



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION COOPERATION (ILAC)**  
**AND**  
**THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CLINICAL CHEMISTRY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE**  
**(IFCC)**

**1. Parties and Purpose**

The Parties

- 1.1 The International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (hereafter ILAC) is the specialised body administering a global mutual recognition arrangement among laboratory accreditation bodies, having as their objective the formal recognition of competent laboratories, for specified scopes.
- 1.2 The International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (hereafter IFCC) is the global body for setting and promoting high standards of practice in clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine. This role includes promoting worldwide medical laboratory accreditation.

The Purpose

- 1.3 The Chairman of ILAC and the President of IFCC, on behalf of their respective members and in accordance with the constitution and relevant rules of both organizations, agree upon the following MoU to inform and support future cooperation of their activities in the area of medical laboratory accreditation. ILAC and IFCC accept the provisions of this MoU.

**2. Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties agree to co-operate in the following areas of medical laboratory accreditation:

- 2.1 Communication and sharing of information in areas of mutual interest
  - 2.1.1 Sharing of information on the geographical representation of IFCC and ILAC and of the international organizations with which each party has established links
  - 2.1.2 Corresponding membership and right of attendance by IFCC at the ILAC Accreditation Committee

- 2.1.3 Sharing of relevant ILAC guidance documents with IFCC at an early stage to enable IFCC comment
- 2.1.4 Collaboration on topics of mutual interest to agree on common policy and positions
- 2.2 Promotion of medical laboratory accreditation according to ISO 15189
  - 2.2.1 Mutual promotion of relevant activities and events through the websites, newsletters and publications of both parties
  - 2.2.2 Promotion of good practice in medical laboratory accreditation across the membership of both parties
  - 2.2.3 Collaboration in the promotion of agreed common policy and positions to relevant national and international governments, standards and accreditation bodies and other organizations
- 2.3 Education and training support for medical laboratory accreditation, especially in developing countries
  - 2.3.1 Invitation for ILAC to participate in relevant conferences, symposia and courses run by IFCC in the area of medical laboratory accreditation
  - 2.3.2 Mutual invitation to participate in relevant training events in areas that include 'training the trainers' and 'traceability in laboratory medicine'
  - 2.3.3 Liaison between the ILAC Joint Development Support Committee and the IFCC Education and Management Division to share information, and where appropriate, to collaborate in projects to support the introduction and medical laboratory accreditation in developing countries

### **3. Implementation**

- 3.1 This MoU shall come into force on the date of signature by the Chairman of ILAC and the President of IFCC and will remain in force until terminated in accordance with the provisions defined below.
- 3.2 This MoU will be reviewed by the Parties every three years.

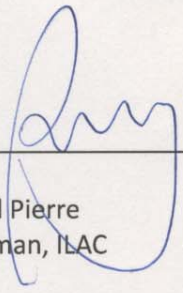
### **4. Amendments**

- 4.1 This MoU may be amended at any time by a written agreement between the Parties.

### **5. Termination**

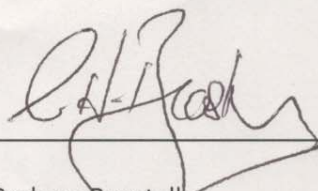
- 5.1 This MoU may be terminated by either Party upon six months written notice of such intention.

6. Signature



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Daniel Pierre  
Chairman, ILAC



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Graham Beastall  
President, IFCC

Signed on: July 12<sup>th</sup> 2010