

Highlights: TCQA Meeting & EUROLAB National Members' Meeting 2018



The EUROLAB National Members' Meeting 2018 and accompanying events took place on 15 and 16 November 2018, in Paris and were kindly hosted by EUROLAB - Germany.

The EUROLAB events started on Thursday morning, 15 November, with the TCQA Meeting. The EUROLAB Board Meeting took place on Friday, 16 November, being followed by the EUROLAB National Members' Meeting, the same day.

The TCQA Meeting started with a presentation given by the guest speaker, Dr Tilman Denkler, on 'Comparison of the operation of different accreditation bodies in Europe'. The Members discussed the publication and revisions of the EUROLAB Cook Books and the promotion of the translation in different European languages by the EUROLAB members.



EUROLAB TCQA Meeting

The Board Meeting and National Members' Meeting took place on 16 November. The National Members' Meeting was opened by the EUROLAB President, Álvaro Silva Ribeiro, followed by the introduction and thank you remarks to the sponsors by Kurt Ziegler. During the National Members' Meeting the EUROLAB members discussed several topics of high importance, among which:

- policy updates, EUROLAB ongoing activities and strategic partnership with other organisations;
- the 2019 plan and strategy: promotion of the revised EUROLAB Cookbooks, a strong communication strategy, continue developing the EUROLAB representation in various working groups, develop EUROLAB membership, revision of internal documentation guidance, monitor relevant policy developments, research opportunities for EU funded projects.

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- latest updates and topics discussed in the EUROLAB Technical Committees, TCQA and JTC PTC.

The members also discussed the EUROLAB internal communications strategy and the methods to enhance a closer communication with the members and the participation of the EUROLAB representatives in the members' events organised at the national level.

During the National Members' Meeting, EUROLAB signed an MoU with AOAC Europe to enhance a closer and fruitful co-operation between the two organisations: exchange views and, wherever possible, achieve consensus positions on policy matters, coordinate position in international accreditation forums, participate to the organisations' events and technical committees, encourage liaison between the members at national level, exchange best practices and relevant data, etc.



*Signature of the EUROLAB-AOAC Europe MoU
Alfredo M. Montes Niño, AOAC Europe President
& Álvaro Silva Ribeiro, EUROLAB President*

The upcoming major EUROLAB events:

- EUROLAB General Assembly 2019, 9-10 May, Prague, kindly hosted by EUROLAB-CZ
- EUROLAB National Members Meeting 2019, Spain, 17-18 October 2019 Toledo, Spain, kindly hosted by EUROLAB-Spain

The meeting ended with thanking remarks addressed by the EUROLAB President, Álvaro Silva Ribeiro, to EUROLAB-Germany and DIN for hosting the EUROLAB National Members' Meeting and for the very good organisation.