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INSTAND NEWSLETTER

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to our fall issue of the INSTAND Newsletter!

In this issue

- We introduce our new [EQA scheme catalog 2023](#).
- We inform you about all events in the last quarter of this year and at the beginning of 2023.
- We are pleased to introduce our new team members.

The INSTAND Academy team will also inform you about courses still taking place this year. You will find the latest INSTAND publication at the end of this issue.

We wish you a successful autumn!

With kind regards
Your INSTAND Team

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

New EQA Scheme Catalog 2023

Our [EQAS Program 2023](#) is now live.

What's new for 2023?

- We have further optimized and expanded our RV program this year.
- Starting in 2023, the shipment of the duplicate set of samples for all virological EQA schemes will be discontinued.
- For logistical reasons, all EQA schemes, with a few exceptions, will be shipped on Tuesdays starting in January 2023.
- Please note that we are also confronted with increased costs and must adapt our price structure to the current market conditions. Therefore, we are forced to increase the prices for our proficiency tests by approximately 10% on average from 2023 onwards.



You can view the current catalog now

- [here](#) and
- in the [RV-Online](#).

EVENTS



Arabia: Future of Medical
Lab Conference

Riyadh International
Convention and Exhibition
Center, 10 October 2022

Laboratory Medicine

Mannheim, CC
Rosengarten
13-14 October 2022

INSTAND was represented
with two poster
presentations. Read more
[here](#).

Dubai World Trade Centre
6-9 Februar 2023

Up-to-date information
about our exhibition stand
will soon be available on
our [website](#).

Impressions from the **Global Health Exhibition in Saudi Arabia**: The goal of the approximately 15000 attendees was bringing together policy drivers, thought leaders, healthcare professionals and decision-makers in order to address healthcare's most pressing challenges through collaboration and empowerment.

INSTAND shared the exhibition stand together with partner **HMC**. Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Ingo Schellenberg presented INSTAND with a lecture on "Importance of proficiency testing and sustaining accuracy and precision of lab results."



Introducing our new Team Members

We have expanded our team in the last quarter. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our new employees.

[Here](#) is an overview of our whole team.



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Online Training Urine Sediment

The deadline for registration for the online training Urine Sediment on November 07, 2022, is October 21, 2022. The training is intended for interested persons with prior knowledge and will be available for processing for two weeks as of the start date.

[Registration](#)



Differences between Educational and Regulatory External Quality Assurance/Proficiency Testing Schemes

Tony Badrick, Graham Jones, W Greg Miller, Mauro Panteghini, Andrew Quintenz, Sverre Sandberg, Michael Spannagl (2022)

Clinical Chemistry, Volume 68, Issue 10, October 2022, Pages 1238-1244

[Full Article](#)

All INSTAND publications are available [here](#).



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