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## Chair's Message

The Executive Committee has embarked on a systematic process for revising the ILAC Strategic Plan that will more effectively involve the whole membership. I am pleased to report that Graham Talbot has agreed to coordinate, facilitate and lead this process. He has much experience in strategic planning. Member responses to a short questionnaire are being reviewed as an integral part of this process. The Executive Committee will have a brainstorming session on 15 October followed by a broader discussion during our stay in Seoul. We look forward to the participation of all members attending the ILAC General Assembly in Seoul.



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## From the Secretariat

The theme for World Accreditation Day in 2013 was "**Accreditation: Facilitating World Trade**". World Accreditation Day was celebrated very successfully on the 9 June 2013 as can be seen by many of the contributions included in this edition of ILAC News. The supporting materials are still available to download from the ILAC website.

## ILAC Meetings

The 2013 mid-year meetings were held in April/May, in Frankfurt, Germany. These meetings were very successful and in particular our thanks go to Chantel Beaupre, the conference organiser who did a fantastic job!

Information about other ILAC Committee meetings can be found in the Accreditation Calendar of Events on the ILAC website under the Events tab.

The annual meetings for 2013 are being hosted in Seoul, Korea by the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) – (Korea Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (KOLAS) & Korea Accreditation System (KAS)) and the dates are 16 – 25 October 2013. The meeting website is available at <http://www.kats.go.kr/Workshop/2013>

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<http://www.ilac2013.org/>. We look forward to seeing you in Seoul this week!

The dates for the 2014 mid-year meetings are 23 April – 29 April, in Frankfurt, Germany.

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Email: [ilac@nata.com.au](mailto:ilac@nata.com.au)**INTERNATIONAL UPDATES**[view section](#)**ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment (ISO/CASCO)**

This year proved to be another fruitful year for the ISO Committee on Conformity Assessment (ISO/CASCO): as of September 2013 it has developed four new documents and is currently running five working groups, developing additional standards and technical specifications to address the always growing needs and expectations of the industry and consumers.

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After favorable review by the IAF Executive committee and 30-day ballot to IAF members, ARAC has been accepted in September 2013 as an IAF Special Recognition Organization - Regional Accreditation Group Member.

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Last May in Paris, France, the EA General Assembly elected the following officers to the EA Executive Committee for a two-year mandate starting on 1 January 2014:

EA Chair: Thomas Facklam (DAkKS)

EA Vice-Chair: Geir Samuelsen (NA)

EA Multilateral Agreement Council Chair: Nicole Meurée-Van Laethem (BELAC)

EA Horizontal Harmonization Committee Chair: Ignacio Pina (ENAC)

EA Laboratory Committee Chair: Paolo Bianco (ACCREDIA)

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EA Communications &amp; Publications Committee Chair: Peter Kronvall (SWEDAC)

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The Accreditation Body of Serbia (ATS) has a task, in cooperation with other national institutions responsible for the development of the quality infrastructure (QI) and adoption of legislation in the field of conformity assessment, to promote accreditation and raise awareness of the importance, role and benefits of the accreditation system in all interested parties - users

role and benefits of the accreditation system in all interested parties: users and consumers of products and services, public authorities, clients of accredited conformity assessment bodies, and conformity assessment bodies (CABs).



*(ATS World Accreditation Day Conference Speakers)*

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### **KENAS celebrates World Accreditation Day**

Kenya Accreditation Service (KENAS) celebrated the world accreditation day on 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2013 at Hilton Hotel in Nairobi.

The theme of the celebrations was, Accreditation: "Facilitating World trade".



*(Eng. Charles Kalomba of the Jua Kali Association contributing during the WAD main event)*

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### **EURACHEM Workshops 2014**

EURACHEM have announced the following workshops to be held in 2014:

- *EURACHEM Workshop on "Quality in Analytical Measurements" 19-21 May 2014*
- *EURACHEM - 8th Workshop on Proficiency Testing in Analytical Chemistry, Berlin (Germany), 6-9 October 2014*

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