

## International Congress on Quality in Laboratory Medicine

10-11 FEBRUARY 2022 | HELSINKI, FINLAND

The theme for 2022 congress is **50 Years of Excellence in EQA** with sub-themes of Past and Future of EQA and QC & Regulation and Quality Systems in Laboratory Medicine.

### Scientific Program

#### PLENARY

**Generation X, Y and Z: Different Languages, Different Values, New Approach Needed?**

**Sarah May** Deputy Chief Executive, Institute of Biomedical Science, UK

#### PAST AND FUTURE OF EQA AND QC

*Chairpersons Päivi Laitinen & Piet Meijer*

##### History of Quality Control

**James O. Westgard** President of Westgard QC, Westgard Quality Control, USA

##### Improving EQA Through International Cooperation

**Sverre Sandberg** Director, Noklus, Norway

##### Do We Really Measure the Quality of the Laboratory?

**Mario Plebani** Professor, University of Padova, Italy

##### The Future of EQA: Embracing Pathological Diversity of Protein Biomarkers?

**Christa Cobbaert** Professor, Leiden University Medical Centre, The Netherlands

##### Future Visions of EQA and Quality Control - Integrate IQC and EQA?

**Tony Badrick** Chief Executive Officer, RCPAQAP, Australia

#### PARALLEL SESSION 1: QUALITY CONTROL AND EQA IN DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES

*Chairperson Heidi Berghäll*

##### EQA of Point of Care – Challenges and Opportunities

**Annette Thomas** Consultant Clinical Biochemist, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, UK

##### Quality Control of Qualitative Tests: Trends and Developments

**Paulo Pereira** Senior Researcher, Portuguese Institute of Blood and Transplantation, Portugal

##### EQA in Developing Countries

**Sofia Viegas** Researcher, Instituto Nacional de Saúde (INS) in Maputo, Mozambique

##### Experiences in Preanalytical EQA

**Jonna Pelanti** Head of Product Development, Labquality, Finland

#### PARALLEL SESSION 2: REGULATION AND QUALITY SYSTEMS IN LABORATORY MEDICINE

*Chairperson Dalius Vitkus*

##### The Regulator's Dilemma: Are Laboratory Rules Too Loose, Too Tight, or Just Right?

**Sten Westgard** Director, Westgard Quality Control, USA

##### IVDR 2017/746: Overview of Legislation, Governance and Implications for Lab Professionals

**Christa Cobbaert** Professor, Leiden University Medical Centre, The Netherlands

##### Eurotransplant QC System Throughout Europe

**Yvonne Zoet** EPT Scheme manager, Eurotransplant Reference Laboratory, The Netherlands

##### What Does the IVD Regulation 2017/746 Mean for in-house Methods in Practice?

**Anja Kontio** Manager of Regulatory Affairs, Labquality, Finland

#### IS PERFECT THE WORST ENEMY OF GOOD?

*Chairperson Gudjon Elvar Theodorsson*

##### EQA Visions / Are We Measuring Too Few QC Samples – or Too Many?

**Finlay MacKenzie** Director of Birmingham Quality, UKNEQAS, UK

##### Pros and Cons Regarding Accreditation of Medical Laboratories

**Ivan Branslund** Professor, University of Southern Denmark and Vejle Hospital, Denmark

**Florent Vanstapel** MD PhD EuSpecLabMed, EFLM, Belgium

#### PLENARY

**Saku Tuominen** Business executive with a mission to improve the world with bold ideas that are executed well.

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