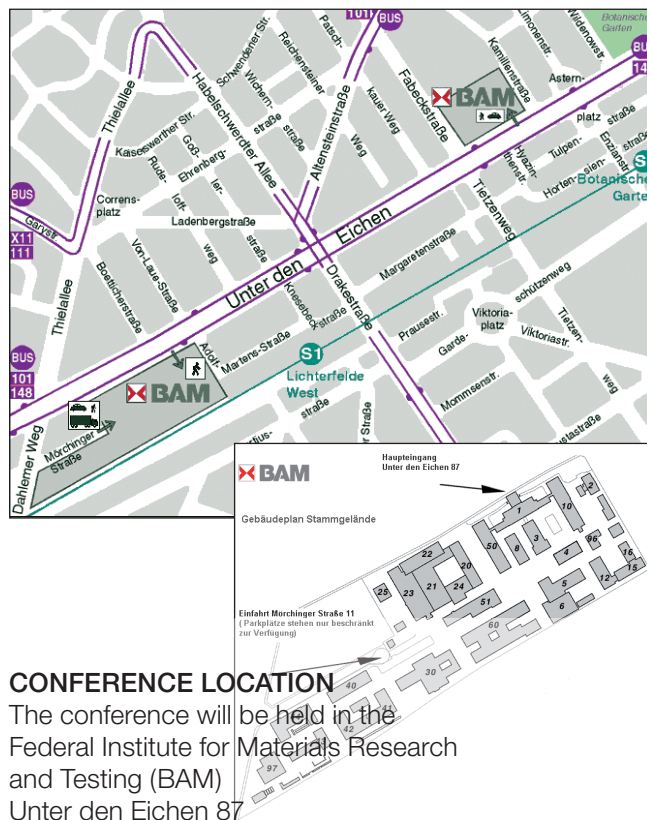


Venue



CONFERENCE LOCATION

The conference will be held in the Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM)
Unter den Eichen 87
12205 Berlin, Germany

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A number of rooms are reserved **until 20 August 2007**. Before this deadline participants will get a reduced price **single € 83,00, double € 103,00** including service, breakfast buffet and VAT-19% using the reservation code "Eurolab".

Additional hotel information and room reservation is provided by Berlin Tourismus Marketing GmbH
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CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

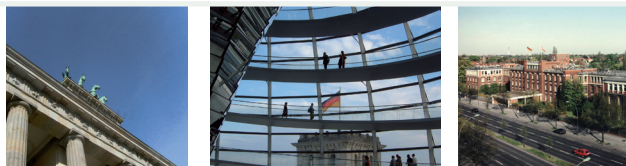
The conference language is English.

REGISTRATION*

Send the attached registration form to EUROLAB-Deutschland via Mail, Letter or Fax before 10 September 2007.

CONFERENCE FEE

€ 240,00 for members of EA, EUROLAB, EURACHEM
€ 260,00 early registration for non-members (before 15 July, 2007)
€ 280,00 registration fee for non-members



{*If you cancel up to 14 days before the workshop, we will refund your workshop fee less a 25 € administration fee. PLEASE NOTE: You may transfer your registration to a colleague at any time. Please notify the organisers of any such substitutions as soon as possible. If you do not cancel and do not attend the workshop, you will be responsible to pay the full workshop fee.}

Permanent Liaison Group between
EUROLAB, EA and Eurachem

PLG workshop
2007

»Accreditation –
a tool to develop competence (?)«

Thursday, 20 September 2007
at BAM Berlin

Scope and aims

SCOPE OF THE WORKSHOP

The three organisations EA, EUROLAB and EURACHEM are key players in the conformity assessment scene in Europe. This workshop “Accreditation – a tool to develop competence?” was initiated by their so-called Permanent Liaison Group (PLG). This group is a platform for the exchange of views, analysis of potential problems and search for solutions.

ACCREDITATION

- is the formal attestation by an accreditation body, that a conformity assessment body is competent.
- It has been fostered by the European Commission and the member states as a tool for facilitating the free movement of goods within the European Economic Area.
- After 20 years of experience it is now time to review the concept and procedures of accreditation.
- The aim of such a review is to avoid a purely bureaucratic approach of accreditation.

WORKSHOP AIMS

- Exploring the potentials of suitable accreditation assessments and quality management procedures
- Stimulating continuous improvement and a learning process within the conformity assessment bodies.
- Trying to identify the prerequisites for such a development: there will be two sessions on the competence of staff and on accreditation as a learning process.
- Both accreditation experts and laboratory practitioners will jointly search for solutions - as a win-win situation for both sides.
- The workshop is very timely, because of the ongoing revision of the New and Global Approaches by the European Union: first-hand information on the potential impact on accreditation systems in Europe and on the community of notified bodies will be provided in the first session and the panel discussion in the afternoon.

Programme

GERMAN QUESTIONS

The lecture on the developments of the rather unique accreditation system will especially be of interest for the German participants. There will be an additional discussion group in German language addressing the specific German situation.

PERSONALIA

Within the frame of the workshop the accreditation community will say goodbye to Hans-Ulrich Mittmann who will retire in October 2007. Hans-Ulrich Mittmann has been chairman of the German Accreditation Council (DAR) from the beginning. As German delegate to EA and ILAC for many years he has greatly contributed to the development of accreditation and peer evaluation in the world.

PROGRAMME

- 10:00 - 11:00 New challenges for accreditation**
The European development in the field of accreditation
- 10:00 *Jacques McMillan*: Key issues of the proposed European regulation for conformity assessment bodies
- 10:20 *Lorenzo Thione*: Developments in EA
- 10:40 *Martin Stadler*: Contributions of the EAAB
- 11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:30 - 13:00 The competence of the staff, a key factor in conformity assessment and accreditation**
- 11:30 *Guy Jacques*: Challenges and opportunities of independent CABs in the new environment
- 11:50 *Walter Jäger*: Competence of staff, a key factor in laboratory management

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- 12:10 *Hanspeter Ischi*: Tools to look at the competence of CABs' staff
- 12:30 *Hans-Ulrich Mittmann*: Competence of peer evaluators
- 13:00:14:00 LUNCH BREAK
- 14:00-15:30 Accreditation – a learning process?**
- 14:00 *Steve Ellison*: Educational aspects of proficiency testing
- 14:30 *Hans Andersson*: Value adding auditing - a two way communication: what laboratories can contribute
- 15:00 *Christina Waddington*: Value adding auditing - a two way communication: what ABs will provide
- 15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK
- 16:00 *Rainer Jäkel*: Development of the German accreditation system
- 16:30 – 17:30 Panel discussion: “Potentials of accreditation”**
Jacques McMillan, Martin Stadler, Graham Talbot, Steve Ellison, Guy Jacques
- Discussion group on the German development**
(in parallel with panel discussion – in German language with representatives of the ministry and of the German accreditation bodies)
- 20.00 DINNER