

EUROLAB 25th Anniversary events

EUROLAB General Assembly 2015, TCQA meeting & Seminar

8th - 10th April 2015, Odense, Denmark

The European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories (EUROLAB) held elections to the Board of Administrators, including 3 new Board Members, one new President and 2 Vice-Presidents.

The EUROLAB TCQA meeting, the 25th Anniversary Seminar and the General Assembly 2015 took place in Odense, Denmark, from 8th April till 10th April 2015 at the Radisson Blu H.C. Andersen Hotel, kindly hosted by EUROLAB-Danmark.

New Articles of Associations and Revised Internal Rules

During the GA, Jeff Llewellyn, EUROLAB Vice-President, presented the revised Articles of Association, among which among others included the suggestion to create the position of a second Vice-President. The EUROLAB members approved the new Articles of Association. Additionally, the EUROLAB GA approved the revised internal rules concerning item 3. *Accounts, budget and payment of membership fees.*

Elections to the EUROLAB Board of Administrators

During the General Assembly the EUROLAB members elected a new EUROLAB Board of Administrators:

- Álvaro Silva Ribeiro, RELACRE, EUROLAB President
- Jeff Llewellyn, BMTA, Vice-President
- Ruud Zantman, Fenelab, Vice-President & Treasurer

➤ **New Members of the Board of Administrators:**

- Paolo Moscatti, Alpi Associazione
- Alexander Šafařík-Pštrosz, EUROLAB-CZ
- Kurt Ziegler, EUROLAB-Deutschland



Members of the EUROLAB Board of Administrators

➤ **Re-elected members to the Board of Administrators:**

- Ewa Bulska, POLLAB
- Jeff Llewellyn, BMTA
- José-Luis Sanchez, EUROLAB-España
- Ömer Güzel, TURKLAB, Representative of associated members

➤ **TCQA Chair:**

- Irache Visiers was elected as the new chair of the TCQA, following Manfred Golze.



Irache Visiers, TCQA Chair and former EUROLAB President Jiří Sobola

The representative from ROLAB, Mirela Adelaida Anghel gave an introductory presentation about ROLAB, including the structure, activities and ROLAB co-operation with other organisations. Following this presentation it was officially announced that ROLAB will continue as EUROLAB active member, while EUROLAB Romania will apply to become an Observer Member.

During the General Assembly the MoU between EUROLAB and NCSL International was renewed and signed for a period of 3 years.

The EUROLAB General Assembly 2015 finished with thank you remarks addressed by the new President Álvaro Silva Ribeiro to the former President Jiří Sobola for his valuable contribution and hard work done for EUROLAB.



Former EUROLAB President Jiří Sobola & NCSL International President Roger Burton



Current EUROLAB President Álvaro Silva Ribeiro & former EUROLAB President Jiří Sobola

The EUROLAB 25th Anniversary Seminar preceded the EUROLAB General Assembly, on 9th April and was organised by EUROLAB-Danmark, the host of EUROLAB General Assembly 2015 and 25th Anniversary events. The Seminar was entitled: *"Traceable testings in the international context. The Role of EUROLAB in the past 25 years – and in the next!"* and gathered delegates from 19 countries to discuss the role of metrology in Europe, pointing out some of the EUROLAB highlights and involvement in the sector. This Seminar was a good platform for sharing experiences and expectations of speakers as well as participants from the laboratory sector. At the same time, it was the occasion to exchange memories with the EUROLAB past-Presidents, present the EUROLAB evolution during these 25 years and look towards the future developments and opportunities. The successful seminar was followed by the Gala Dinner to celebrate the EUROLAB 25th Anniversary.



Participants in the EUROLAB 25th Anniversary Seminar



EUROLAB past-Presidents : Claes Bankvall, Alan Bryden, Jiří Sobola, Horst Czichos

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

The TCQA meeting took place on Wednesday, 8th April, in Odense and was chaired by the TCQA Vice-Chair Irache Visiers Sanz (EUROLAB España).

There were various topics discussed during the TCQA meeting such as:

- Improving relationship with metrology/calibration laboratories;
- TCQA documents: Cook Books, Technical documents, Position Papers later approved by the BoA, namely:
 - Revision of ISO/IEC 17043: Against the revision of the Standard - provided by TCQA TFG on PTP's and RMP's;
 - “Closed shop” issue: Against the “mandatory” use of accredited providers of calibration and reference materials - provided by TCQA TFG on PTP's and RMP's;
- Standardisation: Revision of ISO/IEC 17025. EUROLAB has been actively involved in the revision process from an early stage, having representatives in the working groups. The EUROLAB representatives will continue to follow up the activities of the working groups and the committees they attend.



Participants in the EUROLAB TCQA meeting