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First European Conference on Quality Management in Clinical Laboratories: QUALITY (R)EVOLUTION IN CLINICAL LABORATORIES 12–13 November 1995 Elzenveld, Antwerp, Belgium

The subject of Quality Management in the Clinical Laboratory is rapidly gaining importance in a harmonizing Europe. At the turn of the century health care in general and the clinical laboratory in particular will be able to control and manage its quality. This development, partly money driven, is irreversible and widely accepted within scientific, health insurance as well as political circles. European and corresponding national rules and regulations shall be put into effect in the near future to ensure the desired standards in quality and safety in both product and patientcare and need attention from those who actually work in this sector.

At this high level and practical European conference, internationally renowned experts from Europe and the United States will provide an interdisciplinary review of the current key issues for the laboratory management: ISO 9000, SO 25, EN 45001, CLIA 88.

Prominent speakers will highlight the subject of total quality management from European and American viewpoints, from political, professional and governmental perspectives. The insight gained is of crucial importance on the estimated effects on practical laboratory medicine while, at the same time, valuable guidelines are given for an effective implementation of supra regional regulations in the future.

The professional state-of-the-art is guaranteed through the expertise brought in by the scientific intermediary, Dr H.M.J. Goldschmidt, Coordinating Manager of the Central Clinical Chemical and Hematological Laboratory, Tilburg, the Netherlands. Dr J-C. Libeer of the Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology of the Ministry of Public Health and Environment, Brussels, Belgium will act as chairman of the conference.

The topics at this conference will highlight the practical implications of Quality Management for all parties involved, legal consequences, cost and benefits analysis, financing, a number of guiding case studies, etc.

The conference will be held in English. Exhibition space is foreseen.

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