

## Hartford Steam Boiler Ireland Awarded Certification and Inspection Accreditation



Hartford Steam Boiler



In September 2019, Hartford Steam Boiler Ireland Limited (HSB IE) was successfully accredited for three schemes, to undertake notified body product and personnel certification in compliance with ISO 17065, ISO 17024 and notified body inspection in compliance with ISO 17020 by the INAB Board.

HSB IE is an independent certification and inspection body recently established in Dublin, Ireland and will provide notified body services in the following areas (once notified):

- Certification of Pressure Equipment under the PED 2014/68/EU
- Approval of Permanent Joining Procedures and Personnel under the PED 2014/68/EU
- Certification of Factory Production Control to system 2+, under the Construction Products Regulation of (EU) 305/2011

## TUAM EMC Laboratory Awarded Accreditation to ISO 17025:2017

In September 2019, **Connaught Electronics Limited t/a Valeo**, Tuam were awarded accreditation to the ISO 17025:2017 standard for their EMC qualification testing activities.

The EMC Lab is responsible for EMC validation testing on all new products, support for resolving EMC issues & is a member of the Valeo EMC Network with access to specialised EMC groups with expertise in simulation, testing etc.

The main work performed by the team related to this accreditation is qualification testing to the Automotive EMC standards. The goal of the EMC testing is to ensure that their camera systems when installed in vehicles operate correctly - without interfering with other electric systems in the vehicle and without being affected by other electric systems in the vehicle. This testing requires a range of specialist high tech high quality EMC test equipment and a skilled

and knowledgeable team to operate and manage the tests. The EMC team also supports the project development teams with specialised knowledge on EMC related issues - providing solutions to fix EMC problems detected and providing advice during early development stage to prevent EMC problems occurring.

“This accreditation is the result of a lot of hard work over the last 2 years from the Tuam EMC team and the GEEDS EMC team in Creteil. The positive results from the INAB audits earlier this year, culminating in the successful award of the accreditation, demonstrate the professionalism of the EMC team”.

Paul Doyle , EMC Laboratory Manager, Valeo Tuam.

Tuam EMC Laboratory presented their accreditation certificate by Dr Adrienne Duff, Manager of INAB.



## Veolia Industries Global Solutions Awarded ISO 17025:2017 Accreditation

In September 2019, Veolia Industries Global Solutions (VIGS) a multi-national facilities management company operating as part of the Veolia group was awarded INAB Accreditation in the field of testing to ISO 17025:2017 specifically for

measurement of COD, conductivity, pH, and Total Suspended Solids in surface water and effluent. The laboratory is based on its customer site (SK biotek) in Swords, Co. Dublin.

### NEWS ON LABORATORY ACCREDITATION

Brid Burke – Scheme Manager

## Transition to ISO17025:2017

Transition assessments of testing and calibration laboratories to ISO17025:2017 is in progress and all visits to these laboratories are being completed according to the new revision. Approximately 25 laboratories have successfully transitioned with many in the process of assessment and decision. All laboratories will need to have successfully completed this process by November 2020 at which time their current accreditation to ISO 17025:2005 will expire.

## MEDICAL TESTING

The Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee (MSAC) met in September 2019, with our next meeting scheduled for January 2020. Topics discussed included;

- Work continues on the harmonisation of scope documents. MSAC members will propose common scope terminology at the next meeting.
- Applications for Whole Genome Sequencing and Next Generation sequencing; INAB currently has applications in waiting for this technology.
- Some hospital laboratories are replacing part of the blood culture test with molecular test methods. This was discussed and an amended notification has been issued to all laboratories, to allow for this development.

## NEW OR CHANGED TECHNICAL POLICIES

PS29- Policy for the accreditation of Whole Genome sequencing (WGS) and Next Generation sequencing (NGS) techniques was issued. National guidelines regarding these techniques are in the process of development with the professional bodies (in the medical field). In the interim, PS29 will be applied for all laboratories wishing to become accredited for these techniques.

Revised notification on blood culture testing – This revision recognises the use of molecular techniques as part of blood culture testing process. Please contact your INAB officer if you have any queries on this.

## New Developments for 2020

### Accreditation of Audiology services according to ISO15189

This accreditation will be available for audiology services attached to hospitals, referral centres attached to hospitals and / or HSE recognised community services. It is not intended for centres providing hearing aid services to the general public. An official announcement will be issued in December.

### Accreditation of Biobanking according to ISO20387

INAB plans on developing processes for the accreditation of Biobanks in 2020. Accreditation requirements around this scheme have not been fully developed and discussions around the requirements will continue at EA / ILAC forums.

## ILAC and EA Meetings for Inspection and Testing

INAB was represented at both the EA and ILAC committees for testing held in September and October.

The transition to ISO17025 :2017 was a significant part of the discussions at both meetings with a one day workshop on the new revision held as part of the EA laboratory committee. All accreditation bodies discussed issues and queries with the new revision and this provided an excellent opportunity to discuss the revised standard and harmonise its implementation.

A workshop on Biobanking and ISO20387 was also held as part of the ILAC meetings. An EA working group or committee will be in place in 2020 to discuss the development and implementation of this scheme, more in the next newsletter.

INAB was also represented at the recent ILAC inspection body meetings in October. The main topics of discussion at this meeting were a new revision of ILAC P15. The document is at final draft stage and will be published in early 2020.

## EA and IAF Meetings for Certification

The 38th meeting of the **EA Certification Committee** of EA took place on 3-4 September 2019 in Berlin.

The meeting was held in the usual format with a large portion of time given over to consideration of questions from EA CC members, which consists of national accreditation bodies and stakeholders including representative organisations of certification bodies. A record of FAQs can be found on the EA website under: Information Centre – [EA FAQs](#) – Committee FAQ – Certification committee.

An exercise on audit days had been circulated to the committee members in advance and the results were discussed at the meeting. 25 responses were received and variability in results was noted. The methods employed for determination of numbers of effective personnel was suggested as a possible reason for the variation.

Information was gathered on the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies for Trust Service Providers as set out in the eIDAS Regulation (EU) 910/2014. Regarding GDPR, there was not much activity noted to date but some accreditation bodies were reviewing schemes.

### Glossary

EA – European co-operation for Accreditation

ILAC - International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation

IAF- International Accreditation Forum

### The IAF Technical Committee met in Frankfurt on 23-24 October 2019.

The meeting included reports from various working groups: management systems; product; persons; forests; food; medical devices; greenhouse gases and energy; information technology; information security; business continuity; auditing practices.

There are also a number of task forces in place. One is devising a new policy for transition to new standards/MDs with the aim of having a systematic way of dealing with transitions to new or revised documents. This will also cater for simplified transitions which would not be the norm but would be useful to have. Another task force has been examining audit time and has tabulated requirements from different standards/MDs and it is proposed to develop a flowchart plus a document for calculation of audit time.

**General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679**

INAB and the Data Protection Commission (DPC) are hosting an information session in December for accredited, applicant certification bodies and those interested in developing schemes. The aim of the information session is to examine and discuss

requirements of Articles 42 and 43 of the General Data Protection Regulation. ISO/IEC 17065 is specifically mentioned in the Regulation and both the DPC and INAB will have a role in the approval of schemes in this area.

**INAB ASSESSOR FORUM 2020**

In February 2020, INAB will welcome 40+ national and international assessors and experts to Dublin Castle for our assessor forum.

Participation at the forum ensures that active and new assessors benefit from an open platform, where INAB policy issues are discussed, and breakout groups take place per standard which contribute toward

harmonising the accreditation process. The forum is a one day event, currently held every two years.

As part of preparation for our agenda, assessors were invited to participate in a survey for feedback on technical issues and suggestions for the agenda. We look forward to welcoming you to Dublin in the New Year.

**Do You have the Technical Knowledge and Experience to be an INAB Assessor?**

INAB is currently seeking technical assessors/experts in the areas listed below. If you have the relevant technical knowledge and experience please visit the Assessor Information link on our homepage [www.inab.ie](http://www.inab.ie), and complete an IP25 Expression of Interest form.

It would be really useful to have a greater participation from assessors based in Ireland. There is no minimum number of assessments required and flexibility with additional assessors helps the organisation of all assessment visits.

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**ISO 15189**

Audiology technical assessors/experts  
 Biobanking technical assessors/experts  
 Bioinformatics technical experts  
 Genetic Testing – Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) and Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technical experts  
 Haematology (Consultants and Medical Scientists)  
 Histopathology and Cytopathology (Consultants)  
 Immunology (Consultants)

**ISO 17025 (Testing)**

Bioinformatics technical experts  
 Construction Materials Testing  
 Gas emissions testing  
 Genetic Testing – Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) and Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technical experts  
 Radiometry testing  
 ISO 17025 (Calibration)  
 Temperature  
 Volume

**ISO 17065**

Notified Bodies – Product Certification  
 2006/42/EC Machinery safety (Annex IV)  
 2010/35/EU Transportable pressure equipment  
 EU/2016/425 Personal protective equipment  
 EU/305/2011 Construction products (multiple product families)  
 2014/68/EU Pressure equipment

**ISO 17020**

Lifting equipment  
 Pressure equipment



## New Client Accreditations awarded in 2019

Reg No.	Accredited Body	Standard	Award Date
377T	Blueline Testing	ISO 17025	30/01/2019
378C	Laboratory Supplies Ltd	ISO 17025C	30/01/2019
7003	WQ-iC Ltd	ISO 17024	30/01/2019
9027	WQ-iC Ltd	ISO 17020	30/01/2019
6025	OMNI Assured Certification International Limited	ISO 17065	30/01/2019
5017	OMNI Assured Certification International Limited	ISO 17021-1	30/01/2019
9028	BRE Global Assurance (Ireland) Ltd	ISO 17020	20/03/2019
379T	Regional Veterinary Laboratory Limerick	ISO 17025T	03/04/2019
9029	Vertigo Inspection (ROI) Ltd	ISO 17020	03/04/2019
6026	Vertigo Inspection (ROI) Ltd	ISO 17065	03/04/2019
7004	Vertigo Inspection (ROI) Ltd	ISO 17024	03/04/2019
380MT	Eurofins MC Pathology Limited	ISO 15189	12/06/2019
6028	CCQS Certification Services Limited	ISO 17065	11/09/2019
381T	Connaught Electronics Limited t/a Valeo Visions Systems	ISO 17025T	11/09/2019
382T	Veolia Industries - Global Solutions	ISO 17025T	11/09/2019
6029	Cranage Veritas Limited	ISO 17065	11/09/2019
6030	Hartford Steam Boiler Ireland Ltd	ISO 17065	11/09/2019
9030	Hartford Steam Boiler Ireland Ltd	ISO 17020	11/09/2019
7005	Hartford Steam Boiler Ireland Ltd	ISO 17024	11/09/2019
6027	BASEC Conformity Limited	ISO 17065	11/09/2019
7006	HPI Verification Services (Ireland) Ltd	ISO 17024	06/11/2019
6031	CTI-CEM International Ltd	ISO 17065	06/11/2019
6032	CATG Certification Ltd	ISO 17065	06/11/2019

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**INAB BOARD UPDATE** – Ita Kinahan and Paul Hetherington re-appointed as chair and vice chair. Further information on the INAB Board in the “about us” section on [www.inab.ie](http://www.inab.ie)



# INAB Welcome New Staff

We are delighted to welcome our newest members of staff that joined us in June of this year.



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