



Technical Division on Reference Materials

Improving the Quality of Laboratory Measurements through the use of Reference Materials

About AOAC's Technical Division on Reference Materials

The Technical Division on Reference Materials (TDRM) was created in 1993 to support the AOAC INTERNATIONAL mission of promoting methods validation and quality measurements. Joining this Technical Division gives you access to an international network of analytical professionals who share interest in verifying the accuracy of analytical measurements through effective use of reference materials. Stay informed about current practices and changes in accreditation requirements on the use of reference materials by submitting your membership application today!

Technical Division Activities

TDRM works to establish correlations between certified matrix reference materials and AOAC® Official MethodsSM and to promote a common understanding of concepts and terminology. The Division seeks to improve the quality of analytical measurements the use of reference materials during method development and validation and in routine evaluation of method systems.

TDRM recommends policy and criteria to facilitate the development and use of reference materials, working in cooperation with the AOAC Official Methods Board and the AOAC Method Committees to address issues related to reference materials in AOAC Methods Programs. The Division further develops and maintains AOAC INTERNATIONAL's status as a recognized worldwide authority on methods validation and analytical measurements.

TDRM organizes and conducts educational and informational conferences and symposia on the use of reference materials with AOAC methods, including sessions during the AOAC INTERNATIONAL Annual Meeting and the International Symposium on Biological and Environmental Reference Materials (BERM).

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Technical Division Resources

Members of the Technical Division on Reference Materials (TDRM) receive a:

- Regular newsletter featuring Division activities and other information of interest.
- Copy of the TDRM booklet, "Development and Use of In-House Reference Materials."
- In addition, AOAC maintains an online directory and email group that allows members to network, share information, and problem-solve with colleagues.

Membership Eligibility & Fees

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

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