



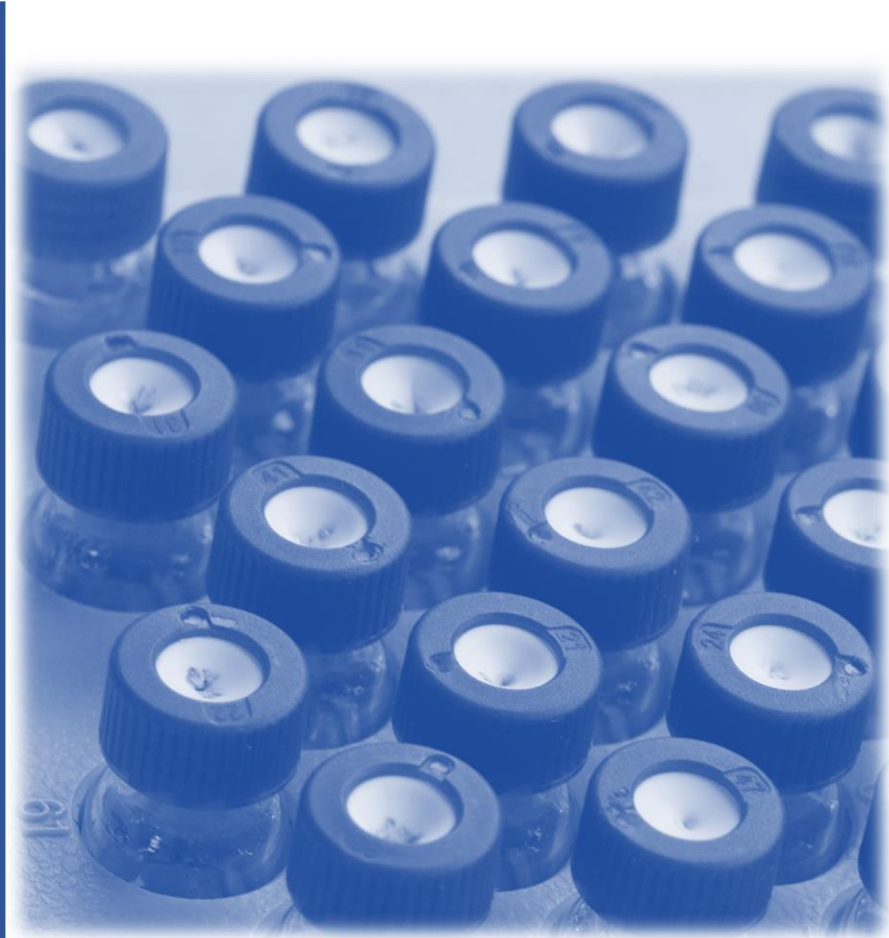
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TCQA Update 2020-2021

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

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!