

EuroGentest / ESHG and the workshops on accreditation

A series of training workshops had been organized by EuroGentest, with the **aim to aid laboratories in the process of developing quality systems and working towards accreditation**. Besides this, the workshops also contribute to the harmonization of the approaches to accreditation of genetic testing services in Europe and to improve the quality of the laboratories.

Different topics were already tackled, like the accreditation process, validation, working with the new version of ISO 15189, IT support in medical laboratories, internal audits, The **ISO 15189 standard** is the basis of all workshops.

The workshops are meant to be **very interactive**, with brief formal presentations.



Aim upcoming workshop

The specific aims are to **compare and share experiences of implementing and living with quality systems** and to examine cases of concrete situations related to quality processes that may arise in laboratories, like **non-conformities, reporting, training, participation to external quality assessment schemes**, etc.

Furthermore the common deficiencies in a quality management system and the ways to proceed in accreditation will be discussed during expert-led interactive sessions in small groups. **ISO 15189** will be used as the reference standard during the workshop.

For who?

This workshop is developed especially for laboratories that are **in the process of implementing a quality management system but also for those already working in a laboratory with a quality management system**.

Participants include laboratory directors, scientists, technicians and quality managers.

The **number of participants is limited to 20**.

The workshop is in **English**, but small-group discussions can be in the local language.

Where?

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When?

Start: Thursday 10 September 2015 at 9.00 am
End: Friday 11 September 2015 at 2.00 pm

Programme

September 10, 2015

08.30h-09.00h Registration desk open & welcome coffee
09.00h-09.30h Welcome, introduction and agenda
09.30h-10.45h The ISO 15189 standard challenges – part 1
10.45h-11.00h Break
11.00h-12.15h Exercises
12.15h-13.15h Lunch
13.15h-13.45h The ISO 15189 standard challenges – part 2
13.45h-14.45h Exercise
14.45h-15.45h External quality assessment (EQA) in rare diseases; added value to improve your QMS
15.45h-16.10h Break
16.10h-18.00h Case work
20.00h Dinner with the whole group

September 11, 2015

08.30h-09.15h The accreditation process
09.15h-10.15h Exercises
10.15h-10.45h ISO 15189 – Example of an audit
10.45h-11.00h Break
11.00h-11.30h Internal audit & management review
11.30h-12.15h Case work
12.15h-13.00h Take home message
13.00h-14.00h Lunch

Registration

Via the EuroGentest website: www.eurogentest.org

Registration closes August 14, 2015 (but note that the number of places is limited). Your registration is not confirmed until full payment is received.

Workshop fee

175 € for laboratories with a HDI below 0.845

475 € for laboratories with a HDI above 0.845

575 € for industrial partners

The fee covers documentation, lunches, one dinner and morning and afternoon refreshments. Travel costs and accommodation are at the expense of your laboratory.

More information about HDI, please consult the website: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Development_Index

Cancellation policy

For cancellation within 6 weeks of the workshop, 50% of the registration fee is due to cover our costs. For cancellation within 3 weeks or no-show, registration will be billed in full. If you are unable to attend, you may nominate a replacement participant and transfer the registration any time before the first day of the course. EuroGentest /ESHG reserves the right to cancel courses should insufficient registrations be received. In that case, you will be informed 8 weeks before the workshop and the full registration fee will be refunded.

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For more information, visit the website: www.eurogentest.org

WORKSHOP

Are we on the right track towards accreditation? How to measure and improve quality?

10-11 September 2015
Belgrade, Serbia



Thanks to the REGPOT project which supports the workshop

