories or in their accreditation bodies as appropriate. The training will be delivered by tutors that have been actively involved for many years in Eurachem activities and its working groups and/or the Executive Committee.

#### ***Who can participate?***

The training is oriented to

- Personnel of accredited medical laboratories as well as those being prepared for their accreditation;
- Lead assessors/assessors/technical experts
- Consultants.

**Certificates** of participation will be issued to participants who fully attend.

### ***The language***

The training will be carried out in English.

### ***The fee***

For the two-day workshop the training fee is set at 200 € for those **registered by 10 February 2023**. After that date, the fee will be 250 €. This covers the training material, coffee breaks and meals as well as dinner on the first day. If more than one participant from the same laboratory/organization attends, the fee will be € 180 and € 225 respectively for the additional participants.

### ***For those coming from abroad***

#### **Accommodation**

The training will be hosted at the Cleopatra Hotel, a 4-star hotel in the centre of Nicosia ([www.cleopatra.com.cy](http://www.cleopatra.com.cy)). A number of rooms has been pre-booked at the said hotel (**valid until 3 February 2023**):

<b>Room Rates:</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Executive</b>
Single Room B/B	€105.00	€120.00
Twin Room B/B	€130.00	€145.00

The above rates are per room per night inclusive of buffet breakfast, taxes and service and free Internet. **Payment Terms:** To confirm a reservation we will request prepayment from the participants. **Cancellation Policy:** If a reservation is cancelled less than 72 hours before arrival date or in case of NO Show a one night cancellation fee will apply.

Participants will need to make their own reservation directly with the hotel, email : [info@cleopatra.com.cy](mailto:info@cleopatra.com.cy), tel. +357 22844000 with reference to the code **PUC2023**.

#### **Visa requirements**

Participants from third countries (not member states of the European Union) may need to get a visa. Relevant information appears under visa policy on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus ([www.mfa.gov.cy](http://www.mfa.gov.cy)). To this end they need to contact the local organisers for an invitation letter to be provided in time.

#### **Entrance to Cyprus**

**Only via the legal airports of the Republic of Cyprus, namely the Larnaca and Pafos International Airports.** Larnaca is the preferred airport, as Pafos is further from Nicosia (extra 1 hour transfer time).

#### **Transportation from/to the hotels**

Upon arrival at **Larnaca International Airport**, participants may catch

- ⇒ **EITHER**, the shuttle to Nicosia (for timetable visit <https://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com>); the fee is 8€. The trip takes up to 40 min. A taxi will then be required to take you to the hotel (additional cost up to 10 €)
- ⇒ **OR** a taxi directly to the hotel; this will not cost more than 50 €.

#### ***For information, contact...***

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