

Overview of Scheme 2010

EQA in 2010

- 16 **New** laboratories in 2010 (total Dec 2010 -164)
- 26 Different countries
- 10 EQAs and two pilots offered

Amniotic Fluid	ALL
Bloods	CML
CVS	LPD
MRA	AML
Urgent Bloods	Solid Tumours
Microarrays (Pilot)	Fanconi Anaemia (Pilot)

EQA in 2010 cont.

- 5 Non-submissions
- 24 Appeals (16 UK), 6 upheld, 3 partially, 12 not upheld
- 3 Clerical errors appeals
- Poor performance in 8/10 full EQAs
- 24 Labs received a poor performance (9 UK labs)
- 2 UK persistent poor performances
- 2 Non-UK persistent poor performance
- 2 Non-UK continued persistent poor performance

Finances

- Finances healthy
- **No increase** in EQA charges for 2011
- Pilot EQAs free of charge
- Lab assessors fees (2010) – credited to 2011 invoice.
- Assessors laboratories also credited for validating DNA samples.

Scheme Emails

Emails:

- Some participants did not received all their emails generated though the QA Manager system in some of the Autumn EQAs.
- The Scheme Office sends approx 500 emails per EQA
- Emails configuration conforms to ISO standards
- Recipient servers might consider them spam – more stringent filters

The Scheme Office has:

- System generated email address string changed so it now resembles normal email address
(ros.hastings@orh.nhs.uk, bettina.qp@orh.nhs.uk)

Participants need to ensure that:

- Their server accepts the above email addresses (talk to your IT team)
- They are aware of the EQA timetable (available to download from the static website).
- They regularly check the website for availability of EQAs/ Documents

Scheme Changes for 2010/11

- **Accreditation visit:** November 2010 → 2 non-critical non-compliances → resolved. **Accreditation status confirmed**
- **New SC members:** Nicole de Leeuw, Heleen Schuring, Graham Fews
- **NQAAP:** new chair, Mike Griffiths
- **New assessors:** Caroline Devlin
- **Returning assessors:** Amy Logan and Nicole Foot

Operational Changes for 2011

- AML/MDS and CML EQA merged into Myeloid (4 cases)
- Urgent Blood incorporated into the Blood EQA (3 cases)
- Pilot for Fanconi's anaemia continues
- Slide distribution EQAs discontinued
- All Spring EQAs will open (and close) at the same time.
- New performance criteria
- Referral cards improved
- Updated static website
- Terms and conditions agreement at start of EQA season
- Oligodendroglioma pilot EQA discussions

Website

Static website

The screenshot shows the UKNEQAS website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The address bar displays <http://www.ccneqas.org.uk/cyton/Home>. The website has a blue header with the UKNEQAS logo and a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Scheme, Register, EQA, Manuals and Guides, Communications, Links, and Contact. A dropdown menu is open under the 'EQA' tab, listing: EQA, Timetable, EQA Issues, and EQA News. A red arrow points from the text 'EQA Timetable' at the bottom of the page to the 'Timetable' option in the dropdown menu. The main content area contains a 'Home' section with a 'Welcome to the National External Quality Assessment Scheme in Clinical Cytogenetics' and a list of links for Scheme, Register, EQA, Communications, Manuals, Contact, and Links. The footer includes the copyright notice: 'Copyright 2008 UKNEQAS. Designed, hosted & maintained by Certus Technology Associates Ltd.'

EQA Timetable

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United Kingdom National External Quality Assessment Scheme in Clinical Cytogenetics

Welcome to UK NEQAS for Clinical Cytogenetics (CCNEQAS). We provide an external quality assessment programme designed by experts in the profession for the benefit of diagnostic cytogenetics laboratories in the UK and worldwide.

Here you can find out about

- Scheme:** Information about the Scheme such as governance, personnel, location and annual reports.
- Register:** Registration information
- EQA:** General information about EQAs offered and the current timetable
- Communications:** Participants' meetings and other communication
- Manuals:** User guides and participants' manual
- Contact:** Scheme contact details
- Links:** Related organisations' websites

If you are already registered with CCNEQAS, please select "**Log In**" to administer your account or to enrol or take part in a current EQA.

To register with CCNEQAS please select "**Register**" and complete the online registration form.

Should you require any information not available on this website, please contact the Scheme Office. For contact details please select "**Contact us**"

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A red arrow points from the 'Manuals and Guides' menu item to the text 'Participants' Manual User Guides'.

Participants' Manual
User Guides

Open Forum

