



Technical Division for Laboratory Management

Providing the Information You Need to Manage
An Efficient, Cost-Effective Quality Laboratory

About AOAC's Technical Division for Laboratory Management

With the increasing focus on how the total environment of an analytical laboratory impacts the quality of analytical measurements produced in that laboratory, the Technical Division for Laboratory Management (TDLM) was created in 1997 to support the AOAC INTERNATIONAL mission of promoting methods validation and quality measurements. Being a member of this Technical Division will allow you to network, share information, and problem-solve on issues related to managing an efficient, high-quality analytical laboratory, as well as critical issues like laboratory accreditation.

Technical Division Activities

Membership in the Technical Division for Laboratory Management (TDLM) provides members with an opportunity to work with other members to encourage, support, and develop programs that will contribute to the improvement of quality laboratories.

By planning and conducting educational and informational activities on laboratory management topics, such as the TDLM Symposium at each AOAC INTERNATIONAL Annual Meeting, the Division offers opportunities for leadership and mentoring and, conversely, opportunities for learning and professional enhancement.

Accreditation is a major concern for laboratory managers today. It is challenging to apply the criteria found in international standards to a specific laboratory's type of analysis. To this end, the Technical Division on Laboratory Management has created the AOAC Laboratory Accreditation Criteria Committee (ALACC) to develop criteria for meeting ISO/IEC 17025 standards in analytical laboratories. ALACC subcommittees develop criteria for specific types of laboratories—for example, food microbiology, food chemistry, and pharmaceuticals.

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Technical Division Resources

Members of the Technical Division for Laboratory Management (TDLM) receive a:

- Newsletter two times a year that provides members with an opportunity to learn about the new TDLM initiatives. Included is a series on managerial skills for the new manager.
- Forum for networking, information sharing and problem solving on the issues of mutual interest for managing an efficient, cost-effective, quality laboratory.
- TDLM fosters harmonization of those appropriate laboratory systems, which will improve understanding, and transfer of information, data, and procedures.

Membership Eligibility & Fees

The annual membership fee for the Technical Division for Laboratory Management is \$20, in addition to being a current member of AOAC INTERNATIONAL (annual dues \$120).

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