

IFCC TF-GLQ Laboratory Quality Assurance Workshop
Strengthening Laboratory Quality:
Foundations and Practical Approaches

Montevideo, Uruguay

Hotel Dazzler by Wyndham

November 24 and 25, 2025



Strengthening Laboratory Quality!

DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 24 (MONDAY)

8:00 – 9:00 (60')	Registration
9:00 – 9:15 (15')	Welcome
9:15 – 9:30 (15') <i>Dr. Ivan Blasutig</i>	Global Quality Initiatives and the Role of IFCC in Supporting Resource-Limited Countries
Morning Session Moderators: TF-GLQ representative and local representative	
9:30 – 10:15 (45') <i>Dr. José Poloni</i>	Good Laboratory Practice (GLP): Building Blocks for Quality
10:15 – 11:00 (45') <i>Dr. Ivan Blasutig</i>	Internal Quality Control (iQC) Fundamentals: Monitoring and Troubleshooting
11:00 – 11:15 (15')	BREAK
11:15 – 12:00 (45') <i>Dr. Beatriz Varela</i>	Common iQC Problems in Routine Labs: What to Watch or
12:00 – 12:30 (30') <i>Local speaker</i>	Local Perspective: Reality and Challenges in Uruguay
12:30 – 13:30 (60')	LUNCH
Afternoon Session Moderators: TF-GLQ representative and local representative	
13:30 – 14:15 (45') <i>Dr. Qing Meng</i>	Laboratory Strategies for Improving iQC
14:15 – 14:30 (15')	BREAK
14:30 – 16:00 (90') <i>Facilitators Dr. Ivan Blasutig Dr. José Poloni</i>	Interactive Case Review: Investigating iQC Problems in the Lab (small group discussions)
16:00 – 16:45 (45') <i>Facilitators Dr. Ivan Blasutig Dr. José Poloni Dr. Qing Meng</i>	iQC Group Exercise: Strategies to Solve iQC Problems (group activity)
16:45 – 17:00 (15') <i>Dr. Ivan Blasutig</i>	Wrap-up and Questions

DAY 2 – NOVEMBER 25 (TUESDAY)

8:00 – 9:00 (60')	Registration
Morning Session Moderators: TF-GLQ representative and local representative	
9:00 – 9:45 (45') <i>Dr. José Poloni</i>	External Quality Assessment (EQA): Principles and Benefits for All Laboratories
9:45 – 10:30 (45') <i>Dr. Beatriz Varela</i>	Interpretation and Practical Approaches to Improving EQA Results
10:30 – 10:45 (15')	BREAK
10:45 – 11:30 (45') <i>Facilitators</i> <i>Dr. Ivan Blasutig</i> <i>Dr. José Poloni</i> <i>Dr. Qing Meng</i>	Interactive Case Review: Investigating EQA Flags (small group discussions)
11:30 – 12:30 (60') <i>Facilitators</i> <i>Dr. Ivan Blasutig</i> <i>Dr. José Poloni</i> <i>Dr. Qing Meng</i>	EQA Group Exercise: Strategies to Solve EQA Problems (group activity)
12:30 – 13:30 (60')	LUNCH
Afternoon session moderators: TF-GLQ representative and local representative	
13:30 – 14:15 (45') <i>Dr. Qing Meng</i>	Quality Indicators in Laboratory Medicine: Advancing Excellence in Laboratory Practice
14:15 – 14:30 (15')	BREAK
14:30 – 15:15 (45') <i>All Speakers</i>	Panel Discussion: What Kind of Support Do Labs in Resource-Limited Countries Need?
15:15 – 15:30 (15') <i>Dr. Ivan Blasutig and local representative</i>	Key messages and takeaways
15:30 – 15:45 (15') <i>Dr. Ivan Blasutig</i>	Summary and Questions
15:45 – 16:00 (15')	Certificate Distribution and Feedback