

Welcome to this first international NordiQC/QUIP Workshop in Diagnostic Immunohistochemistry (IHC) in Brugge/Bruges, Belgium.

Organizers: Nordic Immunohistochemical Quality Control (NordiQC, Aalborg, Denmark), Qualitätssicherungsinitiative Pathologie (QUIP, Berlin, Germany), Donald van Hecke (Brugge, Belgium) and Bart de Wiest (Aalst, Belgium).

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Aim of course: To give an update on basic and advanced IHC methods applied in diagnostic pathology. The workshop will particularly focus on

- understanding the phases in the technical test approach to IHC
- optimization of analysis protocols
- selection and interpretation of tissue controls
- planning and diagnostic use of antibody panels
- identification and handling of technical and diagnostic pitfalls
- IHC classification of the unknown primary tumour
- IHC classification of tumours in lung, breast and haematolymphoid system.

Methods: The workshop will consist of lectures and interactive sessions (including discussion of technical pitfalls based on a pre-workshop internet questionnaire)

Teachers: NordiQC: Prof. Mogens Vyberg (MV), HT Ole Nielsen (ON), HT Michael Bzorek (MB), Dr. Rasmus Røge (RR); HT Søren Nielsen (SN), QUIP: Dr. Korinna Jöhrens (KJ), Prof. Manfred Dietel (MD); Brugge: HT Donald van Hecke (DH), HT Bart de Wiest (BW).

Participants: The target group comprises biomedical technicians and scientists or equivalent with some experience in IHC, and residents and consultants in surgical pathology with special interest in the technical parts of IHC.

Venue: Oud St. Jan/Old St. John, Zonnekemeers, 8000 Brugge, Belgium, see <https://oudsintjan.be/en/oud-sint-jan-old-st-john-site/>

Accommodation: Individual booking - preliminary reserved at a special workshop price, see <https://secure.meetinginbrugge.be/extendedSearch?package=1550&lang=en&start=12-06-2018&end=13-06-2018&sort=price>

Travel information: See <https://www.visitbruges.be/en>

Weather: See <https://www.accuweather.com/en/be/brussels/27581/weather-forecast/27581>

Workshop language: English.

Fee: € 750. Applicants are invoiced in ~~January~~ March 2018, deadline for payment ~~March~~ April 15th. The fee includes all meals indicated in the program. Travel and accommodation are not included.

Cancellation policy will apply as follows:

Before ~~April~~ May 1st 2018: Full refund less administrative costs of € 50.

~~April~~ May 1st 2018 and later: No refunds can be made, but the place can be handed over to a colleague without additional costs.

Registration: www.nordiqc.org. Maximum number of participants: 70. Registration on a first-come, first-served basis. Late coming applicants are put on a waiting list and/or offered place at a later workshop (e.g., Aalborg, Denmark, 18-20 Sept 2018 or Belgium expected 2019).

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Number of course hours: 18

Programme			
Wednesday, June 13th			Update 14 June '18
09:30 – 09:50		<i>Arrival, coffee</i>	
09:50 – 10:00	10	Welcome	DH/BW
10:00 – 10:30	30	NordiQC external quality assurance in IHC	MV
10:35 – 11:05	30	QuIP external quality assurance in IHC & molecular pathology	MD
11:10 – 11:50	40	IHC principles: The technical test approach – pre-analytical phase (I)	ON
11:55 – 12:35	40	IHC principles: The technical test approach – pre-analytical phase (II)	ON
12:35 – 13:20	45	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:20 – 14:00	40	IHC principles: The technical test approach - analytical phase (I)	MB
14:05 – 14:45	40	IHC principles: The technical test approach - analytical phase (II)	MB
14:45 – 15:25	40	IHC principles: Selection and interpretation of controls (I)	SN
15:25 – 15:45	20	<i>Coffee</i>	
15:45 – 16:25	40	IHC principles: Selection and interpretation of controls (II)	SN
16:30 – 17:00	30	IHC and ISO15189	DH
17:30 – 19:00	-	<i>Reception with the mayor in the gothic City Hall</i>	
Thursday, June 14th			
08:30 – 09:10	40	Lung cancer: IHC and molecular classification	KJ/MD
09:15 – 09:40	25	Lung cancer: Antibody selection, protocol optimization, controls and EQA	ON
09:45 – 10:25	40	Lung cancer: PD-L1 testing, clinical impact	KJ
10:30 – 10:50		<i>Coffee</i>	
10:50 – 11:30	40	Lung cancer and other malignancies: PD-L1 assay, QuIP EQA	KJ
11:35 – 11:55	20	Lung cancer: PD-L1 testing, NordiQC EQA	RR
12:00 – 12:30	30	IHC stainer platforms – overview, pros and cons	BW/DH
12:30 – 13:15	45	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:15 – 14:00	45	The unknown primary tumour: IHC classification, antibody selection, protocol optimization, controls and EQA, part I	MV
14:05 – 14:50	45	The unknown primary tumour: IHC classification, antibody selection, protocol optimization, controls and EQA, part II	MV
14:50 – 15:10	20	<i>Coffee</i>	
15:10 – 15:50	40	Breast cancer: IHC classification	MV
15:55 – 16:20	25	Breast cancer: Antibody selection, protocol optimization, controls and EQA	RR
16:20 – 16:30	15	Discussion	All
19:00 –	-	<i>Workshop Dinner at Concertgebouw (Concert Hall)</i>	
Friday, June 15th			
08:30 – 09:10	40	IHC classification of haematolymphoid tumours	RR
09:15 – 09:55	40	Optimization of antibodies, selection, protocols and controls – haematolymphoid tumours	MB
09:55 – 10:15	20	<i>Coffee</i>	
10:15 – 10:55	40	IHC double stains – overview, considerations and applications	MB
11:00 – 11:40	40	Immunocytochemistry and IHC on frozen sections – overview, considerations and applications	ON
11:45 – 12:15	30	Image analysis in IHC - overview, considerations and applications	RR
12:15 – 12:30	15	Discussion and conclusion	All
12:30 –	-	<i>Lunch to go</i>	