

PRE-REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT

INTER-LABORATORY COMPARISON EXERCISES 2012 PROGRAM

GOALS

- To study inter- and intra-laboratory variability for analytical / toxicological procedures.
- To increase the general knowledge on these methods, for different types of aqueous samples.
- To provide participants with an independent and useful tool enabling them to verify their quality assurance system.

METHODOLOGY

- Organization and participation are private, independent, voluntary and confidential.
- Exercises run from February through July 2012, according to the attached schedule.
- Participation does not imply accreditation or qualification of participants regarding competence or performance.
- Participants are committed to:
 - obtain the results required for each sample using their own Standard Operating Procedure.
 - send the results and requested data on the established dates in the forms duly provided.
- Participants receive a Certificate of Participation and Certificate of Results.

CONFIDENTIALITY

- The Centre for Research and Innovation in Toxicology (CRIT) of the Technical University of Catalonia (UPC), guarantees the total confidentiality of the identity and results presented by participants.
- The copyright of the results, reports, calculations, drawings, other documents and any material in any format provided in connection with the exercises belongs to the CRIT. Total or partial publication of any information related to these exercises, in whatever format, is not allowed without written permission from CRIT

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HOW TO REGISTER

- Reserve your participation as soon as possible sending the enclosed **PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**.

FINAL REGISTRATION

- Formal registration to selected exercises will be done using the specific **ENROLMENT FORM** that **will be sent in due time** for each one of the exercises via electronic mail.
- The organization reserves the right to cancel any exercise if there are not enough participants
- Any correspondence will be maintained via electronic mail (ribo@crit.upc.edu and/or riva@crit.upc.edu)

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PRE-REGISTRATION

Mr. /Ms. _____

ORGANIZATION / COMPANY _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

E-mail _____ Tel. _____ Fax _____

PRE-REGISTRATION IN 2012 INTERLABORATORY COMPARISON EXERCISES

To reserve your participation, please mark the selected exercise:

2012 PROGRAM		INTERLABORATORY COMPARISON EXERCISES					I WISH TO PARTICIPATE (✓)
ASSAY	Begins	Ends	Report due	No. of samples	Replicates (series)	Fee (€) ¹⁾	
Luminescent bacteria toxicity assay (20th ed.) ²⁾	Feb	Jun	Oct	6	5	Register at: www.bequalm.org ²⁾	
Daphnia Toxicity Assay (7th ed.)	Mar	Jul	Sept	3	3	745,00 + vat	
Alga Toxicity Assay (7th ed.)	Mar	Jul	Sept	3	3	745,00 + vat	
Daphnia + Alga Toxicity Assays (7th ed.)	Mar	Jul	Sept	3+3	3	1.340,00 + vat	
AOX (halogenated organics) (9th ed.)	Apr	Jun	Sept	3	3	725,00 + vat	
Microcystins in water samples (8th ed.)	May	Jul	Oct	3	3	825,00 + vat	

¹⁾ Prices include shipping costs within Europe **but VAT must be added when applicable.**

¹⁾ Participants in years 2010 and/or 2011 have a reduction of 10% on listed prices

²⁾ This Exercise is part of the EU BEQUALM Program managed by CEFAS in the UK

Shipping costs, VAT and financial costs where applicable, will be added to prices shown.

Yours truly,

Name, signature and company stamp

Date: -----

IMPORTANT:

Reserve your participation sending this form in advance, by e-mail to info@crit.upc.edu

REGISTRATION TO EACH EXERCISE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE TIME