



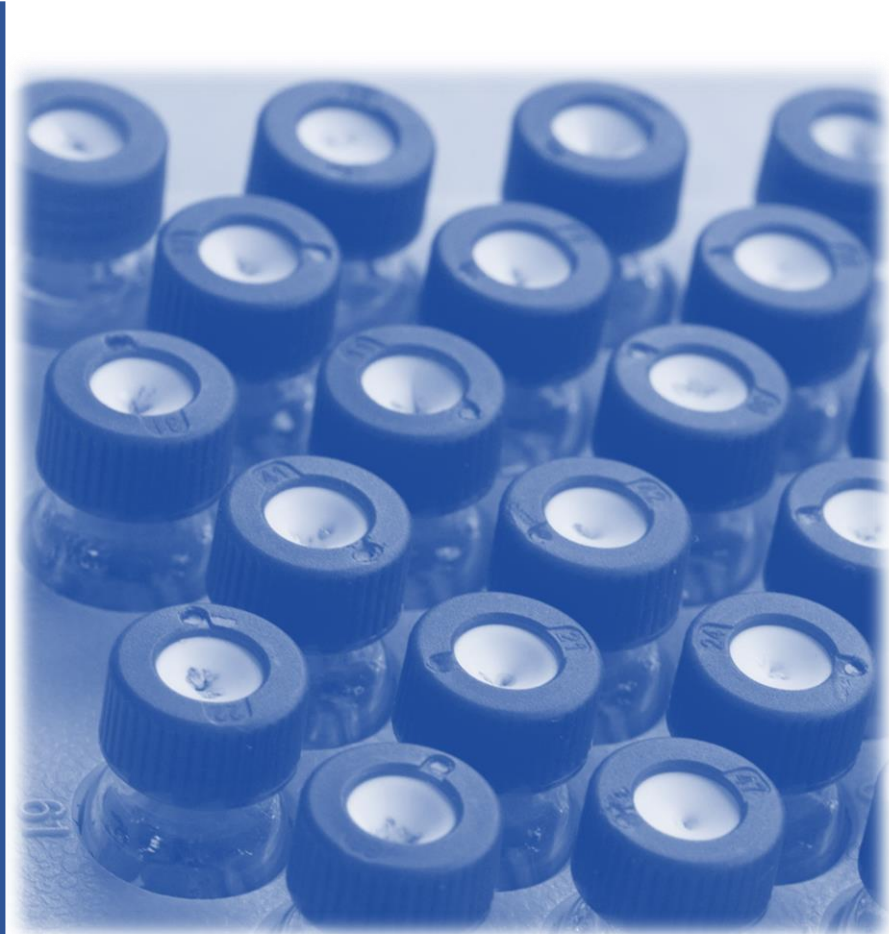
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**TCQA Update  
2020-2021**

# TCQA in 2020

The Technical Committee for Quality Assurance (TCQA) had an active and fruitful year with various meetings, key actions and strategic planning. Namely:

- Two meetings in July and December were held. For 2021, TCQA will hold meetings every two months starting from February.
- A new work model that defines the operating procedures of TCQA for the coming months and years was approved.
- A survey on the issues and conflicts related to the transition to the new version of ISO/IEC 17025 was distributed among the national members to gather more information on this complex issue.



# CookBooks

In 2020 and in 2021, several CookBooks were revised and adapted to the current technical needs of laboratories. Some notable mentions include:

- CookBook N. 3 on Handling of Untestable or Deviating Samples, reviewed by Erik Dahm
- CookBook N. 5 on Interlaboratory Comparison Data, reviewed by Álvaro Ribeiro and John Wilson
- CookBook N. 12 on Use of Excel Data Handling in Laboratories, reviewed by Leif Madsen
- CookBook N. 18 on Risk-Based Approach, reviewed by Paolo Moscatti (with the assistance of Paolo Ciori from UL)
- CookBook N. 20 on Planning of Activities to Ensure the Validity of Test Results, reviewed by Magnus Holmgren

In addition, a new CookBook (N. 23 on Complaints) was published this year, curated by Luca Boniardi.

# Working Groups

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Two Working Groups were created inside TCQA in 2020 and started their activities in 2021:

- **Decision Rules**, with the aim of providing guidance to laboratories on this complex matter. The WG will gather and compile information and will work on creating guiding documents.
- **Risk Analysis**, as laboratories do not know how to correctly implement a risk-based approach. In response to this necessity, Cookbook N. 18 on Risk-Based Approach was revised and re-published.



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**Thank you for your attention!**