

EuroGentest and the Symposium on Quality & Laboratory Management

EuroGentest (EUGT) is an EU-funded Network of Excellence (NoE) looking at different aspects of genetic testing – such as quality management. Through a series of initiatives, EuroGentest **encourages the harmonization of standards and practice** throughout the EU and beyond within genetic testing services.

Since 2005, interactive training workshops for small groups were organized on different topics related to quality management. The **aim is to aid laboratories in the process of developing and improving quality systems and working towards accreditation**. These workshops also contribute to the harmonization of the approaches to accreditation and to create a network of laboratories with a common goal – improving the quality of their services.

Topics such as **laboratory quality assurance and accreditation**, which are very important in medical laboratories, are not commonly addressed in (inter)national scientific meetings. This symposium aims to respond to this shortcoming and **bring together people working in diagnostic laboratories**. In contrast to the interactive approach of the EUGT workshops, this symposium mainly consists of **presentations**. In addition there will be a small **industry exhibition**.

A **EUGT Laboratory Quality Award** will be presented to a lab which is contributing to the improvement of the awareness of quality management in genetic testing. Proposals will also be accepted from developers, companies and organizations who submit a non-commercial application, intending to promote quality. All labs are encouraged to submit a proposal concerning their experience, idea or improvement. Nominees will be able to present their proposal during the symposium and one will receive the EUGT quality award 2009 and a **free registration for a EUGT workshop on accreditation**.

Programme

Thursday, June 18, 2009

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME

12:00-13:00 Registration desk open
Sandwich lunch + Industry exhibition

13:00-13:15 Welcome and introduction

SESSION 1 ACCREDITATION

13:15-13:55 **The working of ILAC, EA and the national accreditation bodies**

Orna DREAZEN, Israel

13:55-14:35 **Australian viewpoint on ISO 15189 accreditation in genetic testing laboratories**

Megan NELSON, Australia

14:35-15:00 **Preparing for accreditation - what did we learn so far?**

Luis CORREIA, Portugal

15:00-15:20 Break + Industry exhibition

SESSION 2 EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT

15:20-16:00 **EQA and ISO 17043**

Michael NOBLE, Canada

16:00-16:25 **A national scheme integrated in an international scheme**

Clemens MUELLER, Germany

SESSION 3 ROUND TABLE SESSIONS (1 TOPIC)

16:25-17:30 A: SOP structure
B: Internal quality control
C: Internal audit
D: Industry exhibition

SOCIAL PROGRAM

18:30 Strolling through the 'Groot Begijnhof' with a city guide

20:00 Dinner at the Faculty Club

Friday, June 19, 2009

SESSION 4 QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

08:30-09:10 **Viewpoint of an accreditation body and auditor to the accreditation process**

Ian MANN, Switzerland

09:10-09:35 **Maintaining your QMS and document control**

Tony HERBERT, United Kingdom

09:35-10:05 **IT support for a QMS**

Craig BUNN, Genial Genetics, United Kingdom

10:05-10:35 **IT support for a QMS**

Angela WANDS, Gael Quality, United Kingdom

10:35-11:15 Break + Industry exhibition

SESSION 5 EUGT QUALITY AWARD 2009

11:15-12:00 Selected speakers for the EUGT Laboratory Quality award

12:00-12:15 EUGT quality award

12:15-12:30 Closing session

12:30-13:30 Sandwich lunch + Industry exhibition

EUGT Laboratory Quality Award

Any genetic testing laboratory can submit a proposal for the Quality Award 2009 describing a **work, development or implementation which contributes to the improvement of quality for the patient or a call which highlights a particular need**. Topics for the award should have a positive role model for the audience of the symposium.

Applications should be submitted **before May 20, 2009** via:

www.formdesk.nl/eurogentest/quality_symposium_award

One laboratory will receive the **EuroGentest Laboratory Quality Award 2009** and a **free registration for one person to participate in a EuroGentest workshop on accreditation** organized in 2009-2010.

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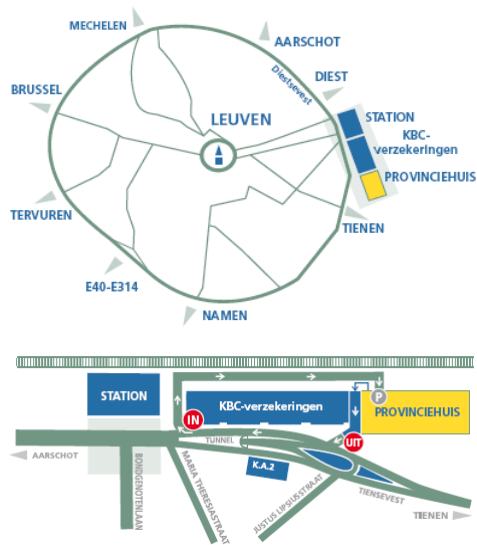
www.eurogentest.org/qualitysymposium.shtml

Where?

Provinciehuis Vlaams-Brabant

Provincieplein 1, 3010 Leuven, Belgium

5 minute walk from the train station



Registration

250€ when registered and paid before March 31, 2009

280€ when registered and paid after March 31, 2009

The fee covers all sessions and industry exhibition, participant's folder, two lunches, morning and afternoon refreshments and certificate of attendance. If you want to attend the **social program** on Thursday evening, the supplementary fee is 50€.

Registrations should be done online **before June 1, 2009**:

www.formdesk.nl/eurogentest/quality_symposium_participant

An invoice will be issued to you upon receipt of your registration form. Your registration is not confirmed until full payment is received.

For cancellation **within four weeks (after May 20)** of the symposium, 50% of the registration fee is due to cover our costs. For cancellation **within two weeks (after June 3)** or **no-show**, registration will be billed in full. There is no penalty if you send someone else in your place.

Accommodation

Participants should arrange their own accommodation. Due to the fact that hotel rooms are limited, early reservation is highly recommended. Therefore, a block of rooms has been reserved in various hotels at reduced rates. Prices and reservation conditions per hotel are available online:

www.eurogentest.org/QualitySymposium/accommodation.shtml

All room reservations should be made by **May 15, 2009**. After this date the block will be released to the general public and availability cannot be guaranteed.

Exhibition stand and Sponsorship

Companies interested to book an exhibition stand or to sponsor a part of the symposium, please visit our website:

www.eurogentest.org/qualitysymposium.shtml

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