

IFCC-WORLDLAB

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and Laboratory Medicine
Firenze, Italy, 6-11 June 1999



Satellite Meeting

Immunoassay: State of the Art, Difficulties and New Trends

Firenze (Italy)
11-12 June 1999

In collaboration with
ELAS (European Ligand Assay Society)
IAES (Immuno-Analysis European Society)

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Friday, 11 June 1999

Session I – 14.00-17.30

STATE OF THE ART AND NEW TRENDS IN STEROID AND PEPTIDE ASSAYS

Chairmen: *J. Gosling* (Ireland), *C. Ronin* (France)

- “State of the art of steroid assays: a UK NEQAS perspective”
J. Middle (UK)
- “Specificity improvement of an antisteroid antibody”
P. Chames - D. Baty (France)
- “Chemical approach to the development of synthetic binder for small molecules”
G.F. Giraudi (Italy)
- coffee break
- “Proteins hormone immunoassays in clinical practice-priorities for improvement as viewed from EQA schemes”
J. Seth (UK)
- “Can phage-displayed peptide libraries be used to design simple molecular standards of immunoassays?”
C. Granier - B. Pau (France)
- “Recent advances in hCG molecular forms and their detection”
J.M. Bidart (France)
- discussion

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Saturday, 12 June 1999

Session II – 9.00-10.45

STANDARDISATION DIFFICULTIES

Chairmen: *R. Ekins* (UK), *C. Franzini* (Italy)

- “Immunoassay standardisation and International Units: facts and fictions”
R. Ekins (UK)
- “The limits of Immunoassay”
J. Gosling (Ireland)
- “Standardisation of PSA determinations”
U.H. Stenman (Finland)
- discussion
- coffee break

Session III – 11.00-12.15

THE LABORATORY IN THE DOWN SYNDROME SCREENING

Chairmen: *G. Mancini* (Italy), *J. Seth* (UK)

- “French EQA experience in Down’s syndrome screening”
B. Dineon (France)
- “Risk estimation in Down’s syndrome screening: the experience of the United Kingdom National External Quality Assessment Scheme”
A.R. Ellis (UK)
- discussion

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GENERAL INFORMATION

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

- Abstract on immunoassay topics can be submitted for poster presentation
- Abstract must be written in English and printed on the enclosed form
- Abstract will be considered provided that at least one of the authors is fully registered to the meeting.
- Deadline for abstract submission:
15 February 1999

REGISTRATION

Registration fee **ITL. 360.000 (SFr 300)**

Special registration fee for ELAS, IAES and SIBioC members **ITL 180.000 (SFr 150)**

Registration forms must be sent to:
Biomedica srl – WorldLab '99 Satellite Meetings
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VENUE OF THE MEETING

Centro Congressi FORTEZZA DA BASSO
Viale Filippo Strozzi 1, Firenze

This is located near the Santa Maria Novella Railroad Station, not far from the center of town

ACCOMMODATION

Please contact the official travel agency of IFCC-WorldLab '99: Enic Go Round
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Objectives of the meeting

Discrepancies in immunoassay results lead the scientific community to look for causes of variability and to find solutions resulting in optimization and standardisation. The emphasis of the meeting will be on the progress in reagent technology and on the contribution of EQA schemes.

Participants

This course is aimed at clinical chemists, company staff, and the heads of regulatory bodies who wish to know the new trends in immunoassay standardisation.

COORDINATORS

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