**Eurachem Activities/Communication.**

**2014**

Dec:

* Eurachem News Issued.
* Launch of [www.publicsectorassurance.org](http://www.publicsectorassurance.org)

**2015**

Jan:

* Continued recognition of IAAC by ILAC Arrangement Council
* EA document on “The Confirmation of the Continuation of Accreditation Based on the Results of Surveillance Activities” circulated for comment.
* EUROLAB White Paper on the revision of ISO / IEC 17025 issued.
* Invitation from Nordic Committee on Food Analysis to “NordVal International Symposium” in Stockholm, 21st-22nd May 2015.
* Invitation to “The 5th International Proficiency Testing Conference” in Timisoara, Romania, 16th-18th Sept 2015.

Feb:

* Launch of on-line course “Measurement Uncertainty Estimation in Analytical Chemistry”, available from March 2nd to April 12th.
* Invitation from NordVal to “Guidelines for Reporting Sensory Data” in Oslo, Sweden, May 11th.
* EUROLAB Special Briefing No 1 issued – reporting on the EUROLAB meeting with the European Commission, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs.
* Announcement of World Accreditation Day (9th June 2015). The theme is “Accreditation: Supporting the Delivery of Health and Social Care”. Details available at <http://ilac.org/media-centre/world-accreditation-day/>
* Request for topics at next Eurachem General Assembly Discussion (Warsaw, 26th-29th May).
* Eurachem Guide “Setting and Use of the Target Uncertainty in Chemical Measurement” (Draft 07C) is ready for voting. Closing date April 1st.

Mar:

* Announcement of “4th World Congress of Clinical Safety” in Vienna, Austria, 28th-30th Sept.
* *IAF/ILAC-A6:02/2015 – Approval Process for IAF/ILAC A-Series Documents* has been approved for publication. This document is now available on the ILAC website <http://ilac.org/publications-and-resources/ilac-documents/joint-ilac-iaf-series/>.
* Announcement of Eurolab 25th Anniversary Meeting “traceable Testings in the International Context” in Odense, Denmark on 9th April.

Apr:

* ILAC News, Issue 47 distributed.
* Announcement of new logo for European Accreditation.
* A leaflet “Selecting the Right Proficiency Testing Scheme for my Laboratory” was sent for review and approval.
* Eurachem website upgraded.
* Call for comment on EA reference document EA-4/09 “Accreditation for Sensory Testing Laboratories”.

May:

* Publication of ILAC R4:05/2015 *Use of the ILAC Logo and Tagline.*
* Draft changes to the Memorandum of Understanding between ILAC, IAF and IEC sent for review.
* Eurachem General Assembly, Warsaw, 28th May.

June:

* Announcement of “Competence of Laboratories Zadar 2015” Conference, 21st-24th October 2015.
* Rules for use of ILAC MRA mark approved and distributed.
* ILAC MRA Annual Report published. <http://ilac.org/ilac-mra-and-signatories/>
* “ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Policy Statement” distributed for comment.
* Newsletter from NMKL, the Nordic Committee on Food Analysis, issued.
* Announcement of conference “GEOANALYSIS 2015” in Leoben, Austria, 9-14th of August 2015.

July:

* First circular for Eurachem’s Workshop on “Method Validation in Analytical Science”, to be held in Gent, Belgium on the 9th and 10th May 2016.
* Minutes of EA General Assembly (in May) issued.
* Announcement of EA’s 17th International Congress of Metrology in Paris, 21st-24th Sept 2015.
* Announcement of an International Proficiency Testing Conference on 16th-18th September 2015, in Timisoara, Romania.

September:

* ILAC Questionnaire on Medical Activities distributed.
* Eurachem is now on Twitter!
* Formal invitation to CROLAB conference “Competence of Laboratories Zadar 2015” Conference, 21st-24th October 2015.
* Announcement of EA web page containing their General Assembly resolutions back to 2010.
* Announcement of publication of ILAC brochure “Why Become an Accredited Reference Material Producer”.
* Communication about Irish volunteers for Working groups.

October:

* Second circular for the Eurachem Workshop on Method Validation in Gent, Belgium, on May 9th and 10th 2016. Just prior to the General Assembly Meeting.
* Publication of the Eurachem/CITAC Guide on "Setting and Using Target Uncertainty in Chemical Measurements".
* ILAC News Issue 48 published.
* Announcement of XII Symposium on Temperature and Thermal Measurements, TEMPMEKO 2016, to be held in Zakopane, Poland from 26th June to 1st July, 2016.

November:

* Teri Donaghy, Gerry McCaffrey and Oonagh Q completed the TrainMIC Train the Trainers course.
* Newsletter No. 91 from the Norwegian Committee on Food Analysis distributed.
* Announcement of Excellence in Analytical Chemistry (EACH) Masters programme announced.

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* Publication of Eurachem News, Issue 33.
* Distribution of the leaflet “Using Repeated Measurements to Improve the Standard Uncertainty” for local translation.

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* Publication of the terminology leaflet ‘You talk, we understand – The way out of the tower of Babel’ by the Education and Training working group.
* Updates to ILAC brochures announced.

 **Eurachem Activities/Communication 2016.**

January:

* Announcement of IUPAC verification of discovery of four new elements.
* Distribution of ILAC ballot on document dealing with ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement.
* Distribution of a draft document on the EA procedure for the evaluation of a National Accreditation Body.
* Distribution of a draft ILAC document of The Classification and Management of ILAC Publication Documents.
* Circulation of draft revision to EA document “Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes”.
* IAF News Issue 10 published.
* Call for comments on EA-2/02 EA “Procedure for the evaluation of a National Accreditation Body”.

February:

* Third circular for the Eurachem Workshop on Method Validation in Gent, Belgium, on May 9th and 10th 2016. Just prior to the General Assembly Meeting.
* Draft minutes of European Accreditation’s 36th General Assembly in November in Budapest distributed for information.
* NAT, the Hungarian accreditation body, ceased its activities on 31st Dec, 2015.
* <http://www.european-accreditation.org/information/change-in-the-hungarian-accreditation-system>
* Agreement with Irish Chemical News to have regular articles published on Analytical Chemistry. “Eurachem Ireland Spotlight on Analytical Chemistry”.