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Getting there



By Car:

Hilton London Heathrow Airport
Terminal 4
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Parking:

There is a paid car park available at the hotel. Additional parking can be found here: <https://conference.weqas.com/venue/useful-links/>



Arriving By Train:

Paddington Station in Central London is 30 minutes away via Heathrow Express. Additional train information can be found here: <https://conference.weqas.com/venue/useful-links/>

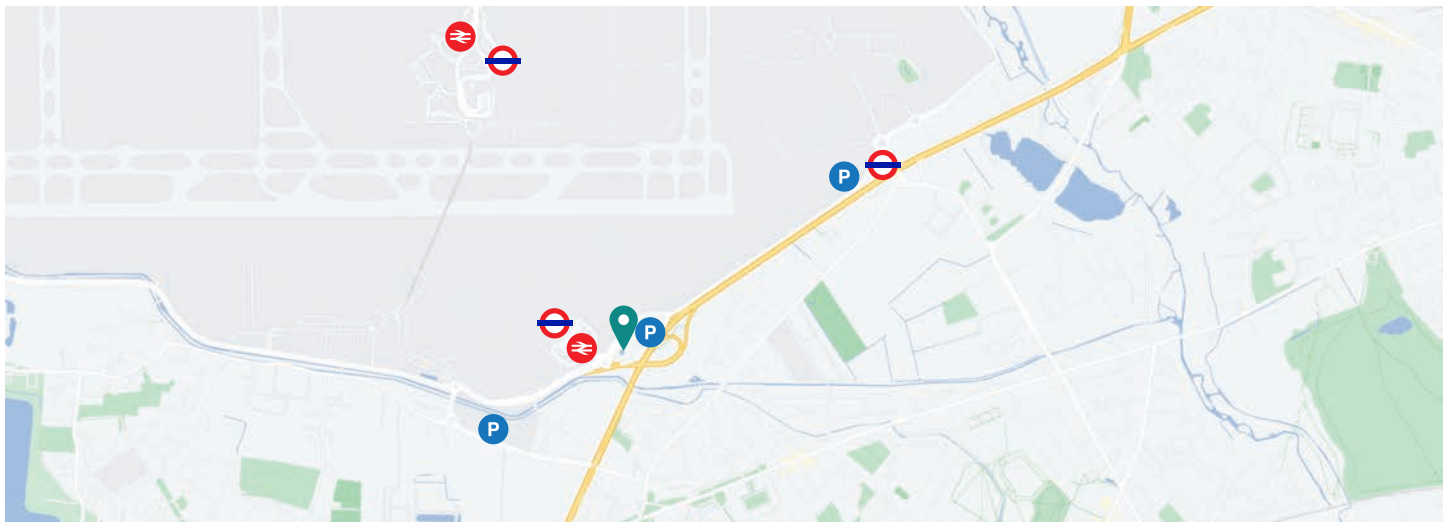


Arriving By Plane:

The hotel is approximately a 7 minute walk from Heathrow Terminal 4, and less than 15 minutes ride to Heathrow Terminals 2, 3, and 5.



Map:



Map Key



Hilton London Heathrow Airport, Terminal 4



Underground station



Train station



Car park

Conference Chairs

Day 1: Tuesday 6th December 2022

Theme: Weqas Connect



Chair: Annette Thomas

Director - Weqas

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 also the national clinical lead for PoCT representing PoCT in Welsh Government advisory Committees and chairs the PoCT Strategic Board and PoCT Coordinators Network in Wales.

She is a member of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) Task Force on Global Lab Quality (TF-GLQ) and past chair of the Committee on Analytical Quality (C-AQ).

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.

Day 2: Wednesday 7th December 2022

Theme: Right patient, right results, right time



Chair: Pat Twomey

University College Dublin

Professor Patrick Twomey is consultant chemical pathologist in St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, the Laboratory Director for Clinical Chemistry within the St Vincent's Hospital Group and Clinical Professor in the School of Medicine, University College Dublin. He obtained an Intercalated BSc in Biochemistry from University College Cork before being awarded his Medical degree. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, the Faculty of Pathology at the Royal

College of Physicians of Ireland and of the Royal College of Pathologists where he also is an examiner. He is the President of the UEMS Section of Laboratory Medicine (European Union Medical Specialists), Internal Auditor UEMS and National Speciality Director Chemical Pathology, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. He has co-authored one text book, several book chapters and over 100 original publications in the fields of clinical biochemistry, metabolic medicine, lipids and nutrition. He is the Best Practice Editor of the Journal of Clinical Pathology and is a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Clinical Pathology, the British Medical Journal Case Reports and the Clinical Biochemistry journal. He was previously the Vice Chair of the UK Joint Working Group on Quality Assessment in Pathology and past Chair of the Chemical Pathology National Quality Assurance Advisory Panel within the Royal College of Pathologists - currently he sits on the Vitamin D EQA Scheme (DEQAS) advisory panel and the Wales EQA Scheme (WEQAS) Steering Committee.

He runs clinical metabolic services for dyslipidaemia.

**Theme: Weqas Connect**

Chair: Annette Thomas

**Meet and greet / Registration - 9:00am - 9:50am****Introduction / Welcome - 9:50am - 10:00am****Speaker: Samantha Jones**
Title: How to make the best use of our websites**10:00am - 10:45am****Break - 10:45am - 11:00am****Speaker: Samantha Jones**
Title: Learning Zone for Weqas Connect**11:00am - 11:30am****Speaker: Gareth Davies**
Title: Weqas Connect Q&A session**11:30am - 1:00pm****Lunch - 1:00pm - 2:00pm****Parallel Sessions****Room 1 - Laboratory EQA****Speakers: Gareth Davies & Annette Thomas**
Title: Laboratory Report and Interpretation**2:00pm - 3:30pm****Room 2 - POCT EQA****Speakers: Samantha Jones & Nicola Blount**
Title: POCT Report and Interpretation**2:00pm - 3:30pm****Break - 3:30pm - 3:45pm****Speakers: Gareth Davies & Annette Thomas**
Title: Laboratory based Case Studies and Questions**3:45pm - 4:45pm****Speakers: Samantha Jones & Nicola Blount**
Title: POCT based Case Studies and Questions**3:45pm - 4:45pm****Conference Dinner - 8:00pm**

**Theme: Right patient, right results, right time**

Chair: Pat Twomey



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Introduction / Welcome - 9:45am - 10:00am

Speaker: **Martin Myers**

Title: Getting it right first time



10:00am - 10:45am



Break - 10:45am - 11:00am

Speaker: **Seán Costelloe**

Title: Pre-analytical errors in Laboratory Medicine



11:00am - 11:45am

Speaker: **Annette Thomas**

Title: Results of a Pre-analytical EQA Programme for Serum Indices



11:45am - 12:00pm

Speaker: **Mike Hallworth**

Title: Post Analytical Errors



12:00pm - 12:45pm



Lunch - 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Speaker: **Pat Twomey**

Title: Issues to consider with Neonatal hyperbilirubinaemia



1:45pm - 2:30pm



Break - 2:30pm - 2:45pm

Speaker: **Rev Dr Gordon Sinclair**

Title: EQA oversight and performance surveillance system in the UK



2:45pm - 3:30pm

Speaker: **Annette Thomas**

Title: What do laboratories need from an External Quality Assessment (EQA) Programme - how can we help you?



3:30pm - 4:15pm



Tea, Coffee & Close - 4:15pm

Title: How to make the best use of our websites



10:00am - 10:45pm



Samantha Jones

Operations Manager, Training Officer - Weqas

Samantha is the Operations Manager at Weqas with over 25 years' experience in Laboratory Medicine. Sam worked as a Biomedical Scientist at the Medical Biochemistry and Immunology Department at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff before moving to Weqas in 1998. Since 2010 she has been employed as the Operations Manager responsible for the day to day management of EQA / IQC services, and is also the Training Officer for the organisation.

She is a current member of the IFCC Working Group on FIT, represents Weqas at the United Kingdom Proficiency Testing Committee and represents BSI on the ISO CASCO WG57 for the revision of ISO/IEC 17043.

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11:30am - 1:00pm



Gareth Davies

Deputy Director, Principal Biochemist, R and D Manager - Weqas

Gareth Davies is the Deputy Director, Principal Biochemist and Research and Development Manager at Weqas with over 15 years experience in Laboratory Medicine. Gareth is responsible for new programme development and provides EQA interpretation, support and troubleshooting. He is a current member and former Minute Secretary of the All Wales Clinical Biochemistry Audit Group, and a current member of the ACB Pre-Analytical Phase Special Interest Group (ACB PA SIG).

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Parallel Session
Room 1 - Laboratory EQA

Title: Laboratory Report and Interpretation



2:00pm - 3:30pm



Gareth Davies

Deputy Director, Principal Biochemist, R and D Manager - Weqas



Annette Thomas

Director - Weqas

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Parallel Session
Room 2 - POCT EQA

Title: POCT Report and Interpretation



2:00pm - 3:30pm



Samantha Jones

Operations Manager, Training Officer - Weqas



Nicola Blount

EQA Client Manager - Weqas

Nicola Blount is the EQA Client Manager at Weqas, responsible for the day to day management of the Weqas EQA team and client issues. Nicola is committed to maintaining high professional standards, participant satisfaction and has extensive POCT knowledge. Nicola believes that providing an exceptional experience with every participant she speaks with creates a positive change in EQA. Nicola has over 28 years' experience in Laboratory Medicine; worked as a Senior Biomedical Scientist and POCT Manager at Llandough Hospital part of the University Hospital of Wales Health Board. Nicola is a Fellow of the IBMS and a Chartered Scientist.

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Parallel Session
Room 1 - Laboratory EQA

Title: Laboratory based Case Studies and Questions



3:45pm - 4:45pm



Gareth Davies

Deputy Director, Principal Biochemist, R and D Manager - Weqas



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Parallel Session
Room 2 - POCT EQA

Title: POCT based Case Studies and Questions



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Title: Getting it right first time



10:00am - 10:45am



Martin Myers

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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.

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Title: Pre-analytical errors in Laboratory Medicine



11:00am - 11:45am



Seán Costelloe

Cork University Hospital

Dr Seán Costelloe is a Consultant Clinical Biochemist and Head of Department at the Department of Clinical Biochemistry, Cork University Hospital since 2017. He studied for a BA(Mod) in Natural Sciences (Biochemistry) at Trinity College Dublin, before taking on PhD and MSc studies at University College London. From 2007, Seán spent time as a Trainee and Senior Biochemist at the Royal Free Hospital in London, before taking on a Principal position at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, and a Consultant position at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust.

Seán is a fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists and is on the European register for Specialists in Laboratory Medicine. He sits on the Irish Gestational Trophoblastic Disease Guideline and Steering Groups and is currently involved in the Working Group to inform the strategic direction of laboratory medicine. Internationally, Seán is a member of the ACB Special Interest Group for the Preanalytical Phase and the EFLM Preanalytical Working Group, as well as the European Society for Emergency Medicine Blood Sample Guideline Working Group. He is the current Vice President of the ACBI and past president.

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Title: Post Analytical Errors



12:00pm - 12:45pm



Mike Hallworth

Consultant Clinical Scientist

Mike Hallworth MA MSc MCB FRCPath is a retired Consultant Clinical Scientist formerly based at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shropshire. He is a past President of the European Communities Confederation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM) and past Chair of the ACB. Mike was awarded the UK Healthcare Scientist of the Year Award in November 2008 by the UK Chief Scientific Officer, Professor Sue Hill, and was the 2011 winner of the EFCC-Roche European Scientific Award for Laboratory Medicine. He was the Chair of an IFCC Task Force on the impact of laboratory medicine on clinical management and outcomes and has lectured widely on the value of laboratory medicine in improving patient outcomes.

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1:45pm - 2:30pm



Pat Twomey
University College Dublin

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Title: EQA oversight and performance surveillance system in the UK



2:45pm - 3:30pm



Rev Dr Gordon Sinclair

London Metropolitan University

Rev Dr Gordon Sinclair is a Lecturer in Biomedical Science at London Metropolitan University, Chair of the Haematology National Quality Assurance Advisory Panel, Vice-Chair of the Institute of Biomedical Science, Haematology, Scientific Advisory Panel, and Pastor of Kingdom Community Church, Redhill. He lectures in ethics, statistics, haematology and blood transfusion science, mainly at the postgraduate level. His current research interests include the moon's age and developing a cheap alternative to standard cell counting for developing nations.

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Title: What do laboratories need from an External Quality Assessment (EQA) Programme - how can we help you?



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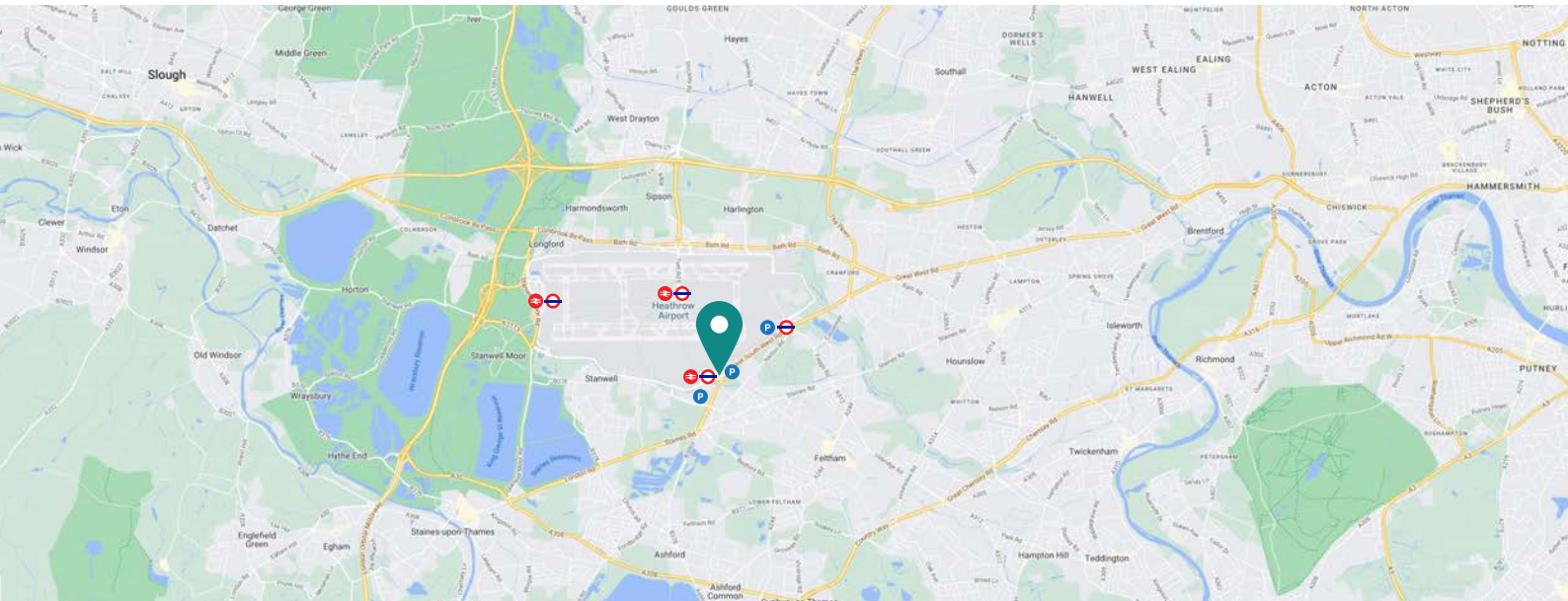
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