

National Members' Meeting, 09th October 2012, NPL, Teddington

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European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories

The European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories (EUROLAB) held its well-attended National Members' Meeting on 09th October 2012 at the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington, UK.

The delegates from 19 countries gathered at the EUROLAB National Members' Meeting to discuss current developments within the Federation and laboratory area.

Jiří Sobola, EUROLAB president, outlined the main achievements in the last couple of years with reference to the EUROLAB strategy 2009 – 2013. The President highlighted the efforts of the EUROLAB Technical Committee for Quality Assurance in Testing and Calibration, chaired by Manfred Golze, in its support for the technical work of the Federation. In addition he emphasised the improvement of communications as well as the increase of EUROLAB's international influence through vital cooperation with other stakeholders.

EUROLAB Technical Committee on Quality Assurance in Testing and Calibration (TCQA)

The TCQA meeting was held on 08th October 2012 in Teddington chaired by member of the Board of Administrators Manfred Golze and Vice-Chair Irache Visiers Sanz. The meeting brought together a remarkable number of regular committee members as well as invited guests. The discussion covered various issues including the EUROLAB "Cook Book" (the guidelines provided by TCQA on different matters on laboratory accreditation), draft position papers on Opinion and Interpretation in Test Reports and Accreditation and Notification, views and experiences of EUROLAB members. The committee members welcomed their guest Johannes van de Kreeke (BAM) who reported on activities within EEE-PT and EA LC/WG ILC in testing. The TCQA meeting was concluded with debate on potential future activities in terms of preparation of a new inquiry. The fruitful meeting was followed by a Gala dinner at Bushy House, kindly organised by EUROLAB UK.



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EUROLAB Seminar *"The Role of Accredited Laboratories in Regulation and Market Surveillance"*

The British Measurement and Testing Association (BMTA), organiser of the National Members' Meeting and EUROLAB seminar represents the interests of the measurement and testing industry in the UK. Jeff Llewellyn, Chief Executive of BMTA and EUROLAB Vice-president, represents BMTA on the EUROLAB Board.



EUROLAB Seminar, 10th October 2012, NPL, Teddington

The successful EUROLAB Seminar took place on 10th October 2012 in Teddington and featured high-level speakers who stimulated rich discussions on the following issues:



EUROLAB Seminar, participants, NPL, Teddington

- Accredited Laboratories: The Role of Regulators and Enforcers as Customers

Peter Mason - President OIML and Chief Executive National Measurement Office

- NPL's Role as the UK's National Measurement Institute: Delivering Value through Partnership

Brian Bowsher - Managing Director, NPL

- The Role of Accredited Laboratories & Inspection Bodies in Consumer Protection, and recent developments at UKAS.

Paul Stennett - Chief Executive, UKAS

- The Impact of EU Regulation 765/08 on Accreditation in Europe

Lorraine Turner - Technical Director, UKAS

- Raising the Standard in Market Surveillance

Phil Owen - Services Director, Professional Standards, UK Trading Standards Institute

- Global Trends and Market Developments in the Laboratory Testing-Inspection-Certification Sector

Drewin Nieuwenhuis – Secretary General, CEOC International

- From Construction Products Directive to Regulation – the Fire Safety Challenge

Debbie Smith - Director of Fire Sciences & Building Products, BRE Global Ltd

- Working Together To Make European Rolling Stock Fire Safe – Future Material Testing Against EN 45545-2

Beth Dean - Fire Scientist, Exova Warringtonfire

EUROLAB the European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories – was set up in Brussels on 27 April 1990 as a network of the laboratory community and in response to the evolution of the European Union and is since 1998 registered as a legal entity in the form of an international association under Belgian law (aisbl – association internationale sans but lucratif). Composed of 25 national associations all over the Europe, EUROLAB is grouping over 2,000 conformity assessment bodies representing over 100,000 technical experts and laboratory practitioners. Associated membership is open world-wide and includes representatives from East and Middle East, South Africa and America. Besides formulating and voicing the opinion of laboratories regarding economical, political and technical issues, EUROLAB aims at promoting cost-effective testing, calibration and measurement services, for which the accuracy and quality assurance requirements were adjusted to the actual needs. These are particularly addressing European legislation, consumer protection, product and occupational safety.