

Press Release

EUROLAB and IFIA sign Memorandum of Understanding

Lisbon, 10 June 2018 – EUROLAB, the European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories and IFIA, the International Federation of Inspection Agencies, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 10 June, in Lisbon.

The MoU has as main objective to enhance the cooperation and dialogue between the two organisations, create synergies, leverage resources and speak with a single voice on matters of common interest.

EUROLAB and IFIA already work together in a productive way, sharing the same offices since January 2018, organising joint events and drafting joint position papers.

The two organisations will further strengthen this cooperation and identify common areas of interest, work together to develop and implement strategies and action plans. This MoU will bring the opportunity to exchange views and where possible present joint positions on accreditation issues and policy matters of interest to the members of both organisations.

Moreover, a closer cooperation will enhance the coordination of the members' participation in committees and international forums, while developing new opportunities to engage with relevant stakeholders, including policy makers, accreditation bodies and industry.



From left to right: Hanane Taidi, Director General IFIA, Richard Nelson, President IFIA, Drewin Nieuwenhuis, Secretary General EUROLAB, Álvaro Silva Ribeiro, President EUROLAB

Note to editors:

EUROLAB - The European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical

Laboratories was created in Brussels on April 27, 1990. EUROLAB is a non-for-profit organisation composed of 24 national associations all over the Europe. Grouping over 2,000 conformity assessment bodies and representing over 100,000 technical experts and laboratory practitioners. The EUROLAB general objective is to promote cost-effective testing, calibration and measurement services, for which the accuracy and quality assurance requirements were adjusted to the actual needs. www.eurolab.org

Founded in 1982, **IFIA – The International Federation of Inspection Agencies** is the federation of organisations that provide inspection, testing and certification services internationally. IFIA currently represents around 60 of the world's leading international testing, inspection and certification bodies who have between them over 300,000 employees and a combined turnover of roughly €23 Billion. <http://www.ifia-federation.org/content/>

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