

NEWS: January – March 2022

❖ ILAC Associate Membership

As of 20th December, 2021 the Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards (TTBS) became an Associate Member of ILAC (About ILAC: <https://ilac.org/about-ilac/>) for its laboratory accreditation services offered through the Trinidad and Tobago Laboratory Accreditation Service (TTLABS). Please see the following link for more information as the Laboratory Accreditation Body of Trinidad and Tobago moves towards signatory status: https://ilac.org/latest_ilac_news/membership-change-ttbs/



❖ Compete Caribbean Partnership Fund Technical Cooperation – TT-T1096 The Establishment of TTASCA

The course on ISO/DIS 15189:2021 *Medical laboratories – Requirements for quality and competence* training with IQEIS occurred on 15 – 17 February 2022 via Zoom. The facilitator was Ms Linda Crawford who addressed 42 participants. This training was funded through the Component II, of the Technical Cooperation for the Establishment of TTASCA between the Compete Caribbean Partnership Facility and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

❖ ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Training Programme

A course for ISO/IEC 17025:2017 – *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories* was offered by TTLABS on 8, 10, 15 and 17 March 2022. The facilitator was Ms Karlene Lewis. This training programme is intended to assist laboratories, which either have established or is currently establishing their management system based on the International Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017, to understand the requirements of the Standard.



❖ Expression of Interest for the Development of Accreditation Knowledge Management System

The Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Development of the Accreditation Knowledge Management System (AKMS) was advertised on the TTBS website from 2022-Jan-05. There was a Vendor Pre-Submission Clarification Meeting held on 2022-Jan-19.



❖ OneWorld Accuracy Proficiency Testing for Medical Laboratories 2022: Test Event 1

Proficiency Testing (PT), also known as External Quality Assessment (EQA) for medical laboratories, is an efficient tool to determine the performance of the laboratory for specific tests and/or measurements and monitor overall laboratory performance. EQA allows an individual laboratory to evaluate its performance and

determine if it is satisfactory for the intended clinical purpose. The Trinidad and Tobago Laboratory Accreditation Service (TTLABS) facilitates the programme annually for our country. The 2022 Test Event 1 runs from 30th March – 20th April 2022.

❖ IAAC 57th Executive Committee Meetings

The Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC) is a regional association of accreditation bodies and other organizations interested in conformity assessment in the Americas. IAAC's mission is to promote cooperation among accreditation bodies and interested parties of the Americas, aiming at the development of conformity assessment structures to achieve the improvement of products, processes and services. The 57th IAAC Executive Committee meetings were held virtually in March 2022. For more information, see <https://www.iaac.org.mx/index.php/en/about-iaac/introduction-en>

UPCOMING EVENTS: April – June 2022

- 🌀 Assessor Meeting – April 2022
- 🌀 Laboratory Accreditation Committee Meeting – April 2022
- 🌀 ILAC-IAF Joint Mid-term Meetings – April 2022
- 🌀 World Accreditation Day 2022: *Accreditation: Supporting Sustainability in Economic Development and the Environment* – June 2022



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