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Join our free seminar "Proficiency Testing for analytical laboratories" in Zagreb, Croatia!

Dear Professor Topic,

Join us for our "Welcome to the EU" seminar on proficiency testing! This free seminar will give you an overview about proficiency testing and how it can help you to monitor your individual analytical performance and compare it with that of peers!

During this free seminar you will learn:

- about the role of proficiency testing (PT) in quality assurance
- what the purpose, types and benefits of PT are
- how to select the most appropriate PT scheme
- how to participate and interpret results
- what the requirements of regulatory bodies are
- from case studies by Croatian laboratories

Please find the full agenda attached!

Keynote speaker:

Zlatko Grgić, external lead assessor of Croatian Accreditation Agency

Date: 26 September 2013 in Zagreb, Croatia

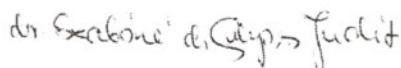
Time: 09.00 a.m. – 02.00 p.m.

Participation is free of charge. To register please complete the form on the back side and send it back to us!

Important: Registration will be closed by 20 September 2013.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Kind regards



Judit Gulyás
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Registration Form

Seminar „Proficiency Testing“,
26 September 2013

Venue:

The Westin Zagreb
Kršnjavoga 1
HR-10000 Zagreb, Croatia

Tel: (385) (1) 489 2000, Web: www.hotelwestinzagreb.com

For further information (e. g. directions) please visit the hotel's website www.hotelwestinzagreb.com.

The seminar is free of charge.

Participants will receive seminar documents and a certificate of attendance.

Please return this form to LGC Standards via mail (judit.gulyas@lgcstandards.com)
or fax (+36-26-314891).

Please note that the deadline for registration is 20 September 2013. To avoid wrong entries please provide us with your full contact details:

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Seminar Agenda

'Proficiency Testing – Welcome to the EU', 26 September 2013, Zagreb, Croatia

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 9.50 Welcome, introduction

Hans-Christian Schumacher, Managing Director LGC Standards GmbH

9.50 – 11.00 Driving Laboratory Quality through Proficiency Testing

Brian Brookman, Director of Proficiency Testing, LGC Standards UK

The presentation will cover the following topics:

- The importance of fit-for-purpose measurements to ensure reliable decision
- The role of proficiency testing (PT) in the quality assurance system
- Purpose, types and benefits of PT
- Selecting the most appropriate PT scheme
- Participating in PT schemes
- Interpretation of PT results

11.00 – 11.20 HAA Proficiency Testing policy and activities

Zlatko Grgić, HAA Hrvatska akreditacijska agencija, Croatian Accreditation Agency

- HAA policy for proficiency testing
- Importance of inter-laboratory comparisons
- Obligations of the accredited laboratories
- Accreditation against HRN EN ISO/IEC 17043

11.20 – 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 – 13.00 European Council Food and Feed Control Regulations – Implications for Laboratories

Liam Gormley, Team Leader, Food and Consumer Safety Team, LGC Health Science, UK

The presentation will cover the following topics:

- European Council Regulation 882/2004/EC (the "Official Control Regulations")
- Responsibilities of national regulators
- Responsibilities of food business operators
- Implications for food safety testing
- Requirements for laboratories, method validation, quality assurance, external accreditation

13.00 – 13.20 Proficiency Testing from LGC Standards

dr. Szabóné dr. Gulyás Judit PhD, Sales Manager, LGC Standards Hungary

The presentation will cover the following topics:

- Available schemes
- FAQs
- Benefits of participation

13.20 – 14.00 Case studies by Croatian labs

- VIVERA: HIPP group
- National Public Health Institute: Zagreb
- Institute of Public Health: Dr. Andrija Stampar, Zagreb

14.00 End of seminar, open discussion, lunch time

Presenters' biographies (in alphabetical order)

Brian Brookman

Brian Brookman has over thirtyfive years experience in analytical science, the past twenty years in the field of analytical quality, particularly concerned with reference materials and proficiency testing (PT). He is currently responsible for LGC's PT business which provides a wide range of international PT schemes around the world.

Brian has been involved in various training and consultative projects, and other initiatives, concerned with developing proficiency testing in other countries and the accreditation of PT providers. He has been invited to lecture on proficiency testing at various events around the world. Brian is very active at the national, European and international level with respect to the development and harmonisation of good practice in proficiency testing.

Liam Gormley

Team Leader, Food and Consumer Safety Team, LGC, Liam Gormley joined LGC in January 1998 after working at the UK Veterinary Laboratories Agency. After initially specialising in veterinary residues analysis to European regulatory requirements, he now leads a diverse team providing regulatory, compliance, and safety testing and advice to both National Governments and to industry clients. Liam has particular experience in validating analytical methods to the requirements of Commission Decision 2002/657/EC, having already managed in-house projects to re-validate over 20 of LGC's existing methods. He has acted as a National Expert on European Commission Food and Veterinary Office inspection visits to accessioning countries.

Zlatko Grgić

Zlatko Grgić worked at the Croatian Accreditation Agency (HAA) for over 7 years, where he was responsible for proficiency testing and inter-laboratory comparisons. As a member of the HAA working group for inter-laboratory comparisons, he participated in the creation of the HAA policy and regulations for inter-laboratory comparisons. He now works for the HAA as an external lead assessor of several accreditation schemes specifically for laboratory testing (HRN EN ISO/IEC 17025) and proficiency testing providers (HRN EN ISO/IEC 17043).

Judit Gulyás

Judit Gulyás has worked for LGC Standards for 9 years. She is a pharmacist, with a PhD in pharmaceutical technology and chemistry and over 20 years experience with Pharma companies and other laboratories. She has organised lectures and various seminars on proficiency testing. She is responsible for sales in Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia covering Proficiency Testing, Pharma, Food, Industrial, Environmental, Life Sciences including ATCC biomaterials and solvents.

Hans-Christian Schumacher

Hans-Christian Schumacher holds a master degree in business administration from Dortmund University in Germany. He worked as a Sales Manager and Managing Director for Fisher Scientific, Germany, and for a company in the personal protective equipment (PPE) sector. In 2006 he joined LGC Standards and has worked since then as Country Manager of the German subsidiary responsible for sales and marketing. In 2012 he was appointed Managing Director.