Gary Myers

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Gary L. Myers, **PhD** is Vice President, Programs and Policy for the American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC). Prior to joining AACC, Dr. Myers served as Chief, Clinical Chemistry Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA. During his 33+ year career at CDC he directed programs to improve and standardize the laboratory measurement of biomarkers used to assess chronic disease status, particularly for cardiovascular disease, diabetes and kidney disease.

Dr. Myers is involved with various national and international organizations and committees dealing with laboratory measurement issues. He is currently a member of the National Kidney Disease Education Program's Laboratory Working Group. Dr. Myers is also a member of the American Diabetes Association's Insulin Standardization Working Group and the NIDDK Working Group for C-peptide Standardization. He served as a consultant for lipid measurement issues to the Chemistry Resource Committee of the College of American Pathologists for more than 14 years. He currently serves as Secretary for the Scientific Division of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry. He is a Fellow in the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry. In 2006 Dr. Myers was the recipient of the AACC's Award for Outstanding Contributions through Service to the Profession of Clinical Chemistry. He served as AACC President in 2007. He has authored or co-authored more than 90 peer reviewed publications and chapters.

Linda Thienpont

Prof. dr. Thienpont initiated and was in the organizing committee of the AACC conference "Improving Clinical Laboratory Testing through Harmonization: An International Forum" which was held October 26-27 2010 at the National Institute for Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD, USA.

Linda M. Thienpont, **Pharm, PhD**, is Director of the Laboratory for Analytical Chemistry, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Ghent University, Belgium. She received her degree of pharmacist (1976) and her PhD (1981) from Ghent University. In 1986, after successfully completing her advanced studies and training, she became certified in clinical chemistry and in the use of radioisotopes for in-vitro diagnostic tests. In 1989, she earned qualification as postdoctoral lecturer in bioanalysis and was appointed a full professor at Ghent University. She teaches (i) Instrumental Analytical Chemistry, (ii) Statistics and Quality Control and (iii) Development/Validation of Analytical Methods.

Dr. Thienpont's main research interests focus on the development of concepts for standardization, reference measurement systems and SI-traceable reference measurement procedures (RMPs). Her laboratory developed for example ID-MS RMPs for serum metabolites/substrates, total and free steroid/thyroid hormones, 25OHD2 & D3, C-peptide and insulin. Dr. Thienpont was and still is involved in many projects of the European Commission, Metrological Institutes and the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (C45-A, C53-A, C57). She is author of more than 130 publications, mostly in the field of reference measurement systems/RMPs but also of graphical and statistical techniques for interpretation of method comparison studies. She is on the Editorial Board of Clinical Chemistry.

Dr. Thienpont actively contributed and still contributes to several international standardization programs: in the IFCC, she chaired the WG on Standardization of Cortisol Measurements and currently chairs the WG on Standardization of Thyroid Function Tests; she was member of a joint ADA-IFCC-NIDDK- EASD-CDC WG for Standardization of Insulin Assays; in the Joint Committee for Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (JCTLM) she is co-chair of the WG on Reference Measurement Laboratories; she was on the Organizing Committee of the AACC Harmonization Conference of 2010.

The ISO conform RMPs developed by the reference laboratory of Dr. Thienpont are listed in the JCTLM database (http://www.bipm.org/jctlm/). In her capacity of Director of the Reference Laboratory at Ghent University, she works closely with the international in-vitro diagnostics industry.

Rob Jansen

Dr. Rob Jansen initiated (in 1998) and chairs the Calibration 2000 project which aims on harmonization of clinical laboratory tests in The Netherlands.

Dr. Rob T.P. Jansen is senior consultant clinical biochemist and director general of SKML, the NEQAS organisation for all laboratory medicine disciplines in The Netherlands. His main scientific interests are in quality assessment and control in clinical chemistry, in calibration of laboratory data, pathobiochemistry of lipids, POCT, and in accreditation of medical laboratories.

He is advisor of the Board of EFCC, member of EC4 Foundation Board, member of Concilium Clinicum Chemicum, Chairman of the Steering group Calibration 2000, member of the NVKC Registration Commission and member of several international committees and working groups.

Dr. Jansen is former president of the European Communities Confederation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EC4), former President of The Netherlands Society of Clinical Chemistry (NVKC) and former president of The Netherlands External Quality Assessment Organization (SKML). He was member of the Founding Board of the Foundation Post Academic Education in Clinical Chemistry (PAOKC) and chairman or member of many NVKC committees.

Dr. Jansen is former chairman of the Medical Convent in the St. Anna Hospital Geldrop.

Dr. Jansen is peer reviewer for Clinical Chemistry, Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, Clinica Chimica Acta, Annals of Clinical Biochemistry and the Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Klinische Chemie.
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Dr. Jansen is Honorary Member of Czech Society for Clinical Biochemistry (1995) and Honorary Member of NVKC (2007). He was awarded the Noyons Medal of Honour of the NVKC (1997), the EC4 Distinguished Officer Award Medal (2007), the EFCC-Roche Scientific Award for Laboratory Medicine 2009.

Dr. Jansen received the Royal Decoration Knight in the Order of Orange Nassau from the Queen of the Netherlands in 2007.