

Welcome to the 23th annual EQALM Symposium

Thursday 18th to Friday 19th October 2018

Zagreb, Croatia



General information

This year the annual EQALM symposium and General Assembly will be held in Zagreb, Croatia, on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 October 2018. The conference includes the Working Group meetings which will be held Thursday morning.

The symposium includes the following topics:

- Haematology
- Pre-analytical EQAS
- Traceability
- Homogeneity and stability testing
- ISO 17043
- Presentations of selected submitted abstracts
- The Adam Uldall lecture

Organizing committees

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CROQALM = Croatian Centre for Quality Assessment in Laboratory Medicine

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Program overview

A brief overview of the program is given below. The final program will be presented on www.eqalm.org. All delegates are welcome to participate on the Working Group sessions on Thursday morning and at the General Assembly on Friday afternoon. The meetings at Wednesday is for invited persons only.

Wednesday 17th October 2018

Executive Board Meeting
Scientific Committee Meeting
Working Group Steering Committees Meetings

Thursday 18th October 2018

08.00	Registration desk opens
08.30-13.00	EQALM Working group sessions
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-17.30	EQALM Symposium, day 1
16.30-17.30	Adam Uldall lecture

Friday 19th October 2018

09.00-12.30	EQALM Symposium, day 2
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.30	EQALM General Assembly

The Adam Uldall Award

The Adam Uldall lecture will be given by Greg Miller (USA) with the following title: *Future challenges in EQA, with special emphasis on harmonization and commutability*. Greg Miller is a Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University and his professional interests and research has focused on standardization and harmonization of laboratory results, quality control and external quality assessment/proficiency testing. His current professional activities include: Associate Editor of the journal Clinical Chemistry, Chair of the IFCC Working Group for Commutability, Chair of the Harmonization Oversight Group of the International Consortium for Harmonization of Clinical Laboratory Tests, Chair of the Laboratory Working Group of the National Kidney Disease Education Program, a member of the US delegation to ISO Technical Committee 212 for Clinical Laboratory Testing and In Vitro Diagnostic Test Systems, and several other work groups for clinical laboratory standards. He is a past-president of the AACC and the CLSI.



As a person who has spent much of his career pursuing better quality across Laboratory Medicine, the EQALM Executive Board find Professor Miller a worthy receiver of the Adam Uldall Award.

Abstract session

In this session all EQALM members 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 2018** and sent to EQALM office (office@eqalm.org).

Note! The Scientific Program Committee will select one abstract in which the speaker will have the registration fee, travel and hotel costs covered. All other speakers in this session must cover these costs themselves.

Registration

The registration fee for the symposium is:

Members before 31 st August:	€ 325
Members after 31 st August:	€ 405
Non-members before 31 st August:	€ 405
Non-members after 31 st August:	€ 485

The registration fee includes lunch, tea and coffee both days and conference dinner on Thursday 18 October. For registration, please use the electronic registration form on the EQALM website www.eqalm.org.

Cancellation policy

Cancellations must be sent to office@eqalm.org and received no later than 30st September 2018. A € 75 administrative fee will apply. No refunds will be issued after 30st September 2018.

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

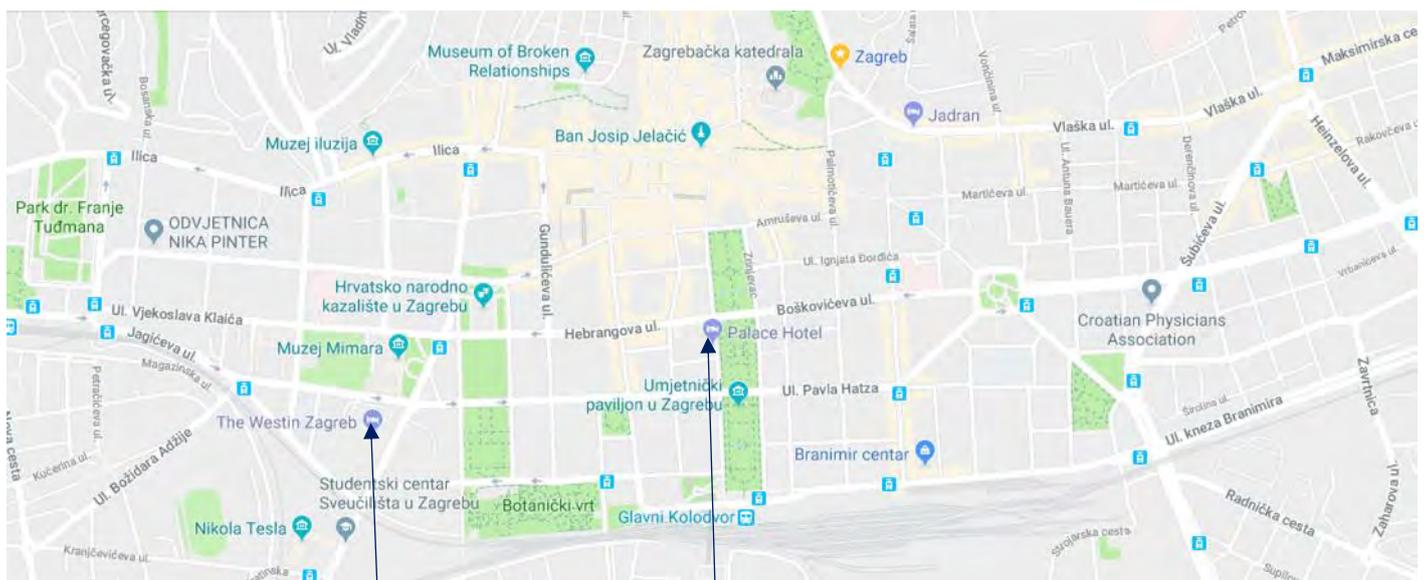
The Palace Hotel Zagreb
Trg J.J. Strossmayera 10, Zagreb
(+ 385) 1 4899 600
<http://palace.hr/en/>

Weather in Zagreb in October

Weather in Zagreb in October is mild with average daytime temperatures around 16°C whilst at night is 7°C. Rainy and windy days are not unusual. Bring layers of clothing and an umbrella!

Social event details (evening of Thursday 18 October)

Departure from the Palace Hotel by foot to the Westin Hotel (1.1 km, 15 min).
Dinner at the Opera salon, located on the 17th floor, which is one of the most prestigious salons in Zagreb. Beside its secession interior, this salon offers breath taking view over Zagreb. Return to the Palace Hotel on foot.



Dinner Venue

Conference Venue

Hotel reservation

The Palace Hotel Zagreb

The Palace Hotel Zagreb is located in Zagreb city centre, 40 minutes away from Zagreb Airport “dr. Franjo Tuđman”. Breakfast is included in the price, as is wireless internet access, Fitness centre and VAT. Supplement for city tax is €1.08 per person per day.

- €85.00 Single room (per night)
- €95.00 Double room (per night)

In order to get the special prices, **participants should make hotel reservations via the hotel registration form**, which is available at the EQALM web site www.eqalm.org. Filled form should be send to Palace Hotel Zagreb (e-mail: margarita.sikic@palace.hr). Availability is guaranteed from Wednesday 17th October to Saturday 20th October if booked before 17 September 2018.

Send the hotel registration form to margarita.sikic@palace.hr before 17 September 2018.

How to get to the Palace Hotel

At the Terminal take shuttle bus to the Main Bus Station ([timetable](#)). At the Main Bus Station take tram N°6 towards Črnomerec to get to the Palace Hotel (4th station). Approximate travel time from airport to the hotel is 1 hour.

OTHER HOTEL OPTIONS

Please contact hotel directly using link below (no special rates)

[Hotel Jadran](#)

[Best Western Premier Hotel Astoria](#)

[Hotel Dubrovnik](#)

[Hotel Central](#)

[Hotel Jegerhorn](#)

[Hotel Sheraton](#)

Social event (evening of Friday 19 October)

The Upper town witches, 19:30-21:00; short walking tour with interactive elements and lively performers. Meet the dark side of Zagreb from the Middle Ages onwards through an entertaining programme, combining the witchcraft beliefs, the real practice and historical events in the background.

This event is **not covered** by the EQALM registration fee. Please indicate your interest by emailing crogalm@gmail.com as the event will need to be pre-booked; final cost will depend on number of interested. CROQALM will confirm final cost and payment method to those interested.

The Upper town witches €20; meeting point at the main square (Ban Josip Jelačić Square), in front of the Tourist Information Centre.

Other recommended visitor sites

[The Cathedral of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

[Dolac Market](#)

[Tkalčićeva Street](#)

[Upper Town](#)

[St. Mark's Church](#)

[Strossmayer promenade](#)

[St. Catherine's Square](#)

[Museum of Broken Relationships](#)

[The Croatian Museum of Naive Art](#)

[Croatian State Archives](#)

[Art Pavillion in Zagreb](#)

[Museum of Illusions](#)

[Zagreb 80's Museum](#)

[Atelier Meštrović](#)

[The Strossmayer Gallery of Old Masters](#) – Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts

[Croatian National Theatre](#)

[Zagreb 360°](#) - observation deck

[Mirogoj cemetery](#) – an open art gallery

[Maksimir Park & Zagreb Zoo](#)

[Medvedgrad Castle](#)

www.infozagreb.hr is Zagreb's official tourism information website providing comprehensive information to inspire you to visit Croatia's capital city and offer the most up to date relevant information to you during your stay.