

From Standards to Excellence: Laboratory Quality in Practice

Practical insights, regional experience and future directions in laboratory quality control

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Date:
Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026

Time:
09:30 – 17:00

Venue:
Intercontinental Sofia
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Sofia, 1000 Bulgaria

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In today's rapidly evolving laboratory environment, ensuring reliable and clinically meaningful results requires more than compliance with standards - it demands practical, data-driven and forward-looking approaches to quality control.

This **regional scientific meeting** will bring together leading experts and laboratory professionals from across the Balkans to explore how quality can be effectively implemented, monitored and continuously improved in daily practice.

Through a combination of expert lectures, real-world case studies and interactive discussions, participants will gain valuable insights into:

- Translating ISO 15189:2022 requirements into routine laboratory workflows
- Implementing effective quality control strategies, including third-party controls
- Leveraging data, interlaboratory comparison and modern QC tools
- Applying risk-based approaches to improve laboratory performance
- Understanding future trends in quality management

Join us in Sofia for a day of practical learning, regional experience sharing and meaningful discussions that will help you move **from standards to excellence** in laboratory quality.

The conference will be accredited with CME credit points by the Bulgarian Medical Union.
Register today to reserve your spot.

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Preliminary Agenda

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09:30 AM	Registration & Welcome Coffee
10:00 AM	Opening Remarks Bio-Rad Team: Elif Korkmazhan, Nico VandePoele, Islam Abbas, Attila Bogнар, Gergely Teglas, Yulia Kryuchkova
10:10 AM	From ISO 15189:2022 to Daily Practice: Strengthening Quality Control and Laboratory Performance Irinі Leimoni, PhD, EuSpLM, Country Quality Manager & Data Protection Officer - Affidea Greece, Athens, Greece
10:50 AM	Is One QC System Enough? A Dual-Platform Laboratory Experience Iva Frišćić, Specialist in Medical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine University Hospital Merkur, Zagreb, Croatia
11:20 AM	Coffee Break
11:50 AM	Quality Indicators for Detecting Errors in Laboratory Medicine Zorica Šumarac, PhD, EuSpLM, Center for Medical Biochemistry, University Clinical Center of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia.
12:20 PM	Assessing Analytical Performance: Challenges and Pitfalls Ana-Maria Šimundić, Full Professor, PhD, EuSpLM, Director Global Medical & Clinical Affairs, Greiner Bio-One, Austria
1:00 PM	Improving Laboratory Performance Through Independent Quality Control: Experience from a Bulgarian Laboratory Veselina Koleva, Clinical Laboratory Specialist, Acibadem City Clinic Tokuda Hospital, Sofia, Bulgaria
1:40 PM	Implementing Effective Quality Control Strategies in Clinical Laboratories Snezana Jovičić, PhD, EuSpLM, Assistant Professor, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Pharmacy, Department of Medical Biochemistry, Belgrade, Serbia
2:10 PM	Group Photo
2:20 PM	Lunch
3:30 PM	Ensuring Quality in Routine Clinical Tests: From Internal Controls to External Assessments Sanja Stopinšek, PhD, Head of Laboratory, Community Health Centre Hrastnik, Slovenia
4:00 PM	From Data to Decisions: Advancing Quality Control in Modern Laboratories Gergely Teglas, Field Application Specialist, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hungary
4:20 PM	From Risk to Reliability: Modern Approaches to QC Management Nico VandePoele, Scientific Affairs Manager, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Irvine, USA
4:50 PM	Panel Discussion: The Future of Quality Management in Clinical Laboratories