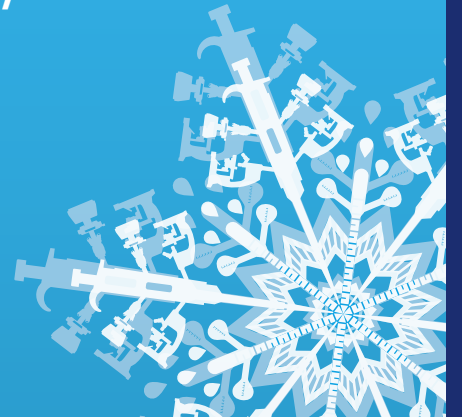


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# International Congress on Quality in Laboratory Medicine

Themes: **The Path to Perfect Quality &  
New Frontiers in Health and Laboratory Technology**



8-9 FEBRUARY, 2018 | HELSINKI, FINLAND

Labquality Days is one of the largest international congresses in 2018 focused on quality and laboratory medicine. The congress is held at Messukeskus Helsinki, Expo and Convention Centre. The 2018 themes are **The Path to Perfect Quality** and **New Frontiers in Health and Laboratory Technology**. Come and enjoy the inspiring scientific atmosphere and feel the pleasant cool winter days in Helsinki. More information at [www.labqualitydays.com](http://www.labqualitydays.com).



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## Message from the **Scientific Committee**



**Piet Meijer**  
PhD, Director,  
ECAT Foundation, the Netherlands

**“Again many distinguished speakers have accepted our invitation to give their input for the 2018 congress.”**



**Dalius Vitkus**  
PhD, Associate Professor,  
University of Vilnius, Lithuania

**“Labquality Days congress in 2018 deepens our knowledge about innovations in health and laboratory technology.”**



Committee Chair, **Päivi Laitinen**  
PhD, Adjunct Professor,  
Chief Chemist, HUSLAB, Finland

**“Together with the Labquality Days project team I am delighted to reveal our high-level scientific topics for 2018.”**

Registration and more information at [www.labqualitydays.com](http://www.labqualitydays.com).



# Programme Highlights

*Plenary Lecture on Thursday*

## **How IBM Watson Will Change Healthcare?**

**Lecturer to be announced**, AI Expert, IBM

*Plenary Lecture on Friday*

## **Diagnostic Pathways**

**Georg Hoffmann**, Prof. Dr. med.,  
University of Munich, Germany

## **Performance Specifications with Special Emphasis on Biological Variation Data**

**Sverre Sandberg**, Director,  
Noklus, Norway

## **Reference Measurement Procedures – Emphasis on Performance Specifications and Operating Laboratories**

**Linda Thienpont**, Prof. Emerita,  
Ghent University, Belgium

## **Standardisation and Harmonisation in Laboratory Medicine: a Matter of Patient Safety**

**Mauro Pantegini**, Prof. MD,  
University of Milano, Italy

## **Traceability and the New EU IVD Regulation**

**Jonathan Middle**, PhD, ALCM

## **Analytical Quality Specifications of Inter-laboratory Comparisons**

**Carmen Perich**, Quality Director,  
Vall d'Hebron Hospital Laboratories,  
SCEQA, Spain

## **Pharmacogenetics**

**Ron van Schaik**, Prof. Dr.,  
Erasmus MC Rotterdam, the Netherlands

## **ePoster Exhibition**

Deadline for submission: 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.  
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An extensive exhibition with 60 diagnostic companies in connection with the Congress.





## Organizer

Labquality is an international service organization dedicated to improving patient safety. Company's main products include external quality assessment (EQA) services and quality controls for internal quality assurance (IQA). Labquality offers high quality, educational EQA for all areas of laboratory medicine with 45 years of know-how and experience. Currently over 5000 laboratories around the world participate in Labquality's EQA schemes.

## Congress information

### Date

8<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018

### Venue

Messukeskus Helsinki,  
Messuaukio 1, Helsinki, Finland

### Participation fee

Early bird (until 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017)  
520 € + VAT 24%, registration at  
[www.labqualitydays.com](http://www.labqualitydays.com)

### Accommodation

Holiday Inn Helsinki – Messukeskus  
Special offer for Labquality Days  
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