

Company profile and impartiality policy

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SEKK was established in 1995 with the basic goal of providing medical laboratories with comprehensive services in the fields of external quality assessment (EQA) and education. We offer these services to workplaces both in the Czech Republic and abroad.

SEKK has sufficient personnel, its own highly specialized know-how, high-quality infrastructure, many years of experience and a powerful and secure information system. In addition, all of SEKK's key activities are economically designed as autonomous systems financed by customer payments for services provided - the system's independence from third-party resources enhances its overall independence and transparency.

EQA Division

This division is a provider of EQA for medical laboratories and professional users of POCT systems. The EQA system is built in cooperation with professional societies as an independent activity. In particular, professional societies actively participate in the process of designing the professional content of individual EQA schemes, and they recommend scientific supervisors and experts for these schemes. Emphasis is placed on achieving the most professional level of information and services provided. In relation to individual participants, the confidentiality of information obtained in the EQA system and linked to a specific participant is guaranteed. We actively cooperate with a number of foreign EQA providers (RfB, ECAT, and UK NEQAS).

The key document describing the activities of the EQA Division is the EQA Plan. This document describes the EQA system for one calendar year and is freely available at www.sekk.cz.

On 14 March 2006, SEKK first time obtained an accreditation certificate as a provider of proficiency testing schemes (No. 7004). This certificate was issued by the Czech Accreditation Institute. Copies of the current accreditation certificate and the annex to this certificate, which describes the scope of the accreditation, are available at www.sekk.cz.

We constantly strive for a professional, impartial and responsible approach to the provision of EQA, combined with a constant effort to improve the quality of services provided.

Impartiality policy

A key element of impartiality is the fact that SEKK does not sell any IVDs (EQA samples are not IVDs) and thus has no commercial interest in the results achieved by the IVDs of individual manufacturers in EQA rounds.

Scientific supervisors, recommended by professional societies, who oversee individual EQA schemes, also play very important role in ensuring impartiality.

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