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

4 – 5 December 2023

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JCTLM Members & Stakeholders Meeting

09:00 Welcome. Robert Wielgosz, BIPM,– on behalf of the BIPM Director

JCTLM Update and Executive report

09:10 JCTLM Executive Committee Report. Greg Miller, US – JCTLM Chair
09:30 JCTLM Database Report. Robert Wielgosz, BIPM – 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
11:30 JCTLM Task Group on Strategy. Robert Wielgosz, BIPM – JCTLM Executive Secretary
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
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