

Laboratory accreditation forum

Revised meeting dates to be held at Chipping Campden
22 March 2012
11 September 2012

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Membership
invitation to join

Do you have or use a laboratory for microbiological, analytical or nutritional testing of your product? Are you accredited or seeking accreditation to a recognised standard? If so you should become a member of the Laboratory Accreditation Forum, which will be a unique cross discipline opportunity to discuss issues relating to the testing of food, drink and consumer products for quality and end user safety.



Laboratory testing of food and consumer products is of great importance for both safety and quality reasons and it has never been more important to have confidence in reliable results. Third-party accreditation should give this type of reassurance and this forum is intended to provide laboratories with a platform to discuss issues impacting on methods, accreditation and to hear from notable speakers on a variety of topics of direct relevance to laboratories.

Members will be actively encouraged to develop the direction of forthcoming forum meetings and submit items for open discussion. In between meetings members will also have the opportunity to access the forum blog to discuss issues with other members and exchange experience and views.

Topics suggested for inclusion at the meetings;

- Legislative considerations (e.g. impact of EU directive 2073 on microbiological criteria; official testing enforcements; maximum permitted levels).
- Uncertainty of measurement.
- Accreditation and its role in BRC audits.
- Designing and maintaining training plans.
- Developments in proficiency testing and reference standard materials.
- Nutritional chemistry and labelling requirements.
- Meat content calculations.
- Choosing a subcontract laboratory.
- Standard method updates.
- Retailer standards-maintaining compliance.
- Getting a new method accredited-what should go in to a validation study.
- Updates on EAL activities.
- Allergen testing.
- Accreditation requirements for PCR based methods.

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The aims of the forum and the benefits of joining;

- To provide a forum for discussion on laboratory accreditation that will meet twice a year in order to bring laboratory management up to date on the extensive volume of information available in this area.
- To stimulate an exchange of ideas between laboratories, suppliers and accreditation bodies in relation to implementation of quality standards and accreditation. An opportunity to meet and make contact throughout the food and consumer product testing industry.
- During each year of membership, members of the forum are entitled to:
 - **Full membership** - attendance at two seminars to contribute to forum activities and copies of the forum proceedings. (Full members who join part way through the year and who miss a seminar will receive the event proceedings).
 - **Associate membership** - a 'papers only' membership, providing forum proceedings documents only. This is for overseas members who would not necessarily be able to attend meetings but would find the information the forum provides useful to their business.

Forum membership covering
1 October 2011 - 30 September 2012:

Full member: £350 + VAT (additional attendees from the same company discounted to £200 +VAT)

Associate member: £175 + VAT (overseas only)

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