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EuroLab 2015: Polish Centre for Accreditation Seminar

A seminar on accreditation in the regulated area was carried out by the Polish Centre for Accreditation (PCA) during the 17th International Trade Fair of Analytical, Measurment and Control Technology, EuroLab 2015. Simultaneously taking place was the 4th International Forensic Technology CrimeLab Fair (Warsaw, 18-20 March 2015). PCA from the very beginning of its existence declared that the unimpeded development of the Polish economy required that the legal regulation system and the accreditation and standardization systems worked parallel to each other. A very good example of the above is the dynamically developing cooperation between the Polish Centre for Accreditation and central government bodies on the use of accreditation for the purpose of authorization and notification of conformity assessment bodies.

"*Having the privilege of taking part in works of the Fair's Program Board since 2009, i.e. from the beginning of the worldwide economic recession, I observe with great recognition the organizers' accomplishments aiming at continuous improvement of this event"* – says Eugeniusz W. Roguski, PCA Director. *"The annual meetings of business and science representatives, the regulators and practitioners gain more and more prestige in the international arena – the number of exhibitors and the interest of the laboratories' representatives, as well as the public from one year to another enjoy record frequency."*

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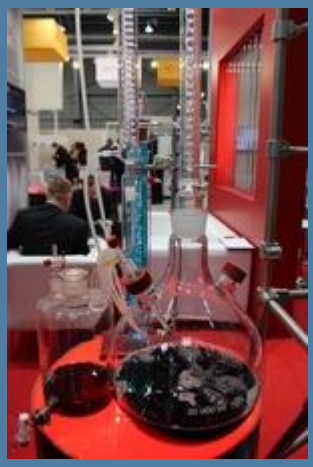

The most significant companies not only from Europe, but also from Asia and America will present their offers in the field of chemical analytics, biotechnology, metrology, nanotechnology or laboratories' medical diagnostics. Numerous conferences and seminars accompanying the Fair are a great opportunity for passing on knowledge and sharing information, opinions and comments on the current topics that are of interest to laboratory professionals.

A PCA seminar "*Accreditation in regulated area. Rules, conditions and current situation*", consisted of five presentations:

1. Accreditation – the role, function and legal framework on the basis of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008.
2. Sectorial legal regulations on conformity assessment – the regulated area (the European and national regulations as the source of requirements).
3. The general characteristic of legal requirements providing for using accreditation in the field of testing, certification and inspection.
4. Accreditation in the fundamental legally regulated areas – current situation:

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  - accreditation for the purpose of notification (rules and short description of recently implemented by PCA accreditation programs, as well as perspectives of new programs);
  - accreditation of emission tests in the general environment and the working environment (PCA document);
  - perspectives of new accreditation programs in regulated area for testing (forensic laboratories, phytosanitary laboratories, electromagnetic field laboratories).

5. Sectorial regulations in voluntary area – accreditation programs (certification of food, etc. The general rules and description of alreadyimplemented programs).

As in previous EuroLab events, both the seminar, and the Polish Centre for Accreditation stand – where for all days of the Fair, PCA specialists answered questions – enjoyed significant popularity.

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