



## DEVELOPING QUALITY COMPETENCE IN MEDICAL LABORATORIES

### Notes from a Drop In Session held during WorldLab 2014

National Members and their representatives at IFCC Council were invited to attend an open session of the EMD Project for Developing Quality Competence in Medical Laboratories held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 between 13:00 and 14:00 during WorldLab 2014 in Istanbul.

DQCML Chair, Dr Michael Thomas gave a short presentation, which offered an overview of the Project as developed through a Workshop led by IFCC President, Graham Beastall during EuroMedLab in Milan. Dr Thomas then facilitated an informal discussion with approximately twenty National Members and their representatives of possible opportunities for support of Quality Initiatives under the auspices of the DQCML Project.

There were no formal minutes taken of these discussions but it was clear that there was an enthusiasm from those National members attending the session to become engaged with the project and particularly through offers of resource within their own countries and the identification of collaborative initiatives already undertaken.

Examples of those mentioned were:

- A comprehensive programme of IQC within Turkey.
- Leadership programmes in South Africa and the engagement with WHO SLIPTA programme of accreditation in some countries of sub-Saharan Africa.
- The availability of an on-line training toolkit offered through WHO [http://www.who.int/ihr/training/laboratory\\_quality/en/](http://www.who.int/ihr/training/laboratory_quality/en/)
- Shared products for IQC and EQA systems in South America
- The capability within Brazil to offer production facilities for EQA material

It was also clear however that other countries struggled in the provision of adequate systems of Quality Management with cost often being a critical factor.

These brief notes provide both a reminder of the session to those who attended and also a request to all IFCC members that offers of assistance and collaborative work with DQCML can be made through [IFCC Office](#) or directly to [Dr Thomas](#) as Chair of the Project.

Additional information can be found on DQCML page of the IFCC web site.

We look forward to hearing from you.  
Dr Michael Thomas