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Editorial

Today we are pleased to send you our digital Newsletter. With this Newsletter we aim to provide you with some important ECAT information, relevant articles, case reports and reviews on publications in the fields of quality control and/ or laboratory diagnosis in thrombosis & haemostasis.

The editorial board and advisory committee wish you a healthy 2017. Petra ter Hark

Certificates of Participation

Each year the ECAT Foundation provides you with a Certificate of Participation.

We are now making these certificates electronically available, which means that your Certificate of Participation 2016 can be downloaded from our website. Go to the member section on our website (www.ecat.nl) and select "Certificate of Participation". Here you can download your certificate for 2016. These certificates will not be send by post any more.

Abstracts and Presentations from the ECAT Symposium

On 9 – 11 November 2016 the 10th ECAT Participants' Meeting was held in Leiden, the Netherlands. Most of the lectures and abstracts are now available in the special information part of the ECAT Education section on the ECAT website, <http://www.ecat.nl/ecat-education/education/meeting>.

Bayesian Excel tool for IQC

During the course "internal quality control: assessing the proper QC values and limits" given prior to the ECAT symposium by Prof. P.Tsiamirtzis and Dr. F. Sobas, an improved Excel tool was introduced for assessing the mean value and standard deviation of internal quality control samples on the basis of the Bayesian statistical approach. This Bayesian Control Chart template is now available on our website. Go to the member section on our website (www.ecat.nl) and select "Bayesian Excel tool". Here you will find more information about the Bayesian statistical approach and the Excel tool.

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ECAT Information: 10th ECAT Participants' Meeting

On 9 - 11 November 2016 the 10th ECAT Participants' Meeting was held in Leiden, The Netherlands. On Wednesday we started with two courses and a Dutch symposium organised by SKS in cooperation with the ECAT Foundation. On Thursday and Friday the ECAT symposium was held. The ECAT Foundation was proud to have organised its 10th Participants meeting. The ECAT organisation are delighted that they had the change to celebrate this with you; it was a great succes. If you are interested in the presentations given at this symposium, most of the lectures and abstracts are available in the [special information part of the ECAT Education section](#) on the ECAT website.

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Case Report: A patient with mild Haemophilia A

A plasma sample from a 40-year-old man was send from a local hospital to our lab. The clinical bleeding history of the patient was unclear. In a pre-operative consultation, he told the anaesthesiologist he had once suffered from a mild bleeding of the ankle after falling from his bicycle. Because of the vague bleeding history, and additionally because the normal screening coagulation tests had been performed in the local lab, there was some reservation about sending the sample for further analysis.

[Read more](#)

Literature Review: Biological Variation of Haemostasis Variables in Thrombosis and Bleeding: Consequences for Performance Specifications

(M.P.M. de Maat *et al.* *Clin. Chem.* 2016; 62: 1639 – 1646)

It is important that medical laboratories deliver reliable test results to physicians in order to make proper diagnosis of patients or monitoring of treatment possible. Therefore test performance should fulfil certain performance criteria. The ECAT Foundation, in conjunction with the Erasmus Medical Centre in Rotterdam, The Netherlands has conducted a study on the biological variation of haemostasis variables in thrombosis and bleeding on 40 healthy volunteers.

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Upcoming Events

ISLH 2017

4 – 6 May 2017, Honolulu, Hawaii

[website](#)

ISTH 2017 and 63rd SSC

8 – 13 July 2017, Berlin, Germany

[website](#)

59th ASH Annual Meeting & Exposition

9 – 12 December 2017, Atlanta, Georgia, United States

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