

Weqas

ANNUAL CONFERENCE



10-11 DECEMBER
THE HILTON HOTEL, CARDIFF

CARDIFF 2Q19



Collaboration & EQA

Chair: Annette Thomas



Registration - 9:30am



Speaker:

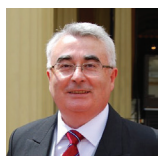
Cas Weykamp

Title:

EurA1c, the IFCC project to aggregate EQA data of national EQA organisers to create a global picture of the performance of HbA1c.



10:00am - 10:40am



Speaker:

Martin Myers

Title:

Getting it right first time



10:40am - 11:20am



Break - 11:20am - 11:50am



Speaker:

Annette Thomas

Title:

Weqas Interactive reporting website - getting prepared for the changes



11:50am - 1:00pm



Lunch - 1:00pm - 2:00pm



Speaker:

Samantha Jones / Gareth Davies

Title:

EQA Report Interpretation



2:00pm - 3:20pm



Break - 3:20pm - 3:40pm



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Title:

EQA Troubleshooting: case studies



3:40pm - 4:40pm



Speaker:

Annette Thomas

Title:

How EQA can help you attain ISO 15189



4:40pm - 5:20pm



Conference Dinner - 8:00pm



Speaker Profiles



Cas Weykamp

Cas Weykamp is a clinical chemist and director of the MCA laboratory of the Queen Beatrix Hospital in the city of Winterswijk, the Netherlands. A major activity is the standardization of HbA1c. He is network coordinator of the worldwide network of 16 reference laboratories operating the IFCC reference method for HbA1c and member of the IFCC Committee on Education Use of Biomarkers Diabetes. As such he has a close working relation with Garry John. He is also advisor of the NGSP. In the Netherlands he coordinates many EQA programmes on behalf of SKML, the national EQA organiser. One of his major EQA programmes is on HbA1c, his hobby horse and subject of his PhD Study. In general he is active in the field of EQA/PT, Standardization and Harmonization as member of the IFCC Task Force for Proficiency Testing and the IFCC Working Groups on Commutability and CDT. In the AACC he served as chair of the task force to develop tools for the AACC Harmonization Initiative. He is speaker at many international scientific meetings. For a review of his publications please see www.pubmed.com under Weykamp C.



Martin Myers

Martin is a Consultant Clinical Biochemist at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals. He has led a continuous program of Pathology re-design, improving the clinical and operational effectiveness of Pathology delivery whilst improving productivity. Martin has introduced decision diagnostics to improve the patient pathway and reduced cost. He is delivering the Laboratory Anywhere model of diagnostics delivery where diagnostic testing is made available where it is needed along the Hub to Home continuum. Martin is also the Senior Clinical Advisor for the NHSI Getting it Right First Time workstream for Pathology.



Annette Thomas

Annette Thomas is a Consultant Clinical Biochemist at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board with over 40 years experience in Laboratory Medicine, 20 years of which has been as Director of Weqas. Annette is Director of Point of Care testing (POCT) at Cardiff and Vale UHB, and is the National clinical lead for POCT representing Poct in Welsh Government advisory Committees and chairs the All Wales' POCT Co-ordinators Network. She is the current chair of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) Committee on Analytical Quality and is a member of the European Federation in Laboratory Medicine Working Group on Performance Specifications for EQAS.

She has previously held posts on the Executive Board of the European Committee for External Quality Assurance Programmes in Laboratory Medicine, chair of the All Wales Clinical Biochemistry Group, chair of the National Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine Audit Committee in the UK, a member of the Association of Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine Scientific Committee and a member of the Royal College of Pathologists Scientific Advisory Committee on Clinical Biochemistry. In 2019, EQALM honoured Annette by presenting her with the Adam Uldall award for the work she has done in the field of EQA. Annette was also awarded the Welsh Government Lifetime Achievement Award at the Advancing Healthcare Awards 2019.



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Collaboration & NICE Guidelines

Chair: Professor William D Fraser




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Speaker: Annette Thomas
Title: Experiences from POCT Networks
 10:00am - 10:40am




Speaker: Emma English
Title: PoCT HbA1c – are the devices fit for purpose?
 10:40am - 11:20am



Break - 11:20am - 11:40am




Speaker: Elisabeth Davies
Title: Challenges in D-dimer testing: Harmonisation and standardisation
 11:40am - 12:20pm



Speaker: Gareth Davies
Title: Weqas D-dimer performance
 12:20pm - 12:40pm




Speaker: Samantha Jones
Title: FIT EQA Update
 12:40pm - 1:00pm




Lunch - 1:00pm - 2:00pm




Speaker: Professor William D Fraser
Title: (NG132) Hyperparathyroidism (primary): diagnosis, assessment and initial management
 2:00pm - 2:40pm



Speaker: Annette Thomas
Title: (DG10024) Point-of-care creatinine devices to assess kidney function before CT imaging with intravenous contrast
 2:40pm - 3:20pm



Speaker: Gareth Davies
Title: Performance of POCT Creatinine
 3:20pm - 4:00pm



Tea, Coffee & Close - 4:00pm



Speaker Profiles



Emma English

Dr Emma English is a Senior lecturer and is postgraduate research Director of Health Sciences at the University of East Anglia. She has extensive publications in HbA1c and is a member of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) committee for Education in the Use of Biomarkers in Diabetes (C-EUDB).



Elisabeth Davies

Elisabeth Davies is a Senior Biomedical Scientist and Clinical Scientist in Haematology, in Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. She has more than 15 years experience in Haemostasis and Thrombosis diagnostic and research methodologies. She sits on the Haematology Standing Specialist Advisory Group for Wales, and is also deputy chair of the All Wales Coagulation Group, who are continually striving for improvement in Haemostasis services across Wales.



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Professor William D Fraser

Professor Bill Fraser was born and educated in Glasgow, graduating from Glasgow University with BSc (Hons), MBChB and MD (Hons). He trained in Glasgow's teaching hospitals acquiring MRCPATH (now FRCPATH) and MRCP (now FRCP) before spending time as a consultant/travelling fellow in Canada.

In 1991 he was appointed Senior Lecturer in Chemical Pathology and Head of the Metabolic Bone Disease Unit at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, promoted to Reader in 1998, Professor in 2001, Head of the Unit of Clinical Chemistry in 2008, and Head of Department of Musculoskeletal Biology in 2010. He was Director of the Masters in Research for Clinical Science from August 2008. He was appointed Professor of Medicine at Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia in May 2011, Head of Department of Medicine in 2012, Sub Dean of the Medical School in 2016 and Dean in March 2018.

Bill supervises a very active research group investigating the diagnosis and treatment of metabolic bone disease including osteoporosis, Paget's Disease of Bone and rare bone tumours. He is on the Editorial Board of several journals, a Director of the Supra Regional Assay Service for bone metabolism and calcium homeostasis, a Trustee of the Paget's Association, Trustee of Action Arthritis and a Medical Advisor to the National Osteoporosis Society. He was a previous recipient of the ACB Foundation Award, presenter of the John Ireland Lecture and the Albert Latner Memorial Lecture in 2017.

He relaxes by playing golf, squeezing tunes out of the violin, mandolin and guitar, plus tinkering with motor cars and 2 classic motor bikes.



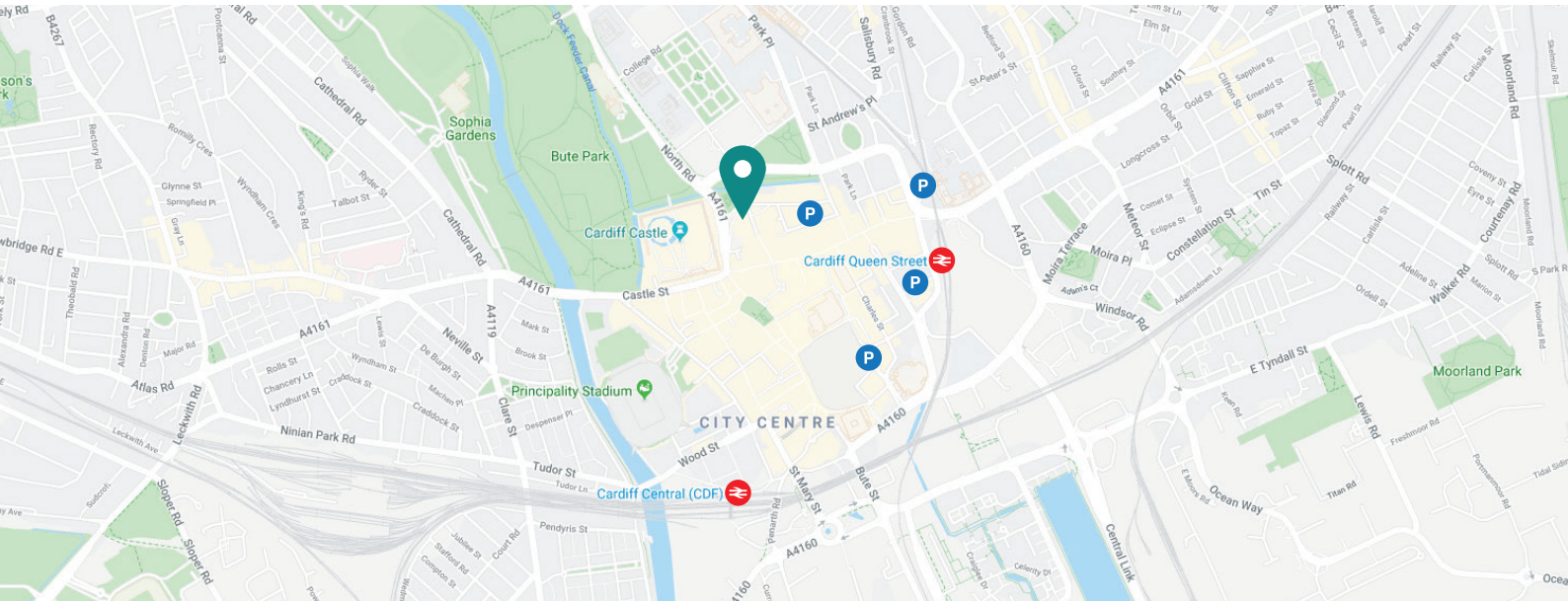
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