

Introducing PTA's Haematology Morphology Quality Assurance Program

PTA is pleased to announce its newest program - Haematology Morphology Quality Assurance Program, which will commence in January 2013.

Registrations are now being accepted, and further information, including how to enrol, may be found via the links below:

- http://www.pta.asn.au/documents/2PTA_Haematology_Ad102038.pdf
- http://www.pta.asn.au/documents/HM1FW_Letter_of_Intent.pdf
- http://www.pta.asn.au/documents/HM1FW_Request_for_Participation.pdf

A sample Haematology Morphology Quality Assurance Program report and sample educational supplement may be found via the links below:

- http://www.pta.asn.au/documents/HM1FW_Example_Report.pdf
- http://www.pta.asn.au/documents/HM1FW_Example_Education_Component.pdf

For further information, please email ptaenquiry@pta.asn.au.



PTA Staff

Yvette Christie, Program Co-ordinator will return from maternity leave in January 2013. We welcome Delfina Mihaila as a permanent staff member of PTA. Delfina has been coordinating the Waters (Chemical) Proficiency Testing Program in 2012, and will continue to do so in the new year. Frances Watton, PTA Quality-Business Development Manager, will be on maternity leave from February 2013.

Did you know?

PTA can create customised proficiency testing programs for industry organisations. Please contact PTA for further information.

ICASI Meeting

On 31 October 2012 the Executive committee meeting for the International Committee of Analysis in Steel and Iron Industry was held in Beijing China. At this meeting PTA General Manager, Philip Briggs was confirmed to continue as a member of the ICASI Executive committee to 2018. The next meeting is scheduled in 2015.

Upcoming Programs Jan – Jun 2013

Chemical	Determinations
Waters/151	Nitrate, Ammonia, Orthophosphate
Waters/152	Metals (Chromium, Copper, Iron, Lead, Nickel, Thallium, Zinc)
Waters/153	Sulfate, Conductivity, pH, Colour
Waters/154	Organophosphate Pesticides
Waters/155	Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus
Waters/156	Metals (Aluminium, Barium, Bismuth, Boron, Lithium, Manganese, Silver, Strontium)
CFR	Correlated Fuel Research (MON, RON and AVGAS)
Asbestos ID/11	Bulk sample identification
Asbestos/32	Slide fibre count
Asbestos in Soil/4	Sample identification in soil
Paint/19	To be determined
Metal Alloys/25	Ferrous
Soils (Chemical)/7	Residues
Biological	
Waters/46	Effluent - E. coli, Faecal & Total Coliforms, Plate, Strep.
Legionella/46	Enumeration & identification
Non-Pathogens in Food/14	E. coli, Total plate count, Thermophiles
Crypto & Giardia/31	Enumeration & identification

Construction Materials	
Soils/16	Classification
Concrete/16	Compressive strength, dimensions
Aggregates/12	Particle size distribution, particle shape, particle density, water absorption
Mechanical	
Tensile Testing of Metals/5	Tensile testing of metal
NDT	
Magnetic Particle Inspection/1	Steel pipe, plate and tee and Y
Radiography/1	Steel pipe, plate and tee
Ultrasonics/2	Steel pipe and plate
Calibration	
Digital Multimeter/2	HP 34401A Digital Multimeter - DC Voltage (0.1 ~ 1000 V), AC Voltage (0.1 ~ 750 V), DC Current (0.01 ~ 3 A), AC Current (1 ~ 3 A), and Resistance (1 Ohm ~ 10 Meg Ohm)
Gravimetric/3	Five or six place balances to determine inhalable / respirable dust, welding fumes and gases

Note: Various Calibration and Measurement Audits may be conducted upon request.

More information can be found on these and other PTA programs on the PTA website at http://www.pta.asn.au/pta_Schedules.html

Christmas Greetings



The PTA team would like to thank all participants involved in its proficiency testing programs for 2012. We would also like to thank all of our Technical Advisors and Suppliers for the assistance and continued support provided to PTA in its proficiency testing programs. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2013. We look forward to working with you in the new year.

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