

The Impact of Quality Assurance in the Clinical Laboratory

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15:00 – 20:00
UNESCO Amphitheatre,
University of Nicosia

14:30-15:00 **Registrations**

15:00-15:20 **Welcome**

Dr. Stella Nicolaou, Assistant Professor of Immunology, Coordinator of the MSc in Biomedical Sciences, UNIC

Welcome Addresses

Dr. Kyriacos Felekis, Head, Department of Life and Health Sciences, UNIC

Mr. Charis Charilaou, President, Association of Clinical Directors, Biomedical and Clinical Laboratory Scientists

Dr. Petros Agathaggelou, President, Cyprus Medical Association
Representatives from the Cyprus Patient Organisation, Rare Disorders Cyprus and Health Insurance Organisation

Session I: Current Issues in QA in the Clinical Laboratory

(Chaired by Mr. Charis Charilaou)

15:20-15:40 Quality Assurance in the Clinical Lab and the Impact in Clinical Diagnosis

Dr. Petros Agathaggelou, President, Cyprus Medical Association

15:40-16:10 Quality Assurance in the Clinical Laboratory – A need and a challenge

Mr. Alkis Papis, Clinical Laboratory Consultant, Lecturer, MSc in Biomedical Sciences, UNIC

16:10-16:30 Presentation by the Cyprus Organisation for the Promotion of Quality Representative

16:30-17:00 Panel Discussion (Representatives)

17:00-17:20 BREAK

Session II: Workshop on QA (Chaired by Dr. Stella Nicolaou)

17:20-19:30 Internal and External Quality Control

Risk Assessment (Case Studies)

Mr. Alkis Papis, Clinical Laboratory Consultant, Lecturer, MSc in Biomedical Sciences, UNIC

19:30-20:00 Discussion/concluding remarks

Short Biographical Notes:

Mr. Alkis Papis was awarded his diploma in Chemical Engineering from the School of Engineering of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. After his graduation, he worked as Production Manager at first and then as a Plant Manager for a local manufacturing company for 4,5 years. He was also the company's Quality Management Representative. Since 1997, he has been working as a senior business consultant in the area of Quality Systems as well as other management systems. From 2000, he has specialized in the implementation of quality management systems for laboratories. He has been involved in the accreditation process of more than 25 laboratories. Twelve of them were medical laboratories (in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025 at first and after its publication with ISO 15189 which specifies requirements that are particular for medical laboratories). During these years he was an accredited Consultant with the (Cyprus) Institute of Technology in the areas of quality management, food safety management (HACCP) and general management. He has also been awarded as an Accredited Consultant with the Human Resource Development Authority of Cyprus (HRDA) in the area of human resources studies for small enterprises. He was for ten years a Registered QMS Auditor at first and then a QMS Principal Auditor with the International Register of Certificated Auditors (IRCA – IQA-UK). Currently he is a certified professional trainer by the HRDA (c.n: E 000344). He has teaching experience of more than 700 hours of seminars to several enterprises in both public (governmental) and private organizations, including medical laboratories. Since 2015 he teaches the postgraduate course BISC-510 (Laboratory Quality Assurance Management) within the Department of Life and Health Sciences of the University of Nicosia.

Dr. Petros Agathaggelou was born in 1961 in Famagusta, Cyprus. He studied Medicine at the University of Chicago in the US, he gained a Bachelor's degree in Human Physiology and subsequently specialized in Cardiology. Since then, he operates as Consultant Cardiologist at Evangelistria Clinic, Nicosia Cardiology Institute, American Heart Institute, as well as his private practice. At present, he is the President of the Cyprus Medical Association. He served as Immediate Past President of the Cyprus Society of Cardiology for the period 2012-2014. Moreover, he is an active member of various Scientific Committees in Cyprus, he is the president of the Committee of the Supreme Health Council for Athletes at the Cyprus Sports Authority and, he is leading the program for the prevention of sudden cardiac death in young athletes. He is a member of the nucleus of European Society of Cardiology – Council for the clinical cardiology practice and member of the European Committee for National Societies in Heart Failure and Cyprus official representative in UEMS for the specialty in Cardiology. He is an Assistant Professor at the of the University of Nicosia, Medical School. He has participated in several scientific studies that have been published in the Greek and international medical press, as well as in several medical conferences in Cyprus and abroad.

Co-organisers:

