

IEQAS 9th Participants' Conference 2001

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Conference summary

Opening Address Mr Des Kenny,

IEQAS Chairman, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Dublin

IEQAS Annual Review Ms Hazel Graham, IEQAS

Hazel described the IEQAS structure and recent changes in the steering committee.

Coming soon -the IVD Directive -the Impact of New European Regulations

Mr Paul Kenny, Olympus Diagnostica Ireland

The In Vitro Diagnostics Directive (IVDD) is a major piece of legislation recently transposed into the National law of EU member states. Its intention is to harmonise standards across Europe thus facilitating free trade along with ensuring that products supplied to hospitals and Laboratories throughout Europe are of high quality and meet the high public health standards of safety and performance.

Sweat test survey report, Dr Philip Mayne, The Children's Hospital, Temple Street

Criteria for making a blood film survey report, Ms Marie McBryan, St Michael's Hospital, Dun Laoghaire

A two part survey was carried out by IEQAS during the year 2001 in which 27 laboratories took part using range of equipment from five manufactures. The aim of the survey was to identify the criteria haematology laboratories use in deciding which blood samples they will examine microscopically and which they will report automated differentials on.

For a summary of this survey see: *reports* section

Macroprolactin survey, Dr Thomas Smith, St Vincent's Hospital, Dublin

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WORKSHOP SESSIONS

A: Preparing for Accreditation

Panel: Mr Tom Moloney - Mater, Ms Therese O'Sullivan - Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital

B: Point of care testing

Dr Gerard Boran - AMNCH, Mr Alan Carr - Peamount Hospital, Dr Nuala McCarroll, St James's

C: Blood Film Morphology; Problems and Pitfalls

Panel: Dr Aengus O'Marcaigh - OLHSC, Mr Ivan Shirley - SVUH, Ms Dympna Murphy, AMNCH

D: Full Blood Count / ESR

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Feedback from workshops

Discussion, closing address by Chairman