

EuroGentest2 and the workshops on accreditation

EuroGentest2 is a Coordination Action funded by the 7th Framework of the European Commission. EuroGentest 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.

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 25**.

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

Where?

Istanbul University, Institute for Experimental Medical Research (DETAE), Istanbul, Turkey

When?

Start: Thursday 23 February 2012 at 8.30am

End foreseen: Friday 24 February 2012 at 2pm

Programme

February 23, 2012

08.30h-09.00h Registration desk open & welcome coffee

09.00h-09.30h Welcome, introduction and agenda

09.30h-10.45h The accreditation process – Presentation

10.45h-11.00h Break

11.00h-12.15h The accreditation process – Exercises

12.15h-13.15h Lunch

13.15h-13.45h ISO 15189 – Introduction

13.45h-14.45h ISO 15189 – Exercise

14.45h-15.45h ISO 15189 Chapter 5 – Presentation

15.45h-16.10h Break

16.10h-18.00h ISO 15189 Chapter 5 – Case work

20.00h Dinner with the whole group

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08.30h-09.15h ISO 15189 Chapter 4 – Presentation

09.15h-10.15h ISO 15189 Chapter 4 – Exercises

10.15h-10.45h ISO 15189 – Example of an audit

10.45h-11.00h Break

11.00h-11.30h ISO 15189 Chapter 4 – Presentation

11.30h-12.15h ISO 15189 Chapter 4 – Case work

12.15h-13.00h Take home message

13.00h-14.00h Lunch

Registration

Via the EuroGentest website:

www.eurogentest.org/laboratories/workshops

Registration closes January 27, 2012 (but note that the number of places is limited). Your registration is not confirmed until full payment is received.

Workshop fee

225 € for laboratories with a HDI below 0.845

475 € for laboratories with a HDI above 0.845

575 € for industrial partners

The fee covers documentation, lunches, one dinner 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

23-24 February 2012

Istanbul, Turkey

