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ECAT Newsletter



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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 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 2018.

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The whole ECAT team wish you a healthy and prosperous 2018!

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2017. These certificates will not be send by postal service any more.

Webinar "Harmonization pre-analytical phase"

Recently an interesting webinar was given by Professor Ana-Maria Šimundič on the progress and activities concerning the harmonisation of the pre-analytical phase in Europe. The working group for the Pre-analytical phase (WG-PRE) of the European Federation for Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM), has played the leading role in this process. The aim of this e-seminar was to present past, ongoing and future WG-PRE activities and various projects which aim is to improve the quality of the pre-analytical phase in Europe as well as to promote wide harmonisation of pre-analytical practices, patient safety improvement and reduction of unnecessary waste and healthcare expenses.

This webinar is available at the website of EFLM and can be accessed free-of-charge by the following link:

<https://elearning.eflm.eu/course/view.php?id=16#section-0>

Save the dates

On 8 - 9 november 2018 the 11th ECAT Participants' Meeting will be held in Leiden, the Netherlands. Later in Spring we will provide you with more detailed information.

ECAT Information: The Pharma Corner

For several years the ECAT has provided a portal to gain an easy access to diagnostic companies via the Diagnostic Corner. Now we want to draw your attention to one specific new item: the Pharma Corner.

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Focus Article: A systematic approach for handling unacceptable EQA results

Medical laboratories have to ensure that the test results produced are reliable. Therefore a quality control system should be implemented. One element of such a quality control system is participation in an external quality assessment (EQA) programme.

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Literature Review: Discrepancies between the one-stage clotting assay and the chromogenic assay in haemophilia B

(K. Kihlberg et al. Haemophilia 2017; 23: 620 -627)

Discrepancies between one-stage and chromogenic assay test results for some haemophilia A patients have been known for some time. Because the chromogenic method for factor IX has only become available recently there has as yet been no investigation into whether such discrepancies also exist in haemophilia B patients. The study recently published by Kihlberg et al compared the one-stage clotting assay results of fifty samples from 36 patients with those of a chromogenic assay.

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Literature Review: An approach for estimating measurement uncertainty in medical Laboratories using data from long-term quality control and external quality assessment schemes

(Padoan et al. Clin Chem Lab Med 2017; 55:1696 - 1701)

One of the requirements of the international standard for the accreditation of medical laboratories (ISO 15189) is the determination of the measurement uncertainty for each measurement procedure. The measurement uncertainty represents the interval in which the true value of the measurement procedure is located with a defined probability. This interval should not exceed the limits for clinical fit-for-purpose of the measurement procedure.

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Upcoming Events

International Congress on Quality in Laboratory Medicine

8 – 9 February 2018, Helsinki, Finland

[website](#)

62nd Annual Meeting of the German Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis (GTH)

20– 23 February 2018, Vienna, Austria

[website](#)

THSNA 2018

7– 10 March 2018, San Diego, United States

[website](#)

XXXIst International Symposium on Technical Innovations in Laboratory Hematology

10– 12 May 2018, Brussels, Belgium

[website](#)

WFH 2018 World Congress

20– 24 May 2018, Glasgow, United Kingdom

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