

INSTAND: Promoting Quality in Medical Laboratories



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INSTAND NEWSLETTER

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to our 1st issue this year. We are starting this year by attending several events and hope for a personal exchange. Meet us at Medlab Middle East in Dubai at the beginning of February. The INSTAND-IGLD annual conference in March will take place in Leipzig this year.

Further topics in this issue:

- EQAS Expert Conference December 2023
- EQA Schemes: Samples with reduced shipment stability
- INSTAND Dissertation Award 2023
- Introducing: our new employees in Duesseldorf
- INSTAND Academy: Online training courses in preanalytics (901) and urine sediment (902)
- the latest INSTAND publications.

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Happy reading!

With kind regards
Your INSTAND Team

Prof. Dr. med. Michael Spannagl
Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Ingo Schellenberg
Prof. Dr. med. Klaus-Peter Hunfeld

EQA Scheme Expert Conference December 2023

Our annual EQAS Expert Conference occurred in Duesseldorf on December 5, 2023, as a hybrid event.

The topics this year included:

1. Presentation and introduction of the document management software "Qualido" (Dr. Schubert (QM))
2. Status of the introduction of the ERP system at INSTAND - consequences (Mr. Dachwitz, Dr. Kaiser, Ms. Kappler, Ms. Goseberg)
3. News on the Rili-BÄK (Prof. Spannagl)
4. Molecular genetic proficiency testing, Rili-BÄK, D5 (Prof. Schellenberg)
5. Molecular genetic testing in coagulation diagnostics, Dr. Kappert
6. INSTAND EQA schemes international (Prof. Schellenberg, Mr. Antoniou)
7. Academy program 2024 (Dr. Weiss)

We want to thank all the speakers, the organization, and the technology for the successful event. Lastly, we thank the present EQA scheme leaders for the lively discussions. We hope to welcome you again in 2024 and wish you a prosperous and healthy 2024.

EQA Schemes - Shipment Stability

For numerous EQA schemes, we have compiled the shipping stability in a table to make it easier for our participants - especially customers outside the DACH region - to assess an order for proficiency tests with limited stability.

Samples with reduced shipment stability

INSTAND Dissertation Award 2023



Congratulations to **Dr. med. dent. Lena Reichert** - the INSTAND 2023 Dissertation Award winner! The official award was handed out during the INSTAND annual general meeting on 5 December 2023 by INSTAND President Prof. Dr. med. Michael Spannagl (right) and INSTAND Vice President Prof. Dr. med. K.-P. Hunfeld (left).

The prizewinner's work "TRIPLE APHERESIS PLATELET CONCENTRATE QUALITY AFTER PNEUMATIC TUBE SYSTEM, CONVEYOR BOX AND COURIER TRANSPORT: AN OBSERVATIONAL STUDY" made an outstanding contribution to quality assurance in laboratory medicine.

The INSTAND Dissertation Award is given annually to scientists for up to two outstanding papers in the field of quality assurance in laboratory medicine. The prize is awarded in December during the INSTAND

Introducing: Our newest team members in Duesseldorf

We have expanded our team in the last six months. Please join us in welcoming our new employees.



Prof. Dr. med. Folker Wenzel

- INSTAND e.V. Board: Secretary
- EQAS Expert



Julia Wolfram

- Logistics
- EQA Dispatch



Patrick Schau

- Commercial Management
- Commercial Specialist
- Customer Service



M.Sc. Marcel Kremser

- Scientific Research & Development
- INSTAND Academy



Hannah Rosenthal

- EQA Evaluation & Development



Franz Hecker

- Commercial Management
- Commercial Specialist
- Customer Service

We would like to take this opportunity to thank

- **Dr. med. vet. Ingrid Reiter-Owona** (INSTAND e.V. Board: Secretary & EQAS Expert)
- **Prof. Dr. Heinz Zeichhardt** (EQAS Expert).

for the many years of support. Both were acknowledged formally at the Annual General Meeting on December 5, 2023.

You can find the entire INSTAND team [here](#).

INSTAND ACADEMY

Online Training Courses in Preamalytics (901) and Urine Sediment (902)

It is not yet possible to register for the online training courses on pre-analysis and urine sediment, as the dates still need to be set. However, the training courses will continue in 2024. As soon as registration is possible again, we will email all subscribers. We will also announce the dates on our [homepage](#), in the newsletter, and via [LinkedIn](#).

FUTURE EVENTS



**Medlab Middle East 2024
Dubai World Trade Center
February 5-8, 2024**

You can find the latest information on our [website](#).

IGLD-INSTAND Jahressymposium
IGLD | GSEV | DVA | INSTAND

07. – 09. März 2024
Kongresshalle am Zoo in Leipzig

Teilnahme kostenfrei

Workshops
09. März 2024
Teilnahmegebühr: € 100,- für 2 Workshops

Organisation
IGLD e.V., Kai Göttsche, Christof Geiers
ECCMID e.V., Ingo Schellberg
GSEV e.V., David Stron
GSEA e.V., Bernd Gebel, Eva Maria Krümer-Alben
DVA e.V., Karin Thies, Barbara Duschald-Hög
DRE-BSO gGmbH, Christof Geiers, Holger Böhm

Weitere Informationen unter:
www.igld.de

**IGLD-INSTAND
Annual Symposium
March 7-9, 2024
Leipzig, Germany**

Read more [here](#).

Find all INSTAND Events [here](#).



**ECCMID
April 27-30, 2024**

Current information can be found [here](#).

LATEST PUBLICATIONS



The In Vitro Antimicrobial Susceptibility of *Borrelia burgdorferi sensu lato*: Shedding Light on the Known Unknowns

Klaus-Peter Hunfeld, Peter Kraiczy, Douglas E. Norris, Benedikt Lohr

MDPI Pathogens 2023, September 2023

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Glucose measurements and Rili-BÄK: Adjustment of acceptance limits in internal and external quality control

Patricia Kaiser, Denis Grote-Koska, Guido Freckmann, Astrid Petersmann, Matthias Nauck, Lutz Heinemann

Diabetologie & Stoffwechsel, October 2023

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