

EQALM symposium 2017

19-20 October, Dublin, Ireland



Symposium title

The role of EQA in protecting community health

General information

This year the annual EQALM symposium and General Assembly will be held in Dublin, Ireland at the Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport Hotel on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 October 2017.

The symposium includes the following topics:

- Microbiology EQA and community health
- Pre and post examination of microbiology
- EQA for developing countries
- Statistics in EQA
- Presentations of selected submitted abstracts
- The Adam Uldall lecture

The conference includes the Working Group meetings which will be held from 8:30 to 13.00 on Thursday 19 October. The EQALM Symposium will start at 14.00 on Thursday 19 October and finish by 16:00 on Friday 20 October. The final program will be presented on www.eqalm.org.

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Abstract session

In this session the EQA organisations will have the opportunity to share EQA-related information which could be of interest to other EQA organisations.

Oral presentations will be selected from the abstracts submitted (max. 500 words). Each EQA member organization may submit more than one abstract.

Please submit your abstract using the abstract form which is available from the EQALM website www.eqalm.org. You can submit your abstract for oral and/or poster presentation.

Abstracts should be submitted **before 31st August 2017** and sent to EQALM office (office@eqalm.org).

Note! EQALM will not cover travel or hotel costs for the speakers to this session.

Registration

The registration fee for the symposium is:

Members before 31 st August:	€ 325
Members after 31 st August:	€ 355
Non-members before 31 st August:	€ 405
Non-members after 31 st August:	€ 430

The registration fee includes lunch, tea and coffee both days and conference dinner on Thursday 19 October. For registration, please use the electronic registration form on the EQALM website www.eqalm.org.

Payment

The payment for the registration fee should be made to EQALM. Please remember to include the names of the participants and organization with your payment.

Bank account details

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Conference venue

Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport Hotel
Northwood Park Santry Demesne, Dublin 9
(+ 353) 1 862 8888
<http://www.cpireland.crowneplaza.com/dublin-airport/>

Weather in Dublin in October

Weather in Ireland is unpredictable at any time so you need to bring an umbrella. Temperatures in October are around 10°C. Bring layers of clothing and a raincoat!

Social event details (evening of Thursday October 19)

Departure from the Crowne Plaza Hotel by bus to Dublin City Centre. Dinner at the Cleaver East Restaurant, located in the Clarence Hotel, in the popular Temple Bar area of the city. This hotel is co-owned by Bono and the Edge of U2. Return by bus to the Crowne Plaza Hotel.



Hotel reservation

There are two hotels in the campus, the Crowne Plaza and the Holiday Inn. In order to get the special prices, participants should make hotel reservations via the following links: [Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport](#) and [Holiday Inn Express Dublin Airport](#). Room availability is guaranteed from Wednesday 18th October to Friday 20th October if booked **before 18 July 2017**.

Crowne Plaza Hotel Dublin Airport

The Crowne Plaza is located just 7-10 minutes away from Dublin Airport (Zone 16 / Coach Park) by complimentary airport shuttle bus. There is also a multi-storey car park. Breakfast is included in the price, as is wireless internet access, car parking, VAT and taxes.

- €159.00 Single room/€169.00 Double room (per night). VAT and tourist taxes included.

Holiday Inn Express (next door to Crowne Plaza)

- €129.00 Single or Double Room (per night). Including Hot Buffet Breakfast.

OTHER HOTEL OPTIONS nearby include (please contact hotel directly using link below; no special prices)

[Maldron Hotel Dublin Airport](#)

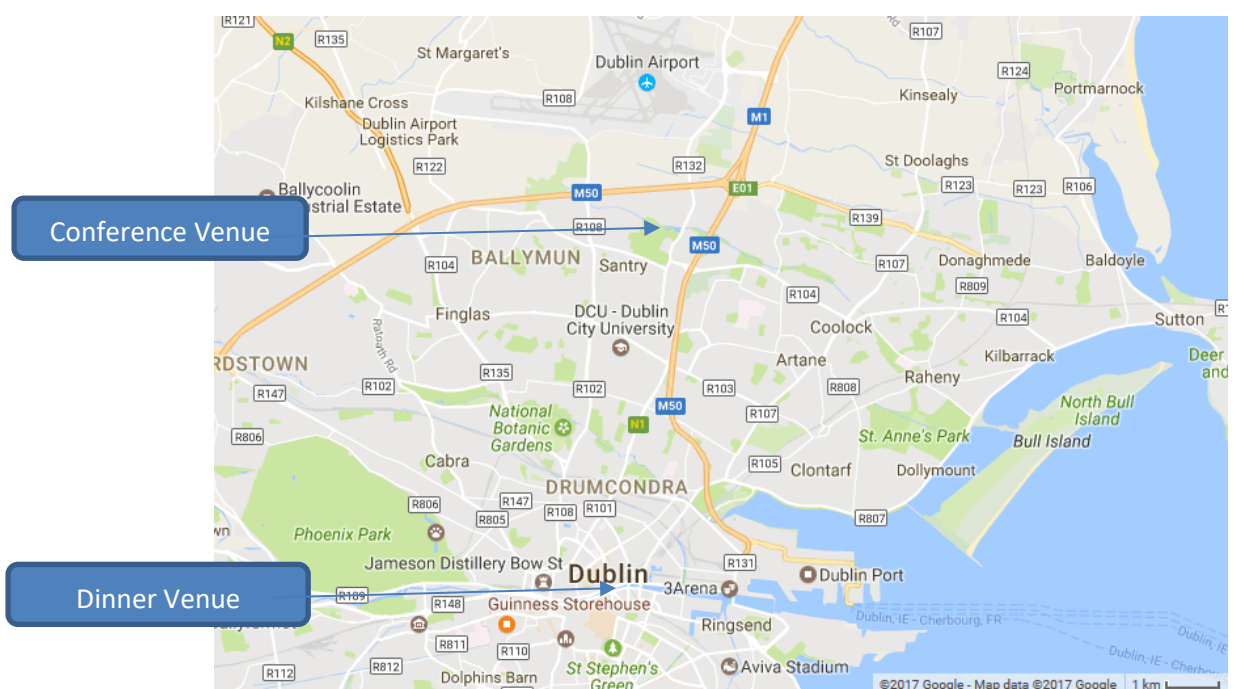
[Hilton Hotel Northern Cross](#)

[Skylon Hotel, Drumcondra](#)

[Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport](#)

[Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport](#)

[The Regency Hotel, Drumcondra](#)



Social event (evening of Friday October 20)

Dublin Literary Pub Crawl City Centre, 19:30 – 22:00: a short walking tour of Dublin's historic pubs in the company of two actors, who introduce some famous Dublin writers and perform entertaining pieces from their works.

This event is **not** covered by the EQALM registration fee. Please indicate your interest by emailing info@ieqas.ie as the event will need to be pre-booked; final cost will depend on numbers for transport. IEQAS will confirm final cost and payment method to those interested.

Dublin Literary Pub Crawl €13; transport by local or private bus (depending on numbers). Pub meal beforehand (payable individually on the night).

Other recommended visitor sites

[St Patrick's Cathedral](#)

[Christchurch Cathedral](#)

[Dublin Castle](#)

[City Hall](#)

[Trinity College](#)

[Dáil Eireann \(Irish Parliament\)](#)

[Museums](#)

[National Botanic Gardens](#)

[St Stephen's Green Park](#)

[Phoenix Park](#) & [Dublin Zoo](#)

[Guinness Storehouse](#)

[Jameson Distillery](#)

[Viking Splash Tour](#)

[Dublinia](#) – Viking & Medieval Dublin

[Brazen Head](#) – oldest pub in Ireland

[Merry Ploughboy](#) - traditional show/meal



Temple Bar, Dublin



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City, sea and countryside

all within easy reach means activities such as golf, horse riding, hiking, 4x4 off road driving, teambuilding, surfing, sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, hot air ballooning, car racing to name but a few are at your fingertips.

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A wealth of cultural visitor attractions

Trinity College Dublin & the Book of Kells, The Guinness storehouse, Dublin Castle, The Old Jameson Distillery, National Art Gallery, Dublinia, St. Patrick's Cathedral are all in the heart of the city within easy distance of each other.

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Unique Transport Options

Get a different view of Dublin with a tour of the city by horse & carriage, eco bike, high speed ribs around Dublin Bay, by land and water with the amphibious Viking Ducks or by vintage bus or car –all take group bookings.

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UNESCO City of Literature

With writers such as James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, George Bernard Shaw, WB Yeats, John Synge, Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift and Bram Stoker all hailing from Ireland's capital, Dublin was awarded the UNESCO City of literature in 2010 for its' on going contribution to the literary world.

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