

Highlights

EUROLAB General Assembly & Accompanying Events 2022

19-20 May, Rome (Italy)

General Assembly 2022

The EUROLAB General Assembly and Board Meeting were held on 19 May 2022 in person at Cavour Convention Centre (Rome) and remotely.

This was an occasion not only to discuss and come together on the latest relevant issues for EUROLAB and the world of laboratories, but also to celebrate the World Metrology Day 2022, which took place on 20 May.

The day started with the Board Meeting, during which various issues were discussed. Attention was given to the cooperation with other relevant organizations, among these EURAMET, IMEKO, TIC Council, EURACHEM, together with other notable key stakeholders; Lab of the Future project; latest updates from the Technical Committee on Quality Assurance and the work of its Working Groups; and the key topics that were approached during the General Assembly.

The Board meeting was followed by the EUROLAB General Assembly, which was opened by the EUROLAB President, Paolo Moscatti and among the key topics discussed there were:

- The presentation by Laura Martin, Secretary General, of EUROLAB Activity Report 2022 and strategy, including activities and projects developed with other organisations (EURAMET, EURACHEM, IMEKO, TIC Council, My Green Lab, UNIDO), latest advancements regarding the EUROLAB projects as the Lab of the Future, communications and visibility key actions, and engagement strategy with National Members.
- An update on the latest EU policies of interest for the EUROLAB members, alongside the confirmation of our policy priorities for 2022:
 - Regulation Bodies: EU legislation in testing, conformity assessment and product safety developments
 - Metrology and Calibration
 - Accreditation & Standardisation
 - The lab of the future developments including machine learning, digitalisation, cybersecurity, robotisation, AI, blockchain etc.

- ESG: Sustainability, Green Deal, Corporate Social Responsibility
- Business continuity and resilience: pandemics, climate change, and other natural events
- Contributions from the Members, including presentations by MAKLAB, TURKLAB and RELACRE.
- The approval of the financial report for 2021 and the budget for 2022.
- Re-elections of the Board of Administrators:
 - Ewa Bulska
 - Alexander Šafařík-Pštrosz
 - Paolo Moscatti
 - Ömer Güzel
- Election of the new Secretary General.

Laura Martin, former Secretary of the EUROLAB Board, was elected as Secretary General, following the mandate of Drewin Nieuwenhuis, who had been Secretary General for the last couple of years. Ms Martin has been working for EUROLAB since 2013, undertaking various positions and evolving in the role, while developing the expertise and the right skills to follow on Mr Nieuwenhuis's steps and take the lead of the EUROLAB Secretariat.

The entire EUROLAB community would like to thank Mr Nieuwenhuis for his valuable contribution, dedicated work and continuous commitment to EUROLAB and wishes him all the best for the future, as well as the best of luck to Ms Martin in her new endeavours as Secretary General.



From left to right: Drewin Nieuwenhuis, former Secretary General EUROLAB, Laura Martin, Secretary General EUROLAB, Paolo Moscatti, President EUROLAB

On behalf of all the members, EUROLAB wishes to thank the entire ALPI Team for all the efforts and great organisation of the EUROLAB General Assembly and accompanying events in Rome. EUROLAB is grateful and very much appreciate all the work done to organise all these successful meetings and social programme enjoyed by all the participants.



EUROLAB and ALPI Team

International Conference “The Lab of the Future”

On the occasion of the EUROLAB General Assembly, ALPI, ASSOTIC and EUROLAB organised the Conference “The Lab of the Future”, on 19 May in Rome and remotely, where representatives from more than 24 countries gathered together to discuss the latest opportunities and challenges that the laboratory world has to face to keep up the fast pace of technological development.

The new technological challenges, sensor calibration, characterisation of samples and standards used in machine learning, concern a future already very present that interests not just the laboratories, but all industrial sectors. Big Data, Blockchain, Cloud computing, Internet of Things are digital enabling technologies that will play a key role in the Lab of the Future. EUROLAB has already started to bring together experts and professionals in the field to discuss the best practices and ways forward in supporting labs in this fast-changing environment.

In this context, the debate organised by ALPI, ASSOTIC and EUROLAB aimed at providing key inputs on digital technologies that have a strong impact on laboratory management, also in terms of test performance and validation.

Paolo Moscatti, EUROLAB President, highlighted that the world of laboratories is changing fast. On the background of the raising digitalisation, various processes and structures need to be rethought for the lab of the future. Enabling technologies will certainly be the protagonists of change, and the necessity to handle big amount of data, which creates new necessities also in terms of storage and cybersecurity. But in this process, we cannot forget about humankind and the evolutions taking place in industrial relations. We are not only experiencing an intensive application of smart working, but even more, especially among the new generations, a different valorisation of work that cannot avoid considering all other aspects of personal and social life. Finally, labs as well will have to take on ESG objectives and prepare to become “green labs”. Thus, all these were very good reasons to discuss the lab of the future and to go into details in many of these topics during the event.



Participants during the *Lab of the Future* Conference
19 May 2022, Rome



From left to right, some of the speakers:
Paolo Moscatti – EUROLAB President, Vincenzo Patti – ASSOTIC and AIOICI President, Álvaro Silva Ribeiro – President of RELACRE, Giulio D'Emilia – Professor at the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of L'Aquila, Sergio Guzzi – ACCREDIA