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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