JCTLM Members & Stakeholders Meeting and Workshop on EQA schemes elucidating the clinical suitability of laboratory results - Programme

4 – 5 December 2023

Monday 4 December 2023

JCTLM Members & Stakeholders Meeting

09:00 Welcome. Sang-Ryoul Park, Korea - CIPM representative to JCTLM

JCTLM Update and Executive report
09:10 JCTLM Executive Committee Report. Greg Miller, US – JCTLM Chair
09:30 JCTLM Database Report. Robert Wielgosz, France – JCTLM Executive Secretary
09:50 JCTLM Education & Promotion Report. Elvar Theodorsson, Sweden
10:10 JCTLM Task-Force on Reference Measurement System Implementation. Mauro Panteghini, Italy

10.30 Coffee Break and Photograph

11:00 JCTLM Task Group on Knowledge Transfer. Greg Miller, US – JCTLM Chair
12:00 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

Workshop on EQA schemes elucidating the clinical suitability of laboratory results

14:00 Welcome and briefing. Elvar Theodorsson, Sweden and Tony Badrick, Australia

Session 1 - Current status of and responsibility for traceability in laboratory medicine
Chair: Rita Horvath, Australia

14:05 How good are we now? Heidi Berghäll, Finland
14:25 How good do we need to be? Rita Horvath, Australia
14:45 Who is responsible: labs, manufacturers, regulators? Marianela Perez-Torres, USA
15:05 Discussion
15.30 Break
Session 2 – EQA principles, practice, and practical use  
Chair: Greg Miller, USA

16:00 Should individual labs adjust results to make them traceable or leave this to manufacturers. What about a lab wanting to align instruments from different suppliers? Greg Miller, USA

16:20 Challenges in assessing traceability of measurement results with EQA materials - commutability. Sverre Sandberg, Norway

16:40 Setting an APS – the details and the process + should the same APS be used in all settings. Graham Jones, Australia

17:00 EQA using patient medians to monitor harmonization and standardization. Anne Solsvik, Norway

17:20 Discussion

18:00-19:00 Reception

Tuesday 5 December

Session 3 – EQA principles, practice, and practical use  
Chair: Piet Meijer, Netherlands

08:30 Aggregating data from different EQA-schemes using common concepts, terms, and codes for measuring systems, measurands, reagents and reagents lots. Anthony Killeen, USA

08:50 Common program structure – reporting. David Ducroq, UK

09:10 EQA schemes working together. Wim Coucke, Belgium

09:30 Discussion

10:30 Tea break

Session 4 – The role of EQA in quality systems  
Chair: Mauro Panteghini, Italy

11:00 The role of certification schemes. Hubert Vesper, USA

11:20 Higher order EQA schemes. Anja Kessler, Germany

11:40 Can EQA with non-commutable material be combined with EQA with commutable material to support traceability assessment? Anne Stavelin, Norway

12:00 Discussion

13:00 Lunch
Session 5 – The driving forces of traceability in laboratory medicine and in EQA
Chair: Sverre Sandberg, Norway

14:00 How is EQA financed? Tony Badrick, Australia
14:20 Can financing systems be used to catalyse the development of EQA schemes to assess metrological traceability of results. Sverre Sandberg, Norway
14:40 What should accreditation bodies ask for? Gary Horowitz, USA
15:00 The benefits of standardised results (and the risks of non-standardised results) Mauro Panteghini, Italy
15:20 How can Regulatory EQA schemes support traceability. Solveig Linko, Finland
15:40 Discussion
16:30 Close