

A one day meeting entitled **“The Impact of Legislation and Legislative Quality Requirements on the Food Analyst”** will be held on **15 March 2012, at The Chemistry Centre, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London**

The aim of this symposium is to inform on current legislative developments and research requirements in the food sector. We are particularly pleased that the issue of “quality” will be reviewed by Dr Mike Sargent who will be presenting his L S Theobald lecture. The enforcement of legislation in the food sector will be discussed through consideration of the roles of the UK “Referee Analyst” and the official food control analyst. The role of National reference Laboratories, the “new” player in the enforcement of legislation, will be described taking the contaminants area as a representative example of where an NRL has been appointed. We are pleased that the quality requirements for potential contractors undertaking research contracts and surveillance work for the Food Standards Agency in the food sector will be highlighted and one of the research programmes of particular interest to the food analyst will be discussed in some detail. International quality developments, including proficiency testing, and the next draft of the Eurachem Measurement Uncertainty Guide will also be described. The symposium will be of interest to all working in the food sector, especially industry and enforcement analysts, as well as others who will be interested in seeing which way legislation is currently developing for analysts

PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Registration and coffee
- 10.30 Welcome and introduction to the meeting – Dr Roger Wood
- 10.40 L.S.Theobald Lecture to be given by Dr Mike Sargent, LGC *“Twenty Five Years of Analytical Quality Assurance: Are Today’s Measurements Any More Reliable?”*
- 11.30 *“Role of the Government Chemist Programme”* Dr Selvarani Elahi, LGC
- 12.00 *“The Public Analyst System in the UK – Future Prospects”* Dr Duncan Campbell, APA President, West Yorkshire Analytical Services
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.45 *“Experience of Being a National Reference Laboratory in the Food Sector”* Dr Martin Rose, Fera
- 14.15 *“DEFRA/FSA/BBSRC/NERC Joint Code of Practice for Quality of Research and the achievements of the FSA Research Programme EO1, Improved Methods of Analysis”* Dr Andy Damant, FSA
- 14.55 *“Proficiency Testing – Lessons to be Learnt”* Professor Mike Thompson, Birkbeck College, London
- 15.30 *“EURACHEM MU Guide, 3rd Generation”* Dr Steve Ellison, LGC
- 16.00 Final discussion
- 16.15 Close of Meeting and Tea

Note: alterations to this programme will appear on the East Anglia Region web site
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REGISTRATION FORM

“The Impact of Legislation and Legislative Quality Requirements on the Food Analyst”

To register for this meeting, please complete and return the form below, together with the appropriate fee to: **Brian Woodget, 14 Benington Road, Aston, Herts, SG2 7DX. [bwoodget1@sky.com]**

Registration fees are: **RSC members £50, non-members £75, student/retired members and unwaged £35.** Payment should be made preferably by cheque. For payment by BACS please contact Brian Woodget for payment details.

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