



Report on INRAP Quality Management System to AFRIMETS TC-QS

*By
The National Laboratory of Metrology in
chemistry*

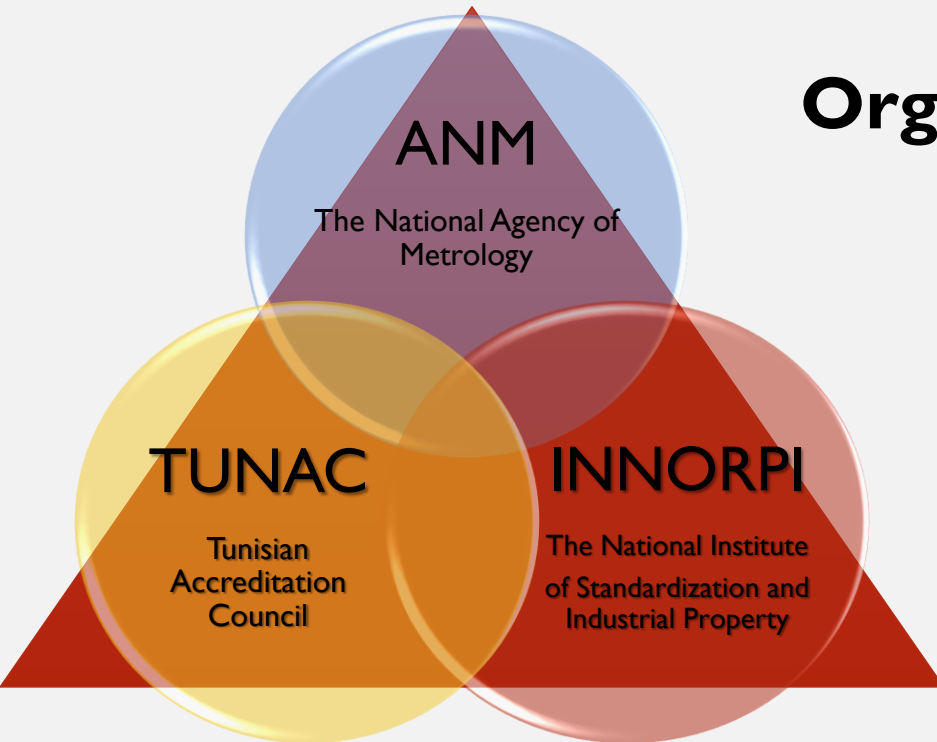
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1. Information on the national metrology system in Tunisia

Organisation of metrology in Tunisia



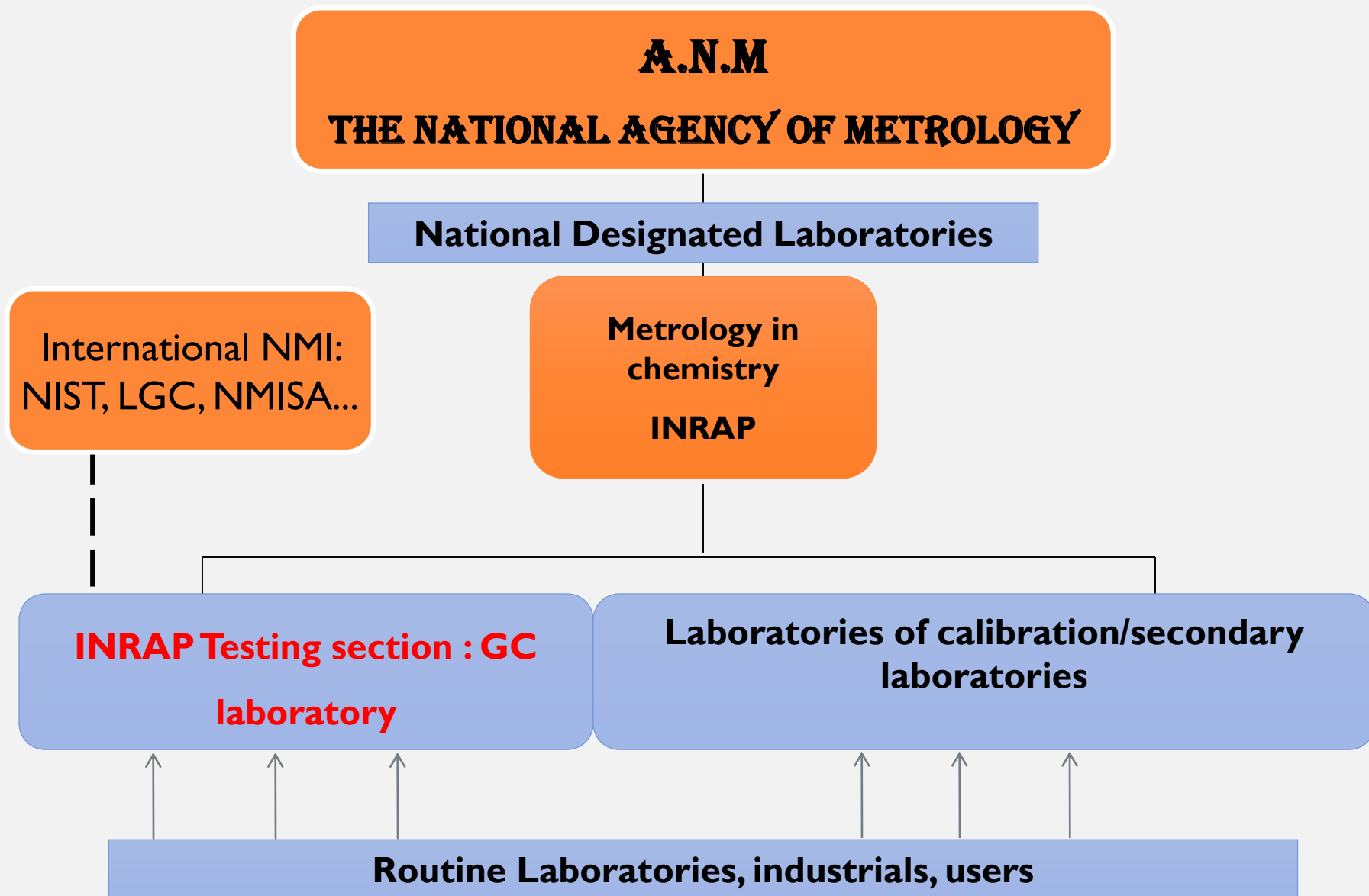
ANM
The National Agency of Metrology

- Legal Metrology
- Industrial Metrology
- Scientific Metrology

DI: DEFNAT
-Time-frequency Metrology
-Electricity-Magnetism Metrology

DI: INRAP
-Metrology in Chemistry

Tunisian metrological traceability chain in chemistry



2. INRAP/LNMc Quality policy

INRAP : QUALITY POLICY

The quality management system of INRAP, according to the ISO/IEC 17025, tends :

- To support the technical competences of its laboratories for the analysis control and the improvement of the quality of the services supplied to the customers.
- To endeavour carrying analysis and providing results that are at a quality level consistent with the international requirements and recognition (TUNAC, EA, ILAC, CIPM).

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POLITIQUE QUALITÉ

La satisfaction du client constitue pour la plateforme analytique de notre Institut un des objectifs stratégiques majeurs de développement. La compréhension pour une meilleure prise en charge des besoins présents et futurs des clients, les exigences de l'ISO/CEI 17025 ainsi que réglementaire et légale nous permet d'adapter nos méthodes et de répondre au mieux aux exigences convenues, nous sommes persuadés qu'une analyse n'a de valeur que si elle est réalisée dans des conditions précises et selon une démarche respectant des règles rigoureuses appliquées à tout laboratoire qui se veut être reconnu.

L'INRAP, confirmant son engagement pour une qualité de service d'un niveau international, s'attache à instaurer, dans toutes ses activités, un système de management qualité conforme aux exigences de l'ISO/CEI 17025, les exigences réglementaires et légales ainsi que celles des organisations fournissant la reconnaissance (TUNAC, EA, ILAC) en se fixant comme

objectif primordial l'obtention de sa reconnaissance par le biais de l'accréditation progressive des analyses qu'il réalise au sein de ses laboratoires.

Pour ce faire, je m'engage personnellement à apporter tout mon appui ainsi que les ressources humaines et matérielles nécessaires à cette politique.

Je demande à l'ensemble du personnel :

- de considérer la satisfaction des clients comme priorité majeure ;
- de respecter les exigences de la norme ISO 17025, les exigences réglementaires et légales ainsi que celles des organisations fournissant la reconnaissance (TUNAC, EA, ILAC) ;
- de s'impliquer dans la démarche qualité afin d'assurer sa réussite et son amélioration continue par l'application de toute la documentation établie dans le cadre du système mis en place ;

L'INRAP a toujours privilégié le concept de la qualité dans le développement de ses prestations d'analyses et opté pour une recherche permanente d'une conformité totale avec les exigences réglementaires et normatives applicables à ses prestations et à son organisation.

Cette orientation qui nous a valu d'être accrédité, courant 2009, sera d'une part appuyée et d'autre part élargie sur les principes du développement durable basés sur l'efficacité économique, la justice sociale et le respect de l'environnement.

Nous sommes persuadés et convaincus que le développement de notre Institut passe par :

- La satisfaction permanente de nos clients et le respect de nos engagements ;
- L'amélioration de la compétence du personnel impliqué dans les processus d'analyses ;
- L'anticipation des risques et des opportunités d'amélioration ;

Dans ce contexte, l'INRAP s'engage dans une démarche d'institution responsable avec

Our established quality policy applied to all INRAP activities in order to achieve the following objectives:

- **Accreditation of INRAP laboratories according to a program validated annually by the Scientific Council;**
- **Continuous improvement of the competence of the staff involved in the accreditation programs;**
- **Effective participation in proficiency tests;**
- **Customer satisfaction by providing reliable analysis results and control of deadlines;**
- **To participate regularly in key comparisons carried out by the CCQM and RMO which help getting the CIPM Mutual recognition Arrangement demonstrating the international equivalence of our measurement standards and the calibration and measurement certificates issued;**

la volonté d'œuvrer pour mettre en place, entretenir et améliorer de façon continue un système de management performant intégrant les facettes

- **Compétences techniques (ISO 17025) ;**
- **Environnement (ISO 14001) ;**
- **Sécurité & santé au travail (OHSAS ISO 45001) ;**

Notre objectif général demeure le maintien et l'élargissement progressif du champ d'accréditation des différents laboratoires tout en œuvrant pour assurer et garantir des conditions de travail respectant la sécurité et la santé du personnel et la préservation de l'environnement.

Pour se faire, nos programmes de travail intégreront toujours

- Au niveau des prestations d'analyses
 - L'élargissement progressif du champ d'accréditation ;
 - L'audit interne outil de surveillance et d'amélioration efficace ;
- Au niveau des Ressources humaines :
 - La mise en place de programmes de formation spécifique permettant l'acquisition et le renforcement des compétences de l'ensemble du personnel ;
 - L'habilitation du personnel technique ;
- Satisfaction des clients
 - La fidélisation des clients (Indicateurs : 50 % des clients conventionnés) ;
 - L'amélioration de leur satisfaction (70 % taux de satisfaction) ;
- Préservation de l'environnement
 - La conformité par rapport à la réglementation applicable ;
 - L'amélioration de nos performances environnementales ;
- Sécurité et santé au travail
 - La conformité par rapport à la réglementation applicable ;
 - L'amélioration de nos performances SST ;

La Direction Générale prend l'engagement de :

- Donner les ressources nécessaires à l'atteinte des objectifs définis dans le cadre de cette politique ;
- Dynamiser de façon effective le processus d'amélioration continue des performances économiques, environnementales et celles relatives à la SST ;
- Evaluer la pertinence et l'adéquation de cette politique au travers des revues de direction qu'elle présidera ;


Ces objectifs sont suivis selon des fréquences définies au travers d'indicateurs mesurables ;


Tous les moyens nécessaires à la mise en œuvre et à la réussite de cette politique seront fournis dans le cadre des budgets de l'INRAP ;

L'application et la compréhension de cette politique sont évaluées en permanence par les audits internes et les revues de direction ; Les revues de direction, tenues au moins une fois par an, sont l'occasion pour :

- La vérification de l'adéquation de la politique et l'atteinte des objectifs fixés ;
- La détermination, en accord avec le responsable qualité et les responsables des services, des moyens et des ressources nécessaires au maintien et à l'amélioration du système qualité et des capacités de l'unité des analyses ;

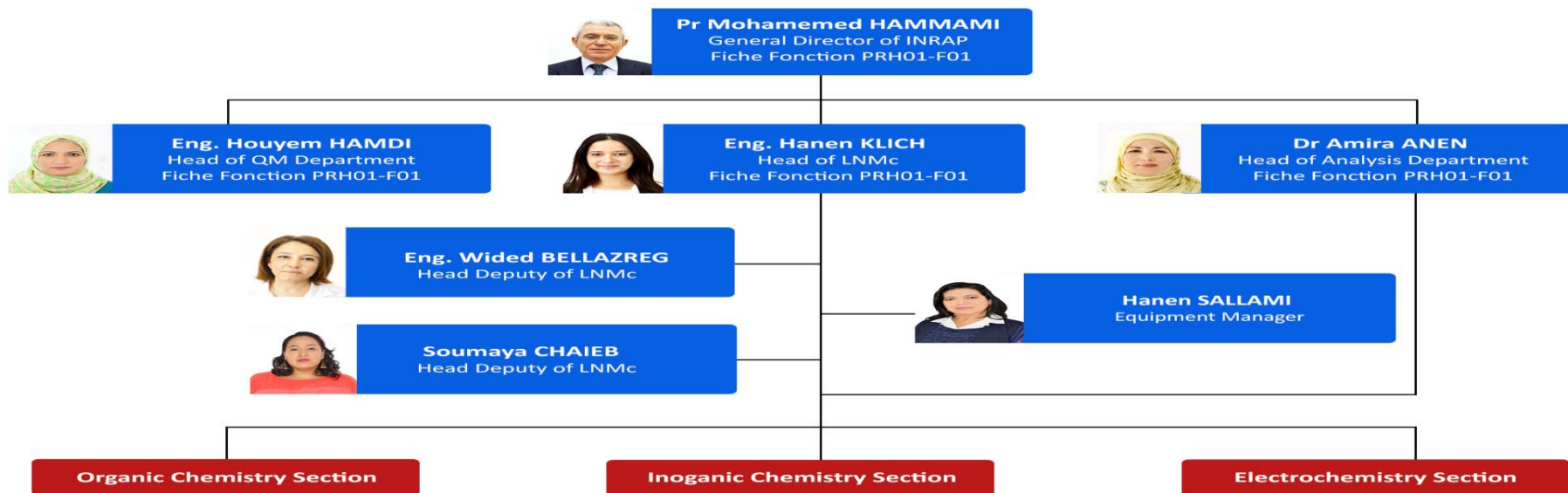
Tunis, 5 Mai 2017

 **Direction Générale**


Pr. Mohamed Hammami

3. LNMc Organogram

The LNM_c Organogram



GC LAB

Laboratory Manager: **Eng. Haifa BEN KHOUD**
Fiche Fonction PRH01-F01
Laboratory Manager Deputy: **Eng. Wided BELLAZREG**
Quality & Metrology Manager: **Eng. Manel HAKAKATI**
Laboratory Technicien : **Nadia Nasaoui**
Laboratory Technicien: **Faten Daly**



MS LAB

Laboratory Manager: **Eng. Ons KESRAOUI**
Fiche Fonction PRH01-F01
Laboratory Manager Deputy: **Ines BEN AMOR**
Quality & Metrology Manager: **Eng. Semira BEJAOUİ**
Laboratory Technicien : **Imen BEN MBAREK**
Laboratory Technicien: **Emna JRIDETTE**



HPLC LAB

Laboratory Manager: **Eng. Rachel TORKHANI**
Fiche Fonction PRH01-F01
Laboratory Manager Deputy: **MEHDI SAFTA**
Quality & Metrology Manager: **Eng. Abir AIDOUİ**
Laboratory Technicien : **Jamila MIMOUNI**



LAEI LAB

Laboratory Manager: **Najet CHAABENE**
Fiche Fonction PRH01-F01
Quality & Metrology Manager: **Najet CHAABENE**
Laboratory Technicien: **Bader LOUATI**
Laboratory Technicien: **Wiem AYADI**
Laboratory Technicien: **Mohamed Rabiye BEN CHIKH IBRHIM**

4. QMS processes and steering mechanisms in the organization

INRAP QMS Structure & Process

Level I

ILAC, EA, CIPM, TUNAC,
ISO 17025 Documentation
Quality Manual

Describing the
QMS process

Level II

Procedures:

- 1- PA analysis process
- 2- PM management process
- 3- PRH Human Resource Process
- 4- PGE equipment management process
- 5- PS Support process

Describing the
sequence of the
QMS process
activities

The QMS
process

WHAT TO DO?

Activities

HOW TO DO?

Tasks

Level III

Work Instructions &
Operating Procedures
Forms

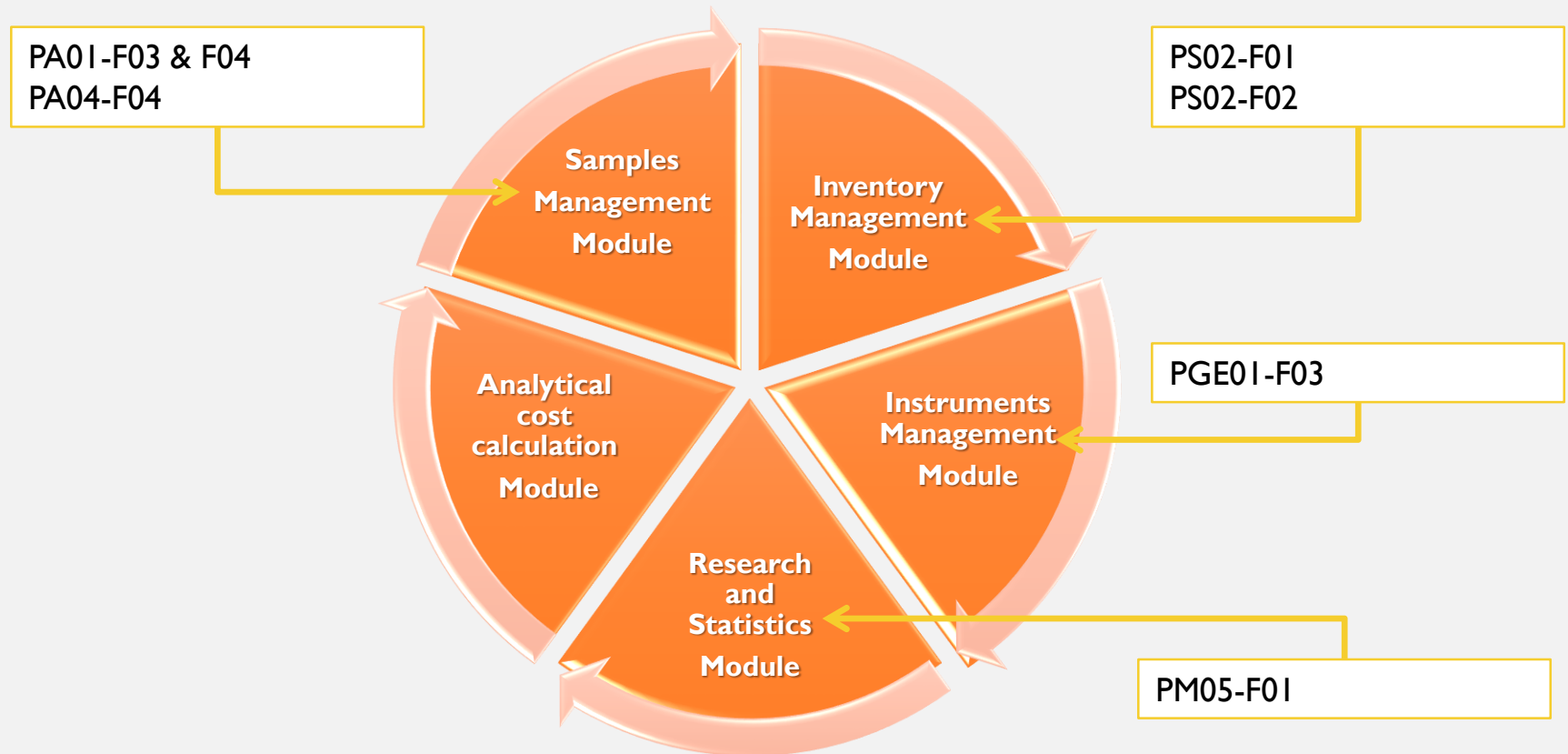
Describing the
QMS process
tasks

Evidences

Recordings forms

Demonstrating that QMS
process is working

The Data Management System: LIMS



- Designed according to the ISO/IEC 17025 and safety and traceability FDA, 21 CFR Part 11 standards,
- Responds to the requirements : Do what ? When? How? and why ?

5. Current accreditations/international recognition.

From Accreditation to International equivalence of measurements CIPM-MRA

INRAP obtained its accreditation in 2017 for the analysis of pesticides in matrixes of plant origin by GC-ECD and confirmation by CG-MS,



- Application of CMC in the field of the analysis of pesticide residues by GC - ECD and GCMS/MS confirmation (cycle of January 2019).
- **APMP.QM-S11 :APMP Supplementary Comparison Organochlorine Pesticides in Ginseng Roots.**
- Results sent: October 2017;
- Application to QS Approval, June 2018;
- INRAP Initial Presentation for QS approval to the AFRIMETS TC-QS in the 12th AFRIMETS GA, July 2018;
- Draft A : Discussion in OWAG Meeting October 2018
- PEER Review by Dr Angélique BOTHA, December 2018;
- QS approval letter sent by the TC-QS chair Dr Noha Khaled on April 2019

Bureau International des Poids et Mesures

Key and supplementary comparisons

Calibration and Measurement Capabilities - CMC

Key and supplementary comparisons - Information

APMP.QM-S11

Information

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Metrology area, branch | Amount of Substance, Organics |
| Description | Organochlorine Pesticides in Ginseng Root |
| Time of measurement | 2016 - 2017 |
| Status | Protocol complete |
| Reference(s) | APMP.QM-S11 Registration and progress form |

Measurand

Transfer device(s)

Comparison type

Consultative Committee

Conducted by

o-BHC (10 µg/kg - 1000 µg/kg)
Lindane (10 µg/kg - 1000 µg/kg)
A bottle containing about 25 g of ginseng root powder

Supplementary comparison

CCQM (Consultative Committee for Amount of Substance)

APMP (Asia Pacific Metrology Program)



6. List of updated calibration capabilities covered by the QMS

Future Project for Accreditation

1

- Determination of Antibiotics in food by UPLC-MS-MS by a validated ANSES method.

2

- Determination of Heavy Metals in food products by ICP-MS using a validated standardized method.

3

- Determination of Mycotoxins in cereals by HPLC-FLD by a standardized method (ISO 16050 standard).

INRAP official list of analysis covered by the QMS

[INRAP Annual Report to the TC-QS AFRIMETS\liste des analyses par équipement.pdf](#)

7. Current status of transition plan to ISO 17025:2017

INRAP is preparing for the next TUNAC surveillance audit to maintain its accreditation according to ISO/CEI 17025:2017 July 2019

Actions taken to ISO 17025:2017 transition:

1. INRAP Staff training on the new edition ISO/CEI 17025:2017 on December 2018
2. SWOT Analysis of the institute with national experts
3. Renewing the Staff engagement for confidentiality and impartiality
4. Evaluation of the pertinence of INRAP procedures and quality policy with respect to the new version of ISO/CEI 17025:2017 leading to total accordance between INRAP quality documentation and the ISO/CEI 17025.
5. Revision of all QMS procedures
6. Digitalization of INRAP QMS documentation as QMS processes with QualiPro Software

A New software for management system for quality management safety and environment

**Staff training
December 2018-April 2019**



8. Continuous improvement

I. The annual ILCs planning of LNMc



Registre de Gestion des Comparaisons Interlaboratoires

Code : PGE05-R01

Date d'émission. : 05/01/2015

Date de révision.:

Indice. rév. : 01

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| Référence de la CIL | Laboratoire concerné | Nature de l'analyse, analyte | Matrice | Résultats |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Fapas 04322 Septembre- Novembre 2017 | HPLC/code labo 87 | Aflatoxines | Cacahuète | Zscores: Aflatoxine B1= 0 Aflatoxine B2= 0.4 Aflatoxine G1= -0.1 Aflatoxine G2= 0.4 Aflatoxine total= 0.2 |
| Fapas 09111 Août- Septembre 2017 | GC/code labo 64 | Pesticides HCH-G | Farine de blé | z-score=1.3 |
| Fapas 04311 Avril-Mai 2017 | HPLC/code labo 34 | Aflatoxines | Aliments pour animaux (à base de céréales) | Zscores: Aflatoxine B1= 0.4 Aflatoxine B2= -0.3 Aflatoxine G1= 1.1 Aflatoxine G2= 0.1 Aflatoxine total= 0.4 |
| Fapas 07282 Mars-Mai 2017 | LAEI/code labo 48 | Contaminants métalliques | Purée de pamplemousse | Zscores: cadmium=0.4 plomb :0.3 fer:0 étain:-5 |
| 02337 Novembre Décembre 2017 | LSM | Chloramphénicol | Crevettes | z-score=3.7 |



| Référence de la CIL | Laboratoire concerné | Nature de l'analyse, <u>analyte</u> | Matrice | Résultats |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| APMP.QM.S11 | GC | Pesticides organochlorés | plante ginseng | En cours |
| <u>Fapas</u> 19241 Décembre 2017- Janvier 2018 | GC/code labo 50 | Résidus de pesticides | purée de raisins | z-score=0.3 |
| FAPAS 07311 Mai –Juillet 2018 | LAEI/code labo 66 | Contaminants métalliques | Farine de blé | Cd: Z score 0.6 Hg: z score -0.3 Pb: <u>Zscore</u> 15.6 |
| APLAC PT T109 Avril 2018 | LAEI | Cadmium | le lait en poudre | En cours |
| FAPAS 07317 Aout – Octobre 2018/ | LAEI/code labo 50 | contaminants métalliques | Poisson | z score cadmium = 1,2 z score Mercure = 0.6 |
| FAPAS 19258 Octobre - Novembre 2018 | GC/code labo 23 | Résidus de pesticides | purée de myrtilles | z score -0.8 |

GC Laboratory Regularly Participation in Inter-Laboratory Comparisons

➤ The GC laboratory ensures the maintain and the demonstration of capability and competency through the elaboration of chart control of the laboratories results in comparisons according to PGE05 procedure and ISO 13528: 2015 Standard.

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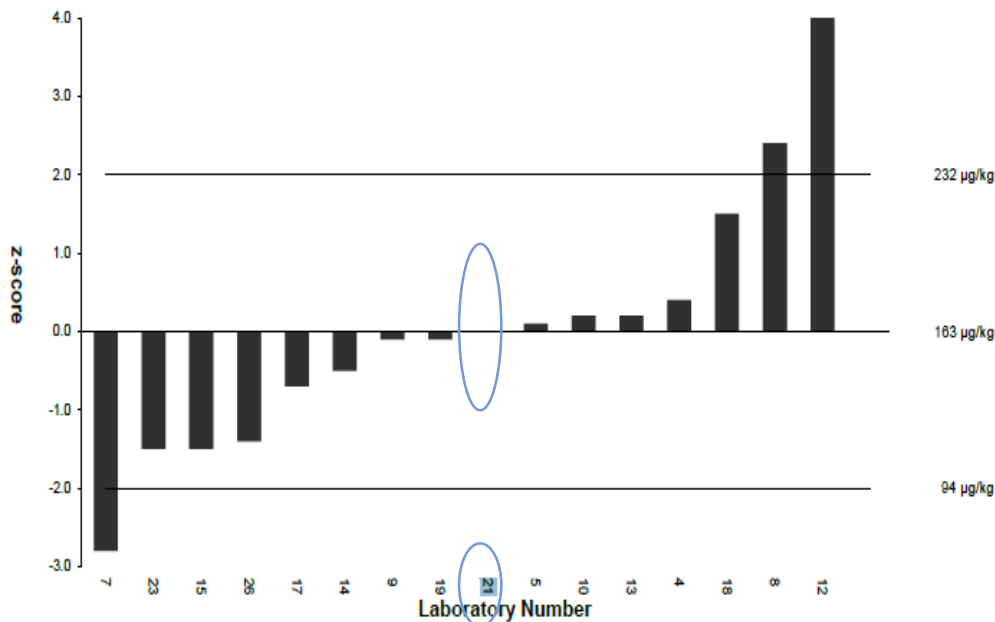


Figure 4: z-Scores for Ethoprophos



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Pesticide Residues in Wheat Flour

II. LNMc Participation in Regional PTs and KC

PTs

- **Participation in APLAC Proficiency Test T102 Pesticides Residues in fruit juice** coordinated by GHLK- China, December 2016.
- **Joint Proficiency Testing Program Asia Pacific Metrology Program (APMP) - Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC) “Cadmium in Milk Powder Proficiency Testing Program”,** coordinated by the National Institute of Metrology - China (NIM), June 2018.
- **Participation PT with Tubitak-UME in the framework of EURAMET-Empir project to determine heavy metals content in representative food and environmental matrices (fish & water),** February 2019.
- **Participation in PT organized by LPEE/LNM in the framework of MAGMET activity for volume calibration ,** November 2019.

KC

- **CCQM.KI45 Key comparison entitled « Essential and Toxic elements in bovine liver »** organised by The National Institute of Metrology - China (NIM), 2018-2019.
- **APMP.QM-S10 "Elements in Food Supplement",** 2016-2017.
- **CCQM-KI43/PI81 copper calibration solutions** organized by NIST, 2017.
- **CCQM-KI25 and CCQM-PI59: Iodine and other elements in infant formula,** 2017
- **CCQM-KI24 Trace Elements and Chromium Speciation in Drinking Water,** 2016.
- **Comparison PI74 Aflatoxin in dried figue,** 2015-2016.

III. Participation in the CBKT Mycotoxins secondment program at BIPM

Participation of Mrs Rachel TORKHANI in the activity TS4 concerning "the preparation of calibration solutions and the attribution of assigned values", March 2019.

| Year | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------------------|---------|
| Study Material at BIPM | AfB1/ZON | AfB1/ZON | AfB1/DON/PAT | DON/PAT | PAT/OTA | OTA |
| Training material | | ZEN | | AfB1 | DON | |
| Comparison material | | | ZEN | | AfB1 | DON/PAT |
| NIM (China) | SBS2/SBS3 | SBS2/SBS3 | SBS2/SBS3 | SBS2/SBS3 | SBS2/SBS3 | |
| NMISA (South Africa) | | TS4+ | TS3 | | | |
| UME (Turkey) | | SBS1 | SBS3, TS3 | | | |
| NIMT (Thailand) | | TS4 | | | | |
| INMETRO (Brazil) | | TS4 | | | | |
| INTI (Argentina) | | TS4 | PDS qNMR | | TS3 | |
| KEBS (Kenya) | | TS4 | | | TS2/TS3 | |
| INRAP (Tunisia) | | | | TS4 | ? | |
| LATU (Uruguay) | | | | TS4 | SBS2 (MYCO)/TS1/TS3 | |
| CENAM (Mexico) | | | | | | |
| INM (Columbia) | | | | TS4 | TS1/TS3 | |
| NIES (Egypt) | | | | | | |
| RCM-LIPI (Indonesia) | | | | | TS3/TS2 | |
| NMLPhil-ITDI (PHL) | | | | | TS3/TS4 | |

**Future Plan for qNMR
secondement**

TS 1: Q-trap on pure mycotoxin

TS 2: LC-UV, LC-CAD and on pure mycotoxin

TS 3: EA, TGA, KF, SB and/or GC-VOCs on pure mycotoxin surrogate

TS 4: Calibration solution preparation and value assignment

SBS 1: qNMR on pure mycotoxin

SBS 2: Q-trap on pure mycotoxin

SBS 3: LC-UV, LC-CAD on pure mycotoxin

Updated Secondment Planning at the BIPM 2016-2019

IV. Training

INRAP conducted in collaboration with:

- **The National Institute of Metrology PTB - Germany**
- **The National Laboratory of Metrology and Tests LNE – France**

Two sessions of the series of **General Trainings in Chemical Metrology** for the benefit of the **National Institutions** involved in the **National System of Metrology (NMS)**:

- **INRAP Staff members;**
- **TUNAC;**
- **ANM;**
- **Accredited Laboratories;**



General training – Metrology in chemistry

1st session : October
19th-22th, 2015

- The organization of international Metrology,
- The Missions of a national or designated laboratory,
- The traceability concept in the Metrology in chemistry.

Dr Sophie VASLIN
Dr Béatrice LALERE

2nd Session:

January
18th-21th, 2016

Training in Validation and uncertainties estimation

- The process of Validation-Selectivity,
- Intermediate precision-Calibration,
- Accuracy-limit of quantification,
- Accuracy profile,
- The concept of uncertainty and the “GUM” use,
- The evaluation of measurement uncertainty, The methods supervision.

Dr Paola FISICARO
Dr Michelle DESENFANT

ISO 17034:2016

- General requirements for the competence of reference material producers

3rd Session
2019-2020

ISO/IEC 17043:2010

- Conformity assessment -- General requirements for proficiency testing

Dr Soraya AMROUCHE



9. Audits / external review

**TUNAC surveillance
Assessment (3rd Party
Assesment)**

**Number of
nonconformity cards:
6 minors**

**All the nonconformity
have been resolved**

Internal Audit

**Number of
nonconformity cards:
8 minors**


**All the nonconformity
have been resolved**

TC-QS peer review of the quality system of INRAP, December 2018 by Dr Angélique Botha

The peer review revealed that:

1. The quality management system is implemented in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025.
2. The plan of INRAP for the transition to the new edition of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 has already been submitted to TUNAC. In terms of the technical requirements the laboratory has already transitioned to the new edition of the standard and is well on its way to implement the plan for the transition in terms of the structural and resource requirements.
3. INRAP is well on its way to submit CMCs in the field of metrology in chemistry.
4. No non-conformances were raised during the peer-review visit

QMS Approval Report
For: INRAP
Document: AFR-14-06-QS

 **AFRIMETS**
Intra-Africa Metrology System
Système Intra-Africain de Métrologie

Confirmation of AFRIMETS TC-QS approval
of INRAP laboratory QMS
for analysis of pesticides in fruit and vegetables
as fit-for-purpose for the CIPM MRA

INRAP has forwarded its QMS documentation to the AFRIMETS TC-QS for approval as fit-for-purpose for the CIPM MRA. As the step forward for the submission of CMCs in the fields of analysis of pesticides in fruit and vegetables to AFRIMETS subsequent committee TCQM.

This information has been reviewed by Dr. Angélique Botha TC QM chair NMISA, South Africa. During AFRIMETS TC-QS annual meeting in Enugu 2018, an initial presentation has been introduced by Ms. Soumaya CHAIEB Deputy Head of metrology in chemistry laboratory at INRAP. It was decided a short visit to INRAP by a representative of the TC-QS to confirm that the documentation reviewed are in place and implemented.


short visit took place on December 14th, 2018 to the Designated Institute of Tunisia INRAP Laboratories in Tunis, by the assigned AFRIMETS TC-QS representative. Dr. Angélique Botha TC QM chair from NMISA, South Africa, has reported to TCQS the review conclusion.

It was reported that INRAP was designated as the Institute responsible for metrology in chemistry in Tunisia since 6 July 2012. It was accredited by TUNAC on 2017 for the analysis of pesticides in matrices of plant origin by GC-ECD and confirmation by GC-MS/MS.

The quality management system is implemented in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025:2005. The laboratory has a well-established technical competence in the analysis of pesticides in fruit and vegetables and the quality culture is entrenched throughout the organisation. The plan of the laboratory for the transition to the new edition of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 is ongoing and the lab has already transitioned to the new edition of the standard and is well on its way to implement it in terms of the structural and resource requirements Furthermore, the laboratory is well on its way to submit CMCs in the field of metrology in chemistry. More work needs to be done to confirm the international measurement equivalence of the measurement methods and to improve the uncertainty budgets. During the visit some notes were raised. INRAP has completed the improvement recommended.

Decision:

The AFRIMETS TC-QS concluded that the QMS of INRAP Laboratories exists, implemented and conform to the AFRIMETS requirements. QMS of INRAP in the analysis of pesticides in fruit and vegetables fulfilled all requirements as fit for the purpose of CIPM-MRA. Therefore, CMCs entries in this scope when supported with enough evidence from inter comparison reports can process through intra-regional and inter-regional review process for the purpose of Publication at the BIPM KCDB.

Signature 
Prof. Dr. Noha E. Khaled
Chair
AFRIMETS TC-QS

Date 24 April 2019

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Recommandation of the expert

INRAP Action

it is recommended that INRAP participate in a **bilateral comparison** that could be registered as a **supplementary comparison for pesticides in fruit and vegetables to confirm their measurement equivalence for the submission of CMC** claims as soon as possible.

This proposition has been exposed during the last OWAG meeting April 2019.

Already in progress with the AFRIMETS TC-QM to organise an AFRIMETS comparison in coordination with APMP

Action:
Apr 2019.09

APMP.QM-S11:

GLHK to correct the notation of standard uncertainty in the SCRIV reported in the study to the bracket notation instead of plus or minus. GLHK to verify the feasibility of a subsequent study. LM to circulate that answer to the group and check for potential participants.

In terms of the continuous improvement of the technical competence of the laboratory it is recommended that the laboratory obtain experience and training in the gravimetric preparation of samples and standards to improve and simplify the uncertainty estimates for its measurement results.

INRAP is already taking action in terms of the recommendation to gain experience in the gravimetric preparation of samples to improve the uncertainty estimates of the measurement results. Several of the scientists from INRAP has signed up for the capacity building and knowledge transfer (CBKT) program of the BIPM to improve their technical skills.



**INRAP team with Dr Angélique BOTHER in the GC Lab,
December 2019**

10. Addressing weak and strong points

INRAP Diagnostic mission related to its organisational development as a DI in Mic

This support mission with :

- **Dr Robert I. WIELGOSZ**

Director of the Chemistry Department; also
Head of IT Services

Executive Secretary of the CCQM; Executive
Secretary of the JCTLM

- **Dr Wynand Louw**

Director for Research and Technology
Development at NMISA

Head AFRIMETS Secretariat

CIPM Committee President

Object of the mission:

- To prioritize the organisational development of LNMc as a DI in Mic

- Diagnose the situation between the INRAP testing section and LNMc

- To establish a new management organisation that will promote for metrology services and satisfying the national need in term of Mic

Outcomes of the mission:

Two levels projects based on a gradual build-up of activities

- 1. Project 2020-2021:** Satisfying the national need in metrology services in term of CS and PM based on existing infrastructure with some additional capital investment for:
 - **Implementation a gravimetric unity**
 - **Implementation of ISO 17034:2016**
 - **Establishing a capacity building program with NMISA**
- 2. Project 2021-2023:** Establishing measurement services to advance the quality and safety of locally produced products, to produce reference materials for quality of life and to promote good measurement practices and improve the global competitiveness of Tunisia. Via :
 - **Development of Matrix Reference Material production facilities with the increase in staff and funding**

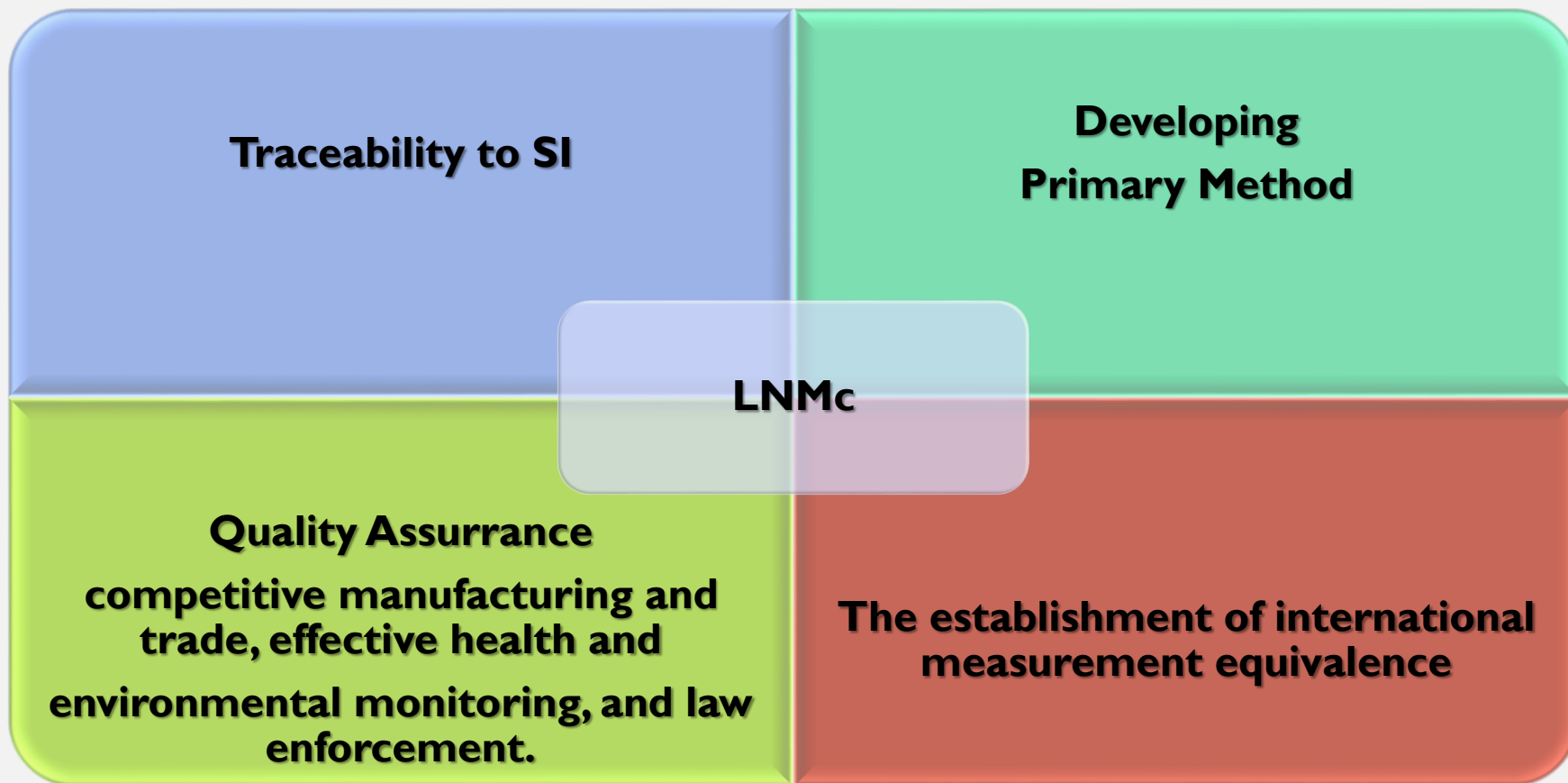
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| 1 | Balance (10 kg, 0.01 g readability) | 3000 € | For production of calibration solutions: weighing of solvents |
| 2 | Balance (500 g, 0.1 mg readability) | 5000 € | For production of calibration solutions: weighing of solvents/for dilutions |
| 3 | Balance (6 g, 0.1 µg readability) | 20 000 € | For production of calibration solutions: weighing of powders |
| 4 | Balance (2 g, 0.1 µg readability) | 20 000 € | For qNMR measurements: standard and sample mass measurements |
| 5 | 4 marble table for balances | 5000 € | Required for each balance |
| 6 | Air conditioning system temperature and humidity control with temperature and pressure monitoring for balance room | 30 000 € | A metrological quality balance room needs to be established and requires appropriate environmental control, including temperature and humidity control and pressure and temperature monitoring. |
| 7 | Anti-static kit | 1000 € | Required when weighing small amounts of organic powders |
| 8 | Ampouling systems (2) | 10000 € | Calibration solutions will need to be stored in ampoules. Flame sealing equipment to be purchased duplicate for redundancy. |
| 9 | LC with Charged Aerosol Detection (CAD) | 100 000 € | CAD provides a universal detector for LC technique which will be the major instrument used for impurity detection and quantification for related structure impurities, and for stability and homogeneity testing |
| 10 | Vacuum Oven | 5000 € | For leak testing of ampoules |
| 11 | Oven | 5000 € | For stability testing of materials and solutions at elevated temperatures |
| 12 | +4 °C and -20 °C storage facilities (2 of each) | 6000 € | Storage facilities in duplicate at both temperature ranges for pure materials and calibration solutions |
| 13 | Karl Fisher Titration with oven transfer system | 30 000 € | Determination of water content in pure organic primary |
| 14 | UV-VIS spectrophotometer | 35 000 € | For homogeneity and stability testing of calibration solutions |

Recommendations for Capital Purchases for INRAP Chemical Metrology Programme

**INRAP team visit to the
gravimetric laboratory at
BIPM with Dr Steven
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11. Addressing solutions for problems encountered



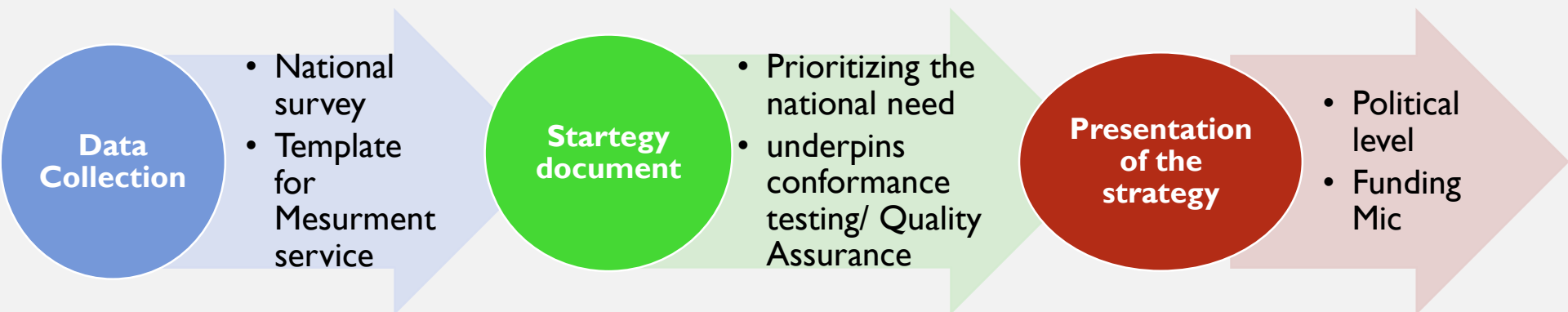
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- ✓ **Providing fit for purpose, comparable and internationally accepted national metrology system**
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