



MLA Group members in the 22nd GA in Bogotá Colombia



IAAC Membership

IAAC currently has a total of 53 members, 24 of which are full members, 5 are associate members and 24 are stakeholders. This year IAAC increased its membership by accepting two new Stakeholder members.

IAAC MLA Signatories

IAAC has a total of 20 MLA signatory members. It is a pleasure to report that 3 signatory members recently expanded their MLA to new scopes. Currently there are 20 MLA signatories for the scope of Testing Laboratories, 9 for Medical laboratories, 16 for Calibration Laboratories, 13 for Inspection Bodies, 4 for Reference Materials Producers, 4 for Proficiency Testing Providers, 11 for Quality Management Systems, 9 for Environmental Management Systems, 3 for Food Safety Management Systems, 2 for Information Security Management Systems, 2 for Medical Devices Management Systems, and 12 for Product Certification Bodies, and 1 for Verification/Validation of Green House Gases.

New IAAC MLA signatories

On August 25, 2017, OAA of Argentina was accepted as a signatory to the IAAC MLA for the scope of Proficiency Testing Providers (PTP) based on ISO/IEC 17043.

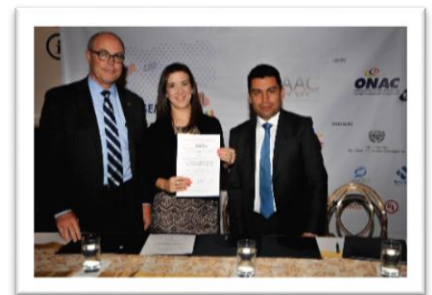
On July 8, 2017, ANAB of USA was accepted as a signatory to the IAAC MLA for the scope of Reference Materials Producers (RMP) based on ISO 17034; and ECA of Costa Rica was accepted as a signatory to the IAAC MLA for the scope of Medical Laboratories based on ISO 15189.

On March 6, 2017, ONARC of Cuba was accepted as a signatory to the IAAC MLA for the scope of Inspection Bodies based on ISO/IEC 17020; ema of Mexico was accepted as a signatory to the IAAC MLA for the scope of verification/validation of Green House Gases based on ISO 14065; and OSA of El Salvador was accepted as a signatory to the IAAC MLA for the scope of Calibration Laboratories based on ISO/IEC 17025.



ANAB of USA was accepted as a signatory to the IAAC MLA for RMP

From left to right: Liliane Somma IAAC Vice-Chair, Randy Dougherty IAAC Chair, Rhonda Banks ANAB representative and Ferney Chaparro MLAC Chair.



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From Left to right: Randy Dougherty IAAC Chair, Paola Marsico OAA representative and Ferney Chaparro MLA Chair.

IAAC MLA recognition by IAF and ILAC

IAAC is a recognized Regional Cooperation for the scopes of Testing Laboratories (including Medical Laboratories) and Calibration Laboratories; Inspection Bodies; and Quality Management Systems, Environmental Management Systems, and Product Certification Bodies including GLOBAL GAP.

IAAC submitted an application to extend IAF MLA and ILAC MRA scopes

IAAC has submitted an application to IAF to extend its MLA recognition to include the scope of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) Certification, Information Security Management Systems (ISMS), and Medical Devices Management Systems (MDMS) Certification Bodies. IAAC also submitted an application to ILAC to extend its MRA recognition for the scope of Proficiency Testing Providers (PTP). IAAC is ready to submit an application to ILAC for MRA recognition for Reference Materials Producers (RMP) as soon as the ILAC application forms are available. IAAC will undergo its re-

evaluation and scope extension evaluations by IAF and ILAC starting in the last quarter of 2017.

Launching of new IAAC MLA scopes

As of April 27, 2017, the IAAC General Assembly launched the IAAC MLA scope for **Energy Management Management Systems**, (EnMS) Certification Bodies, main scope: ISO/IEC 17021-1, subscope level 4 ISO/TS 50003, subscope level 5 ISO 50001. IAAC currently has 2 MLA scope extension processes for EnMS underway.

On August 25, 2017, the General Assembly launched the IAAC MLA extension for main scope level 3 ISO/IEC 17021-1, subscope level 5, under ISO 37001, for **Antibribery Management Systems** Certification Bodies.



In the picture above

From left to right: Randy Dougherty, IAAC Chair; Liliane Somma, IAAC Vice-Chair; Francisco Piedrahita, IAAC Treasurer and Victor Gandy, IAAC Secretary.



ECA of Costa Rica was accepted as a signatory to the IAAC MLA for Medical Labs

From left to right: Eric Chaves ECA representative, Randy Dougherty IAAC Chair, and Ferney Chaparro MLAC Chair

Elections of IAAC officers

The General Assembly recently elected the IAAC officials listed below for the 2017-2019 term:

- Liliane Somma of OUA, Uruguay, as IAAC Vice-Chair.
- Francisco Piedrahita de ONAC, Colombia, as IAAC Treasurer
- Ferney Chaparro of ONAC, Colombia, as MLA Committee Chair.
- Barbara Belzer of NVLAP, USA, as MLA Committee Vice-Chair.
- Alba Cabrera of ONA, Paraguay, as Management Committee Vice-Chair
- Yrene Caballero of ONA, Paraguay, as Documentation Subcommittee Chair.
- Rhonda Banks of ANAB, USA, as Documentation Subcommittee Vice-Chair.
- Andrea Melo of Cgcre, Brazil, as Technical Committee Vice-Chair.
- Paola Mársico of OAA, Argentina, as Inspection Bodies Subcommittee Chair.
- Sergio Hurtado of ema, Mexico, as Inspection Bodies Subcommittee Vice-Chair.
- Eduardo Ceballos of INN, Chile, as Certification Bodies Subcommittee Chair.
- Cheryl Morton of AIHA-LAP, USA, as Laboratories Subcommittee Chair.
- Eliana Ditta of OAA, Argentina, as Laboratories Subcommittee Vice-Chair.
- Elizabeth Tejeda of ema, Mexico, as Peer Evaluators Management Subcommittee Chair.
- Robert Miller of A2LA, USA, as Peer Evaluators Management Subcommittee Vice-Chair.

Dance show at the Farewell dinner



ONAC Colombia was a great host during the last GA

In the picture a Colombian dance show presented by our host ONAC

FAST FACTS

98%

Percentage of our members who participate on our electronic ballots.



IAAC Chair Annual report

From left to right: Victor Gandy IAAC Secretary, Randy Dougherty IAAC Chair & Liliane Somma IAAC Vice-Chair.



IAAC General Assembly

Technical Cooperation Projects

Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency Project (R3E)

The technical cooperation project titled "Quality Infrastructure Services for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency (R3E) in Latin America and the Caribbean" is being implemented by the 3 regional organizations for accreditation, standards and metrology: IAAC, COPANT and SIM. Sponsor organizations include PTB of Germany and the Organization of American States (OAS). 2 technical training workshops under the framework of this project were held during 2017. A workshop on implementing ISO IEC 17043:2010 and ISO 13528:2015 and a workshop on interpretation of the ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and applicable IAF MD documents focused on the implementation of an accreditation programme for Energy Management Systems.



Biodiversity and Climate Change Project

IAAC together with COPANT and SIM, the Regional organizations for standards and metrology, participate in a project aimed at strengthening the regional quality infrastructure through programs related to biodiversity and climate change. Sponsor organizations include PTB of Germany and the Organization of

American States (OAS). The project includes 2 accreditation subprojects. An Ecolabelling and Product Certification program carried out by ECA of Costa Rica, Ema of

Mexico and ONAC of Colombia, and a project on Sustainable Forests Certification carried out by Ema of Mexico, ONAC of Colombia and SAE of Ecuador. A 3rd phase of the project was launched IAAC in April 2017. A proposal was submitted by ONA of Paraguay, ONAC of Colombia and INACAL-DA of Peru regarding the "Development of accreditation requirements for greenhouse gas validation and verification bodies, GHG inventories certification for quality infrastructure services" which is currently in the selection process.



COPANT

Innovations for a Green Economy project

IAAC together with COPANT and SIM, the Regional organizations for standards and metrology, participate in a project aimed at strengthening the regional quality infrastructure through programs related to Innovations for a Green Economy. Sponsor organizations include PTB of Germany and the Organization of American States (OAS). A Project Advisory Committee was created to direct, implement and monitor the project activities. Based on a study on the region, the project will focus on 3 selected sectors: Hazardous Waste and E-Waste, Air quality Monitoring in Cities, and Life Cycle Assessment.

Cooperation with APLAC and PAC:

IAAC and APLAC carried out 2 joint peer evaluations 2016 and will carry out 3 more in 2017. IAAC and PAC will carry out one joint peer evaluation in 2017. IAAC, APLAC and PAC are in close communication to share evaluator resources when feasible, particularly in the scopes where evaluators are scarce.

Brad Moore of NVLAP, USA, an APLAC representative, attended the IAAC General Assembly, MLA Committee and Technical Committee meetings.



UNIDO training activity

A Quality Infrastructure Training workshop for Caribbean Countries sponsored by UNIDO was held in Kingston, Jamaica, in March 2017. The workshop objective was to assist participants to develop project proposals for international funding. There were 25 participants from 14 countries.



Cooperation with ARAC, AFRAC and SADCA

IAAC regularly exchanges information with AFRAC, SADCA and ARAC regarding best practices in MLA management.

Cooperation with EA

IAAC regularly exchanges information with EA on the latest developments in the region.

Cooperation with IHAF

In August, the Secretary General of the International Halal Accreditation Forum, (IHAF), gave a presentation to IAAC members regarding Halal accreditation. The IAAC General Assembly agreed to develop a relationship of cooperation with IHAF. As a first step, the IAAC Chair and the IHAF Secretary General signed a letter of intent to begin cooperation. It is expected that IAAC and IHAF will formalize this agreement by signing an MOU in the near future.

The Quality Infrastructure Cooperation of the Americas, (QICA)

QICA, which was created in 2014, comprises the three independent regional organizations involved in quality infrastructure in America: the Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT), the Inter-American Metrology System (SIM) and the Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC). QICA is a platform to develop joint projects, information sharing, and cross-functional training and development that, by acting collaboratively, exceeds the abilities of any one-organization acting alone. The objective of QICA is to promote a shared vision for mutual support in standards development, the development of accreditation and the scientific, industrial and legal metrology. The QICA website is <http://qica.copant.org/index.php/en/>

A QICA planning meeting to review past and future activities was held with COPANT, IAAC and SIM representatives, during the IAAC General Assembly meetings in Bogota, Colombia, in August 2017.



IAAC Executive Committee

IAAC Upcoming Meetings



The next IAAC Executive Committee and MLA meetings will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from March 12-15, 2018. The ILAC MCC / IAF CMC meeting will also be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from March 16-18, 2018.

The next IAAC General Assembly meetings will be held in Montego Bay, Jamaica from August 23-31, 2018.



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