



Joint WHO-CDC International Conference on Health Laboratory Quality Systems
Salle Ampere, Sofitel
Lyon, France
9-11 April 2008

Provisional Agenda

Wednesday 9 April 2008 - Day 1

08:00	<i>Registration</i>	
09:00	Welcome and opening remarks - Overview and goals of meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening by local representative 	Mayor of Lyon City (or his representative) ADG
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory remarks - WHO/HSE 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WHO/National Health Security Capacity 	C Mathiot (WHO/Lyon)
	Strengthening (Lyon)	TBD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDC 	

SETTING THE STAGE, WHY QUALITY SYSTEMS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICES

09:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background and overview of the quality systems - Laboratory as an integral part of the entire continuum of healthcare - Whose quality system to use? - Common elements of all health laboratory quality systems 	G Fine (CLSI)
10:40	<i>Coffee</i>	

HOW TO INSTITUTE INTEGRATED QUALITY SYSTEM FOR THE NATIONAL LABORATORY SYSTEM

11:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected legal and managerial role of the resource-limited governments and health care leadership 	TBD
11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges inherent in establishing full implementation of quality standards – scalability to meet local requirements 	R Robertson (NATA)
11:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational challenges and national laboratory policies in combining vertical quality systems for an integrated quality system approach 	J Ridderhof (CDC)
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	

SUCCESS AND CHALLENGE IN IMPLEMENTING QUALITY STANDARDS

14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caribbean countries • China • Tanzania 	V Wilson or G Guevara (CAREC) F Zijian (China CDC) C Massambu (Ministry of Health, Tanzania)
15:45	<i>Coffee</i>	
16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thailand 	P Silva (Ministry of Public Health, Thailand)
16:40	<i>Wrap-up session – Discussion and Recommendation</i>	

HOW TO REDUCE PRE- AND POST-ANALYTICAL ERRORS?

17:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reminder and analysis in detail on errors incurred during non-analytic phases 	I Gardner (RCPA)
18:00	Adjourn	

Thursday 10 April 2008 - Day 2

BREAK-OUT GROUP DISCUSSIONS

09:00	<p>Group 1: How to develop national laboratory policies and standards to support quality systems? <i>- Quality system essentials utilizing the international standards; practical “hands-on” session</i></p> <p>Group 2: External Quality Assessment (EQA) and development of monitoring tool <i>- Discussions on the necessity of international/regional/national EQAs</i></p> <p><i>- How to monitor the progress of quality systems implementation? To seek and propose monitoring tools, or “quality indicator”, useful for assessing the achievement objectively.</i></p> <p>Group 3: Advocacy of setting and implementing national quality standards <i>- To discuss and amend the draft advocacy paper aiming at the unanimous adoption by all the participants</i></p> <p>Group 4: Integrated approach for quality programmes</p>	3 or 4 moderators per group TBD
		J Ridderhof (CDC)

- Closing remarks
 - local representative
 - WHO HSE
 - WHO Lyon
 - CDC

12:30

Adjourn