

Resume of Course Presenter (Philip Briggs, PTA General Manager):

Philip Briggs is General Manager of Proficiency Testing Australia (PTA) which was formed on 1 January 2006 – a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Association of Testing Authorities, Australia.

PTA has 9 staff located in two separate state city offices. The work involved in PTA activities covers programs in a variety of fields in both testing and calibration. PTA coordinates around 50 interlaboratory comparisons each year. PTA is accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17043.

Philip has 23 years experience with proficiency testing, including 17 years experience with the Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) including as Chairman APLAC Proficiency Testing Committee from 2003 to 2008. Philip continues as a member of APLAC's Proficiency Testing Committee and has had involvement in all of the current APLAC technical documents and requirements relating to proficiency testing. Philip has been co-presenter for a number of APLAC proficiency testing training courses. Philip has also presented a number of other PT courses and seminars as well as hosting international PT trainees for extended periods.

PTA Training Courses and Presentations

- AgriQuality 2006 Food Laboratory Workshop & Seminar, 31 May 2006, Melbourne – Presentation “The Benefits of Proficiency Testing”
- PTA Proficiency Testing attachment training – one delegate from BoA, Vietnam, 24 July – 4 August 2006
- PTA presentation – PT in Australia to Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt, Germany, 24 November 2006
- PTA Proficiency Testing Training Course for 30 participants for Ministry of Health, Malaysia held in Kuala Lumpur, 5-6 December 2006
- APLAC/PTB Proficiency Testing Training Course/planning Workshop for 25 participants held in Kuala Lumpur, 13-15 February 2007
- IAAC/PTB Workshop – “Identifying demand and proficiency testing providers” for 20 participants held in Lima Peru, 24-26 April 2007
- UNIDO Training Course – “Laboratory accreditation and proficiency testing for developing countries” for 11 staff project officers held in Vienna, Austria on 14-15 May 2007
- APLAC/PTB/BoA – PTA Presentation – “Proficiency Testing – A Measure to Improve Laboratory Performance” as part of a Bureau of Accreditation seminar on “Accreditation for Global trade and Consumer Protection” held in Hanoi, Vietnam on 11 September 2007
- APLAC/PTB Proficiency Testing Training Course/ Workshop for 26 participants held in Hanoi, Vietnam , 11-13 September 2007
- PTA Proficiency Testing presentation for Bureau of Accreditation staff in Hanoi, Vietnam on 14 September 2007
- PTA Proficiency Testing attachment training – one delegate funded by UNIDO from Pakistan National Accreditation Council , 24-28 September 2007
- PTA paper titled “Process and Development in Proficiency Testing” presented at “Symposium on Current & Innovative Approaches to Microbiological Food Safety Management” held in Singapore on 3-4 October 2007
- PT presentation for the Singapore Accreditation Council (SAC) seminar on proficiency testing and measurement traceability on 5 October 2007
- PTA paper titled “PTA Proficiency Testing for Food Safety Testing Laboratories” presented at “The First International Proficiency Testing Conference” held in Sinaia, Romania on 11-13 October 2007.
- ILAC Proficiency Testing Workshop – “Experiences of a 3 stage training/development program for operation of PT schemes” held in Cape Town, South Africa on 2 May 2008
- UNIDO Proficiency Testing Training Manual – draft document completed by PTA in June 2008
- PT Seminar & Workshop for Standards Malaysia staff and assessors (90 participants) held in Sepang, Malaysia on 13 August 2008
- PT Course & Workshop for Standards Malaysia PT providers (32 participants) held in Sepang, Malaysia on 14 – 15 August 2008
- PTA Proficiency Testing attachment training – one delegate from National Quality Control Laboratory of Drug & Food, Indonesia, 26-28 August 2008
- PTA Proficiency Testing attachment training – two delegates from Papua New Guinea Accreditation Scheme, 27 – 31 October 2008
- PTA Presentation “PTA Proficiency Testing for Metal Testing Laboratories”, ICASI Conference, Beijing China, 4 – 7 November 2008
- PTA Proficiency Testing Training course and workshop, National Institute of Standards (25 participants), Cairo, Egypt, 4 – 6 August 2009
- PTA Proficiency Testing attachment training – two delegates from Korea Water Corporation, 17 – 21 August 2009
- PTA Proficiency Testing attachment training – two delegates from Papua New Guinea Accreditation Scheme, 24 - 28 August 2009
- APLAC/PTB Proficiency Testing Training Course/ Workshop for 24 participants held in Bangkok, Thailand, 31 August – 3 September 2009
- PTA paper titled “Proficiency Testing for Calibration Laboratories” presented at “The Second International Proficiency Testing Conference” held in Sibiu, Romania on 16-18 September 2009
- PTA paper titled “Proficiency Testing for Calibration Laboratories” presented at the Metrology Society of Australia Conference held in Marcoola Beach, Queensland on 1 October 2009
- PTA Proficiency Testing attachment training – one delegate from Standards Malaysia and two delegates from NMI, Malaysia, 23 – 25 November 2009
- Proficiency testing forum held for staff of Komite Accreditation Nasional (KAN), Indonesia held in Kuta, Bali on 6 December 2009
- PTA paper titled “Proficiency Testing for Calibration Laboratories” presented at the International Metrology Conference, CAFMET, Giza, Egypt on 19-23 April 2010
- UNIDO funded Proficiency Testing Training Course for 14 participants QUATEST 3 held 17-19 May 2010 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- UNIDO funded Proficiency Testing Compliance audit to ISO/IEC 17043 for QUATEST 3 held 20-22 May 2010 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- UNIDO funded Proficiency Testing Training Course for 20 participants hosted by BoA held 24-26 May 2010 in Hanoi, Vietnam
- PTA paper titled “PTA Proficiency Testing for Non-Destructive Testing Laboratories” presented at the 15th CSM Conference & Exhibition on Analysis and Testing of Materials held in Beijing, China on 15 September 2010.
- PTA paper titled “Algae Proficiency Testing Program” presented at the 7th Australian Algal Workshop held in Brisbane, Australia on 6 July 2011

- PTA papers titled “Overview of ISO/IEC 17043”, “Selection of Proficiency Testing Programmes – what is available and appropriate” and “Proficiency Testing Data Interpretation and Trend Analysis – what to do with outliers” presented at the Proficiency Testing Seminar hosted by Health Services Authority and Singapore Accreditation Council held in Singapore on 15 July 2011.
- UNIDO funded attachment training for one staff member from QUATEST 3, Vietnam on Proficiency Testing Statistics held 27-29 July 2011 in Sydney, Australia.
- PTA paper titled “Proficiency Testing for Non-Destructive Testing Laboratories” presented at the 3rd International Proficiency Testing Conference held in Iasi, Romania on 28 September 2011.
- PTA presentation titled “Proficiency Testing” presented at the Australian Technical Infrastructure Committee held in Sydney on 24 February 2012.

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