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APAC Annual General Assembly Meeting at Anaheim, California on 31st June 2023



Mr. Devi Saran Tewari, Director FDAS at Anaheim, California on 31st June 2023, for participation in APAC Annual General Assembly Meeting with delegates from 59 Member Accreditation Bodies and 6 Affiliates of APAC.
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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

Dear Reader,

I admit the lapses in bringing out the FDAS Newsletters in time, that is why it is the accumulation of three quarterly newsletters. Hope it would not happen in future.

In between the last newsletter many developments have happened that includes becoming APAC MRA Signatory and ILAC MRA Signatory, an important milestone for any accreditation body. With this development FDAS acquired global recognition that led to spreading the wings of FDAS to other economies, as a result FDAS got enquires from more than seven countries & FDAS has already given accreditation to laboratories from Bhutan & Kuwait.

All this has been possible with the support & cooperation received from the founder members of FDAS & I express my gratitude to them.

DEVI SARAN TEWARI,

DIRECTOR.

FDAS BECOMES SIGNATORY TO APAC MRA & ILAC MRA

- **Application to become APAC MRA Signatory**

FDAS applied to become APAC MRA Signatory on 17th June 2022. After the acceptance of APAC MRAMC, APAC MRA Council Application Acceptance Ballot was initiated on 5th July 2022 and the ballot closed on 5th Aug 2022, in which 98 % voted to accept the FDAS application to become APAC MRA Signatory. On 24th Aug 2022, Team Leader was appointed by APAC MRAMC to undertake the evaluation and subsequently evaluators for testing and calibration scope were appointed to undertake onsite evaluation.

- **Initial Evaluation by APAC**

APAC evaluation team conducted onsite evaluation from 29,30 Nov & 1, 2 Dec 2022 for the scope of testing laboratories, and from Jan 15 – 19 2023, conducted remote evaluation for the scope for calibration laboratories as technical evaluator for calibration could not join during onsite evaluation.

- **APAC MRA Signatory**

FDAS became a Full Member/Signatory to APAC MRA for the scopes of Testing & Calibration Laboratories Accreditation on 16th June 2023, after the initial evaluation and recommendation by APAC evaluation team members & evaluation review panel to grant MRA Signatory status and the APAC MRA Ballot in which 89% of the APAC MRA Council Members voted for FDAS to grant the MRA signatory status.



APAC MRA Certificate

- **ILAC MRA Signatory**

After obtaining MRA Signatory status from APAC, FDAS applied to become full member/signatory to ILAC MRA and on 28th Aug 2023 became ILAC MRA Signatory for the scopes of Testing & Calibration Laboratories.



ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement

STATUS OF ACCREDITATION

- During this period, FDAS received 9 applications for initial assessment from testing laboratories and 9 applications for reassessment from a calibration laboratory and 3 applications for extension of scope from testing laboratories.
- Currently, there are 32 laboratories accredited by FDAS in total (14 testing, 17 calibration & 1 Medical) until Dec 2023.

ACCREDITATIONS GRANTED

During this period, FDAS granted accreditation to following 8 testing and 9 calibration laboratories.

Testing Laboratories

- M/s Raghavendra Spectro Metallurgical Laboratory, Bengaluru (TL – 109) in the field of Biological & Chemical Testing.

- ii.** M/s Autocal Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai (TL – 110) in the field of Biological & Chemical Testing.
- iii.** M/s Centre for Advanced Research, Thimphu, Bhutan (TL - 111) in the field of Biological & Chemical Testing.
- iv.** M/s Vipanan Analytical Technologies LLP, Pune (TL – 112) in the field of Biological & Chemical Testing.
- v.** M/s Enviro Test House, Bangalore (TL – 113) in the field of Biological & Chemical Testing.
- vi.** M/s Jubliant Pharma and Chemical lab Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai (TL – 114) in the field of Biological Testing.
- vii.** M/s Rahul Engineers Laboratory, Udaipur (TL – 115) in the field of Chemical, Mechanical and NDT Testing
- viii.** M/s Regional Reference Standard Laboratory Ahmedabad (TL – 116), in the field of Electrical, Electronic, Fluid Flow and Mechanical Testing

Calibration Laboratories

- i.** M/s Winmet Technologies Private Limited, Faridabad (CL – 108) in the field of Electro-Technical and Mechanical calibration
- ii.** M/s Tempsens Calibration Centre (South), Bangalore (CL – 109) in the field of Thermal calibration
- iii.** M/s Precision Instrumentation and Services Private Limited, Nashik (CL – 110) in the field of Electro-Technical Mechanical and Thermal calibration
- iv.** M/s Emm Tech Calibration, Faridabad (CL – 111) in the field of Electro-Technical Mechanical and Thermal calibration
- v.** M/s MetroCal Technologies, Pune (CL – 112) in the field of Mechanical calibration
- vi.** M/s Sigma Test and Research Centre, New Delhi (CL – 113) in the field of Electro-Technical, Fluid Flow, Mechanical and Thermal calibration
- vii.** M/s Al- Barakat Golden General Trading & Contracting Co., Kuwait (CL – 114) in the field of Electro-Technical, Mechanical and Thermal calibration
- viii.** M/s Measurexpert Techcom Calibration Systems (OPC) Pvt. Ltd., Bhiwadi (CL – 115) in the field of Mechanical, Optical & photometry and Fluid flow calibration
- ix.** M/s Star Calibration Services, Ahmedabad (CL – 116) in the field of Mechanical and Thermal Calibration

Reassessed laboratories:

During this period, the following 3 laboratories were reassessed and granted Accreditation.

- i.** M/s PCI Calibration and Testing Centre, Navi Mumbai (CL – 102) in the field of Optical & photometry, Mechanical Calibration
- ii.** M/s North Lab India Pvt. Ltd., Chennai (CL – 103) in the field of Chemical Calibration
- iii.** M/s Testing Laboratory “Emmtech Calibration” (TL – 102) in the field of Chemical, Mechanical, NDT Testing.

NEWLY ADDED POLICY DOCUMENTS

During this period, FDAS has made available its following policy documents on its website.

- i. FDAS Policy on Cross Frontier Accreditation (FDAS 139)
- ii. FDAS Policy on Uncertainty in Testing and Calibration (FDAS 140)

ASSESSORS' TRAINING

During this period, 1 Assessors' training conducted on 9th – 13th Aug 2023 and 22 experts were trained to be FDAS Assessors in various fields from testing and calibration laboratories.

FUTURE ASSESSORS' TRAINING PLAN

DATE	TRAINING TITLE
5 th – 9 th Feb 2024	Assessors' Training as per ISO/IEC 17025:2017

ASSESSORS' CONCLAVE

During this period, 2 Assessors' conclave was conducted.

- On 5th Aug 2023, an Assessor conclave was conducted, and the topic of discussion was Process of Assessment & making of Assessment report, and 23 participants attended it.
- On 16th Dec 2023, an Assessor conclave was conducted, and the topic of discussion was Process of Assessment & making of Assessment report, and 29 participants attended it.

APAC RELATED ACTIVITIES

On 30th June 2023, FDAS Director, Mr. Devi Saran Tewari participated in the APAC MRA Council Meeting and on 31st June 2023 in the APAC Annual General Assembly Meeting at Anaheim, California.

On 25 July 2023, FDAS Personnel attended APAC-PTB ADAPT Workshop on Good Practices in Digitalization of AB Processes online.

ILAC RELATED ACTIVITY

On 13 and 15th Nov 2023, ILAC General Assembly was held at Montreal, Canada, which could not be attended by FDAS.

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