

EuroGentest and the workshops on accreditation

EuroGentest NoE intends to **harmonize and improve the overall quality of genetic testing services in Europe**. A part of the project focuses on accreditation and quality management and more in particular on training and continuous education of personnel.

A series of training workshops had been organized so far, with the **aim to aid laboratories in the process of developing quality systems and working towards accreditation**. Besides this, the workshops also contribute to the harmonization of the approaches to accreditation of genetic testing services in Europe.

Different topics were already tackled, like accreditation, IT support in medical laboratories and internal audit. The **ISO 15189 standard** is the basis of all workshops.

The workshops are meant to be **very interactive**, with brief formal presentations.

Aim upcoming workshop

The specific aims are to **compare and share experiences of implementing and living with quality systems** and to examine cases of concrete situations related to quality processes that may arise in laboratories, like **non-conformities, reporting, training** etc.

Furthermore the common deficiencies in a quality management system and the ways to proceed in accreditation will be discussed during expert-led interactive sessions in small groups. **ISO 15189** will be used as the reference standard during the workshop.

This workshop is organized in collaboration with the **Clinical Genetics Society of Croatia**.

For who?

This workshop is developed especially for laboratories that are **at the start of the process of implementing a quality management system**.

Participants include laboratory directors, scientists, technicians and quality managers.

The **number of participants is limited to 35**.

The workshop is in **English**, but small-group discussions can be in the local language.

When?

Friday 20 May 2011 from 8.30am till 5pm

Where?

Zagreb University School of Medicine
Croatian Institute for brain research
Šalata 12
10 000 Zagreb
Croatia

Programme

08.30h	Registration desk open and welcome coffee
09.00h	Welcome, introduction and agenda
09.20h	The accreditation process – Interactive presentation & Exercise
10.45h	Break
11.00h	ISO 15189 – Introduction & Exercise
12.15h	Lunch
13.15h	ISO 15189 Chapter 5 – Interactive presentation & Case work
14.45h	Break
15.00h	ISO 15189 Chapter 4 – Interactive presentation & Case work
16.15h	ISO 15189 – Example of an audit
16.45h	Evaluation and round-off
17.00h	End

Registration

Via the EuroGentest website:

www.eurogentest.org/laboratories/workshops

Registration closes April 10, 2011 (but note that the number of places is limited). Your registration is not confirmed until full payment is received.

Workshop fee

150 € for laboratories with a HDI below 0.845

320 € for laboratories with a HDI above 0.845

420 € for industrial partners

The fee covers documentation, lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments. Travel costs and accommodation are at the expense of your laboratory.

More information about HDI, please consult the website:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Development_Index

Cancellation policy

For cancellation within 6 weeks of the workshop, 50% of the registration fee is due to cover our costs. For cancellation within 3 weeks or no-show, registration will be billed in full. If you are unable to attend you may nominate a replacement participant and transfer the registration any time before the first day of the course. EuroGentest reserves the right to cancel courses should insufficient registrations be received. In that case, you will be informed 8 weeks before the workshop and the full registration fee will be refunded.

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WORKSHOP

Accreditation for beginners, how to implement ISO 15189

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