

LABQUALITY  
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# International Congress on Quality in Laboratory Medicine

Themes: **The Path to Perfect Quality** &  
**New Frontiers in Health and Laboratory Technology**

LABQUALITY DAYS 2018 | INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM



8-9 FEBRUARY, 2018 | HELSINKI, FINLAND



Labquality Days is one of the largest international congresses in 2018 focused on quality and laboratory medicine. The congress is held at Messukeskus Helsinki, Expo and Convention Centre. The 2018 themes are **The Path to Perfect Quality** and **New Frontiers in Health and Laboratory Technology**. Come and enjoy the inspiring scientific atmosphere and feel the pleasant cool winter days in Helsinki. More information at [www.labqualitydays.com](http://www.labqualitydays.com).

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# Plenary Lectures



*Plenary Lecture on Thursday*

## **IBM Watson – Shaping the Future of Healthcare?**

**Henrik Gudbergesen**, PhD, Chief Medical Officer  
IBM Nordic, Denmark

**An innovative digital transformation is ongoing in healthcare. Henrik Gudbergesen will talk about how IBM Watson software systems are already today utilized in clinical management decisions. What possibilities will it bring in the future?**



*Plenary Lecture on Friday*

## **Diagnostic Pathways in Theory and Practice**

**Georg Hoffmann**, Prof. Dr med.  
University of Munich, Germany

**Professor Georg Hoffmann gives the audience an insight into the Diagnostic Pathways concept. It is one of the key elements to a successful crosstalk between laboratory professionals and clinicians.**

Registration and more information at [www.labqualitydays.com](http://www.labqualitydays.com).



# Scientific Programme

## Performance Specifications with Special Emphasis on Biological Variation Data

**Sverre Sandberg**, Director  
Noklus, Norway

## Reference Measurement Procedures – Emphasis on Performance Specifications and Operating Laboratories

**Linda Thienpont**, Prof. Emerita  
Ghent University, Belgium

## Standardisation and Harmonisation in Laboratory Medicine: a Matter of Patient Safety

**Mauro Pantegini**, Prof. MD  
University of Milano, Italy

## Traceability and the New EU IVD Regulation

**Jonathan Middle**, PhD, ALCM  
Birmingham, the United Kingdom

## Analytical Quality Specifications of Inter-laboratory Comparisons

**Carmen Perich**, Quality Director  
Vall d'Hebron Hospital Laboratories, SCEQA, Spain

## HbA1c Standardisation and Clinical Outcomes

**Eric Kilpatrick**, Prof.  
Sidra Medical and Research Center, Qatar

## Challenge of Improved Outcomes and Shared Responsibilities in Diabetes Care

**Timo Kouri**, MD, PhD, Adjunct prof., Senior Physician  
HUSLAB, Finland

**Jorma Lahtela**, MD, PhD, Adjunct prof., Senior Physician  
Tampere University Hospital, Finland

## FreeStyle Libre – Enriched Opportunities in Diabetes Management

**Alexander Seibold**, Regional Medical Director  
Abbott Diabetes Care, Germany

An extensive exhibition with 60 diagnostic companies in connection with the congress.



## New Perspectives on Pharmacogenetics

**Ron van Schaik**, Prof. Dr  
Erasmus MC Rotterdam, the Netherlands

## New Trends in Alzheimer Disease Management

**Maryline Simon**, PhD, eMBA-HSG, Clinical Science Leader  
Roche Diagnostics, Switzerland

### ePoster Exhibition

Deadline for submission: 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

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## Organizer

Labquality is an international service organisation dedicated to improving patient safety. Company's main products include external quality assessment (EQA) services and quality controls for internal quality assurance (IQA). Labquality offers high quality, educational EQA for all areas of laboratory medicine with 45 years of know-how and experience. Currently over 5000 laboratories around the world participate in Labquality's EQA schemes.

## Congress information

### Date

8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

### Venue

Messukeskus Helsinki,  
Messuaukio 1, Helsinki, Finland

### Participation fee

Early bird (until 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017)  
520 € + VAT 24%, registration at  
[www.labqualitydays.com](http://www.labqualitydays.com)

### Accommodation

Holiday Inn Helsinki – Messukeskus  
Special offer for Labquality Days  
participants

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