



CITAC STRATEGY FOR 2007-2010

According to the CITAC Terms of References (TOR) adopted at the 22nd CITAC Members' Meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 17.07.07, the CITAC strategy for the next three years includes the following:

1. To provide a broad international forum for the exchange of information with respect to worldwide metrological traceability of results of chemical measurements;
2. To assist analytical laboratories with tools for establishing traceability to “stated references”;
3. To share views, clarify important concepts and raise awareness of the needs and possibilities leading to traceability in chemical laboratories;
4. To develop, distill and disseminate globally key traceability concepts and issues;
5. To prepare discussion and scientific papers for journals in relation to traceability, uncertainty and quality assurance issues, and guides for analytical laboratories, which could play a bridging role between industries, regulatory bodies, universities, metrology, standardisation and accreditation bodies;
6. To organise seminars, symposia and workshops and to participate in conferences to promote the message of traceability;
7. To work closely with other international organizations, e.g. CCQM/BIPM, ISO-REMCO, IUPAC, ILAC, AOACI, regional and national professional chemistry societies and institutions, like EURACHEM and DAC-EuCheMS, – without duplicating work already being conducted by other groups – using these societies and institutions to act as a conduit to the field laboratories;
8. To organize annual nomination of the most interesting/important papers on metrology in chemistry;
9. To prepare an annual newsletter "CITAC News" describing CITAC activities and international achievements in the field of metrology in chemistry;
10. To keep an updated website, informing the community about CITAC and its purposes, history, developed documents and planned activities.



In addition the following strategically important CITAC activities are planned for 2007-2010:

- a) to renew the CITAC logo;
- b) to attract to CITAC membership active representatives of new NMIs, universities and industry (individual CITAC members), as well as organizations, institutions and companies (collective members);
- c) to explore contacts with industry as a new CITAC activity; in the framework of the contacts to initiate and, where needed, coordinate work for the harmonization and validation of analytical methods based on traceability and other metrological concepts.