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In co-operation with
EURACHEM, in cooperation with CITAC and EQALM, cordially invite members of the international analytical community to their 8th Workshop, which aims to emulate the successful workshops held previously. The Workshop is being organized by the EURACHEM Proficiency Testing Working Group.

Location:
The Workshop will be held in Berlin, Germany. Berlin is an exciting city of contrasts. Forever evolving it provides a countless variety of historical and modern attractions. Berlin has over 170 museums, making the city one of the world’s prime locations for first-rate historical art collections, cultural exhibitions as well as museums of science and technology. Berlin has good airline connections. The workshop will take place in andel’s Hotel Berlin.

Technical Programme:
Four days will be devoted to training courses, invited lectures, short communications, poster sessions and working group discussions. The official language of the Workshop will be English. As in previous workshops, proposed abstracts will be subjected to approval by the scientific committee and amended where necessary to improve English expression. Invited lectures and accepted communications/posters will be considered for publication as full papers as a topical focus in an issue of Accreditation and Quality Assurance (Springer Verlag), subject to peer-review.

Important Dates for Authors are:
Abstracts due: 31 May 2014
Notification for acceptance: 15 July 2014
Format of the abstracts will be provided on the conference web site.

Training Course (6 October 2014):
Two sessions on the topic “ISO 13528 and beyond” will be held on Monday, open to workshop participants only. The number of available places is limited.
Trainers: Marina Patriarca, Piotr Robouch
Registration fee: 120 €

Keynote Lectures (7-8 October 2014):
- Review of ISO/IEC 17043
  Delia Geary, UKAS, UK
- User perspective of PT
  Laura Coisne, Nestec Ltd, Switzerland
- Sampling PT
  Magda Cotman, National Institute of Chemistry, Slovenia
- The revised ISO 13528
  Dan Tholen, Dan Tholen Statistical Consulting, USA
- PT in developing countries
  Sibongile Zimuto, ZINQAP Trust, Zimbabwe
- Harmonisation of performance assessment in-qualitative PTs
  Vivienne James, Public Health England, UK

Working Groups (7-8 October 2014):
There will be extensive working group discussions on all above mentioned topics. Guiding questions for the working groups can be found on the Workshop website.

Short presentations / Posters (7-9 October 2014):
A number of short presentations and scientific posters will complete the programme.

For full details of the Workshop visit: www.eurachempt2014.de

Registration:
Can be done online using the registration form provided on the Workshop website. The registration fee includes a book of abstracts, lunches, coffee breaks, welcome cocktail party and workshop dinner. A discount will be given for early registration. The fee will be invoiced together with a letter of confirmation.
Registration fees and important dates are as follows:
Early registration: Before 15 May 2014
  Delegate: 545 €
  Accompanying person: 130 €
Registration: After 15 May 2014
  Delegate: 595 €
  Accompanying person: 150 €

Accommodation:
Details on accommodation in the conference hotel, or in hotels close by, are available on the website.

Exhibition:
Products and services related to PT/EQA and laboratory activities can be presented in the exhibition area. Details for exhibitors are available on the website for submission.

Exhibition costs for 6 - 8 m²:
Early registration: Before 1 September 2014
  1300 €
Registration: After 1 September 2014
  1400 €