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2018 IAF-ILAC Joint Annual Meetings

The 2018 IAF-ILAC Joint Annual Meetings will be held from 22 October to 31 October at the Singapore Grand Hyatt Hotel in Singapore.

Registration is open, and meetings are filling up, if you haven't registered, do so soon! The IAF-ILAC room block at the Singapore Grand Hyatt Hotel is sold out, but you can find other hotels nearby when you visit the meeting website.

For information on any of the following, visit www.iafilacmeetings.org.

- Registration
- Hotel Reservations
- Schedule
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A welcome message from the Chairs of ILAC and IAF

We, the Chairs of ILAC and IAF, welcome you to this year's Joint IAF and ILAC Annual Meetings being held in Singapore.

The schedule for the 2018 meetings is exceptionally busy and particularly so given the significant number of Committees, Task Forces and Working Groups elaborating and implementing key work items for both organizations. It is pleasing to see that many of these activities are being discussed and considered in joint IAF/ILAC TFs especially as we further work on the implementation of the IAF and ILAC Strategic plans to ensure the broader community and marketplace continue to gain from the benefits of accreditation into the future.

Adding to the already ambitious work plan of many of our committees is the number of key international standards that have been revised recently and are now being implemented in many of the areas that are cornerstones of the work of IAF and ILAC, our members and stakeholders.

In addition, this is an election year for both the IAF and ILAC Executive Committees. We thank those members of the Executive Committees that will be moving on for their commitment, dedication and hard work over the years while welcoming new faces to these Committees.

The year also marks a significant milestone: the 25th anniversary of IAF! We look forward to celebrating this anniversary with our colleagues in Singapore.

The opportunity to interact face-to-face with our IAF and ILAC peers who come from a diversity of backgrounds, along with our stakeholders and liaison partners, continues to be of great benefit and enjoyment as we strive to promote the use and benefits of accreditation globally.

We look forward to seeing you in Singapore in October!

Merih Malmqvist Nilsson
ILAC Chair

Xiao Jianhua
IAF Chair



IAF is celebrating its 25th anniversary!

IAF was first formed in Houston, USA on 28 January 1993. It was established with the aim of facilitating international trade by developing equivalent accreditation systems for conformity assessment so that products, processes, and services certified in one region or economy could be accepted in others.

SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES SINCE THAT TIME...

- In 1995 IAF became a fully operational organization when the IAF Memorandum of Understanding was signed by 9 Accreditation Bodies in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The first IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement, for Quality Management System Certification, became operational on 22 January 1998 when 13 Accreditation Body Members signed the Arrangement during the 11th IAF Plenary meeting in Guangzhou, China.
- IAF was legally incorporated on 27 September 1998 in the State of Delaware, USA
- In 2001 IAF and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) began formalising their cooperation by holding their first combined General Assembly in Kyoto, Japan.
- The IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangements for Environmental Management System Certification and Product Certification became operational on 9 October 2004 at the 18th IAF Annual Meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa.

• The current structure of the IAF MLA, i.e. one MLA based on ISO/IEC 17011 with Main Scopes and Sub-Sscopes, came into effect on 22 December 2009.

• A new procedure for processing IAF MLA Sub-Scope extensions in a more efficient manner was launched on 05 April 2018.

The number of IAF Members now totals 107, with 81 Accreditation Body Members, 20 Association Members, and 6 Regional Accreditation Group Members.

The IAF MLA now has 68 Accreditation Body signatories and 5 Recognized Regional Accreditation Groups with 4 main scopes and 9 sub-scopes.

As IAF celebrates 25 years of growth and success, IAF is also looking forward to continuing to develop and support trade, regulators and the health and environment in the general community through accreditation, with goals such as launching the IAF Database of Accredited Management System Certifications.

IAF Database of Accredited Certificates

The 2017 IAF General Assembly approved the establishment of a database of management system certificates provided by certification bodies accredited by IAF members.

The database presents a unique opportunity for organisations with accredited certificates to be able to have their certificates in the database, presenting to the outside world the fact that they are certified to some of the world's leading standards such as ISO 9001 and ISO 14001.

IAF Chair Xiao Jianhua said, "I am delighted IAF is developing the database. This adds value for the certification bodies accredited by IAF members but most importantly for the organisations that hold over 1.6 million accredited management system certificates. The benefits extend even further, for example to buyers wishing to check if their potential suppliers hold such certificates".

Xiao continues, "IAF will continue to work with its accreditation body and certification body association members, and very significantly, its users on this exciting development."

A related video has been posted in the IAF/ILAC YouTube channel.

Further updates on development of the database will be provided during the Singapore meetings.

Did you know?

Liao Fan Hawker Chan, the least expensive Michelin-starred eatery in the world is located in Singapore! Ever since it earned a Michelin star in 2016, the hawker stall in Chinatown Complex has seen snaking queues, with people waiting up to three hours for a plate of chef Chan Hong Meng's soya sauce chicken rice (\$\$3.80/ \$2.90 USD).

Location: Liao Fan Hawker Chan @ 78 Smith Street, Singapore 059872.

Hours of Operation: Mon-Tue & Thu-Sun 10am-9pm.

ABOUT SINGAPORE

Singapore is a top global destination for both leisure and business, but beyond the picture-perfect skyline and the bustling city centre, there's still so much more to Singapore for visitors to explore.

It is a city of 63 islands, with the world's first night zoo, and huge green spaces (including the UNESCO listed Singapore Botanical Gardens). The city-state of Singapore is also a paradise for foodies and adventure lovers. According to the Singapore Tourism Bureau, 4.6 million international travellers visited Singapore in the 1st quarter of 2018, a 7.3% increase over the same period last year.

www.visitsingapore.com



2018 Joint General Assembly

This year's Joint General Assembly (JGA) will take place on 30 October, 2018 from 08:30 to 17:00 in the Grand Salon at the Singapore Grand Hyatt.

The signing ceremony for new members to IAF, and signatories to the IAF MLA and ILAC MRA will be held as part of the IAF/ILAC JGA in Singapore.

This provides an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the work of the accreditation bodies signing the IAF MLA and ILAC MRA and those extending their recognition to these Arrangements. There will be accreditation bodies from all regions of the world involved in this signing ceremony, as well as including the recognition of the AFRAC MLA to the IAF MLA and ILAC MRA as was agreed earlier this year in May.

AFRAC is one of the main pillars of the Pan African Quality Infrastructure system in supporting intra-African trade, improving the competitiveness of African goods and services in the global market and facilitating health and safety of the public and the environment.



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Standards, certification, testing, inspection, metrology and accreditation (collectively known as the Quality Infrastructure) help businesses of all sizes and sectors to reduce costs, limit their environmental impact, improve quality, access new market opportunities, and differentiate themselves from competitors.

To illustrate the value of the Quality Infrastructure and the services its organisations provide, this site includes case studies, research papers, and supporting materials that confirm these benefits for the business community. The examples published on the website cite tangible financial data to evidence the cost savings achieved whether through resource efficiency or meeting regulation at lower cost, the value of accessing new markets, or savings achieved through recognition from organisations such as insurers, regulators or purchasers.

The site has been developed by the organisations that make up the Quality Infrastructure including global standards bodies, global accreditation associations, and trade associations from the certification and conformity assessment industry. End-users are invited to submit examples that provide financial or performance data for consideration.

www.business-benefits.org

The JGA will also receive reports from a number of other international organizations with whom IAF and ILAC have Memoranda of Understanding with, or are partnering with, including the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electro-technical Commission (IEC), the United Nations International Development Organization (UNIDO), the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale (OIML), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the World Bank.

2019 Mid-Term Meetings

The 2019 Mid Term meetings will take place from 4-11 April, 2019 at the Hilton Mexico City Reforma in Mexico City. Members will be notified by email once the registration form for the Mid-Term meetings is available. Hotel room rates will start at \$132 USD plus taxes/fees.

2019 Joint Annual Meetings

Details are currently being sorted for the location of the 2019 Joint Annual Meetings. Information will be made available to IAF and ILAC members as soon as the dates & venue are confirmed.