



The European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories Elected Three New Board Members during its last General Assembly in Prague.

As of 19 April 2012, Mr. Marios Avraam (Cyprus), Mr. Peter Blinksbjerg (Denmark) and Mr. Álvaro Silva Ribeiro (Portugal) have joined the Board as new members, running for a term of two years. Mr. Jan Basten (Netherlands) defended successfully his position in Board by his re-election.

More than 30 delegates representing 21 different countries attended EUROLAB Annual General Meeting in Prague on Thursday 19 April. The new Board members were officially announced after the confidential ballot which took place during the meeting. The first meeting of newly established Board will take place in June 2012 in Brussels.

Mr. Marios Avraam (Cyprus), Chairman at GlobeTech Group
Mr. Peter Blinksbjerg (Denmark), Quality Manager at FORCE Technology
Mr. Álvaro Silva Ribeiro (Portugal), Board Member, RELACRE
Mr. Jan Basten (Netherlands), EUROLAB Netherlands



Mr. Marios Avraam



Mr. Peter Blinksbjerg



Mr. Álvaro Silva Ribeiro



Mr. Jan Basten



Mr. Ömer Güzel

Re-election of the Administrator representing associated members

Mr. Ömer Güzel, Honorary President of TURKAK, has been by vast majority of the EUROLAB members re-elected into the position of the Board Administrator representing associated members.

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

Highly attended TCQA meeting, Chaired by Manfred Golze (BAM), took place on 18th April, preceding the EUROLAB General Assembly.

TCQA members agreed on the new Terms of Reference that were afterwards unanimously approved by the General Assembly. The new Terms of Reference among the others allows the committee recommend to the Board a EUROLAB representative for respective working groups of EA, ISO, ILAC etc..



Significant part of the meeting was dedicated to the EUROLAB “Cook Books”, the guidelines provided by TCQA which are available at the EUROLAB website (<http://www.eurolab.org/cookbooks.aspx>). Issues regarding Accreditation, in particular the EUROLAB position paper on Opinions and Interpretations in test reports and Inquiry concerning accreditation and notification in EUROPE were discussed as well. The meeting concluded debate on the future TCQA activities. Successful meeting was followed by the **Gala Dinner at the Monastery of Břevnov in Prague**, hosted by EUROLAB CZ.

EUROLAB Seminar

EUROLAB CZ under aegis of the Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing, host of the EUROLAB General Assembly 2012 and the EUROLAB Seminar, joined the Federation in 2005 as an active member.

EUROLAB Seminar with a title: “Product Safety – Market Surveillance and Accreditation” took place on Friday 19th April. The high-level panelists from the whole Europe as well as the Czech Republic attracted more 50 participants representing laboratories, business and public sector. The successful conference was followed by a lively discussion on presented issues.



Mr. Jiří Sobola

Milan Holeček - Laboratory Services for Market Surveillance
Milan Bouša - A future European Market Surveillance system
Drewin Nieuwenhuis - Development in Product Testing
Ömer Güzel - Risk Assessment in Food Safety
Peter Blinksbjerg - Experiences with cross frontier accreditation
Manfred Golze - Accreditation and Notification - views and experiences of EUROLAB members



EUROLAB the European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories – was set up in Brussels on 27 April 1990 as a network of the laboratory community and in response to the evolution of the European Union and is since 1998 registered as a legal entity in the form of an international association under Belgian law (aisbl – association internationale sans but lucratif). Composed of 25 national associations all over the Europe, EUROLAB is grouping over 2,000 conformity assessment bodies representing over 100,000 technical experts and laboratory practitioners. Associated membership is open world-wide and includes representatives from East and Middle East, South Africa and America. Besides formulating and voicing the opinion of laboratories regarding economical, political and technical issues, EUROLAB aims at promoting cost-effective testing, calibration and measurement services, for which the accuracy and quality assurance requirements were adjusted to the actual needs. These are particularly addressing European legislation, consumer protection, product and occupational safety.