PROFICIENCY TESTING IN
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY,
MICROBIOLOGY AND
LABORATORY MEDICINE

Current Practice and Future Directions

IN CO-OPERATION WITH

WORKSHOP SECRETARIAT
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EURACHEM, in co-operation with CITAC and EQALM, cordially invite members of the international analytical community to their 10th proficiency testing workshop, which aims to continue the success of previous workshops. The workshop is being organized by the EURACHEM proficiency testing working group.

**Important dates for authors**

- Abstracts due: 31st May 2023
- Notification for acceptance: 14th July 2023

For abstract formats please visit www.eurachem-pt2023.org/abstract

**Training sessions**

25th September 2023

Four sessions on topics
- Basic Statistics
- Further Statistics
- PT scheme design
- Ensuring the quality of proficiency test items

The number of available places at each training session is limited.

**Location**

The workshop will take place at the De Vere Beaumont hotel in Windsor, a town on the River Thames in southeast England, just west of London. It is home to Windsor Castle, a residence of the British Royal Family, built by William The Conqueror in the 11th century. The story of De Vere Beaumont Estate in Old Windsor is a very British one; a tale of democracy, royalty, education and religion. At its heart, sits an 18th-century mansion, a chapel, 75 event spaces and a Georgian white house in 40 acres of parkland grounds. The original house was built for Lord Weymouth but it was during its time as a public school, from 1854 - 1967, that saw most of the estate’s architectural developments.

**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 subject 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 in an issue of Accreditation and Quality Assurance (Springer Verlag), subject to peer-review.

**Lectures & Working Group topics**

26th - 28th September 2023

- Revision of ISO/IEC 17043
- Guidance on different methods for setting the standard deviation for proficiency assessment
- Collusion or falsification of results in PT – why does it happen and how can it be prevented
- Comparisons of synthetic vs real PT items
- Performance assessment in non-quantitative PT
- Risk analysis approach for PT participation.

**Registration**

Your registration fee includes a book of abstracts, lunches, coffee breaks, welcome reception, workshop, dinner and accommodation (3 or 4 nights, please see below). A reduced rate is given for early registration. The fee will be invoiced together with a letter of confirmation.

**Registration fees and important dates**

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*Accompanying persons are not entitled to attend the training sessions or the workshop and will share accommodation with the registered delegate. Training Sessions only available to workshop delegates. The fee includes attendance at the welcome reception and workshop dinner.

**Accommodation**

Accommodation for 3 or 4 nights is included in your registration fee. A buffet dinner will be provided to those not attending the excursion on Tuesday evening.

**Excurision**

Optional excursion on the evening of Tuesday 26th September 2023, consisting of a boat trip on the River Thames with a meal. Price: £75 per person

**Exhibition**

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

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