

Global Proficiency's NewsChek

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DairyChek

SRC Spores

For the last 18 months, Global Proficiency has been undertaking an extensive Research and Development project to produce *Clostridium perfringens* spores for use in samples provided in the DairyChek Milk Powder Microbiology programme. This need had arisen due to the current strain losing its ability to produce the numbers of spores needed to prepare a spore suspension for the manufacture of the freeze-dried samples we provide.

Unfortunately to-date, this has not been successful and as we have now effectively run out of samples that contain *Clostridium perfringens* spores. This means we have been forced to withdraw the test from all categories.

This will be the situation going forward until notified otherwise. Global Proficiency will continue to investigate options to offer the option of testing for spores.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

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DairyChek Cont.

Purity

Based on feedback from a participating laboratory we now include photos of the contaminants that have been added to the Purity samples, in our technical commentaries. We will also include the description states (i.e. what they are made of, eg. hard plastic, rubber etc), for contaminants like washers. The photos and descriptions help with any investigations required to be carried out.

If you have any further suggestions on how we could improve our technical commentaries – please contact us at Global Proficiency.

Blue plastic butter wrap



Hi viz jacket



Round Newsletters

For many of our proficiency testing schemes we have traditionally provided round “newsletters” that have accompanied reports, providing information on statistics, areas of interest and additional data relating to the round.

We have recently re-branded the traditional newsletter as a “Technical Commentary” as this better describes its purpose. We have also included the new IANZ logos to reflect our accreditation status. If you don't currently receive a technical commentary, please contact the Programme Leader and they will add you to our recipient list.

We will continue to keep you updated with general news, but this will be decreased to every other month.

Upcoming Rounds

Rounds 4 & 5

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GP News

There have been some changes to the GP team since the last issue of NewsChek.

Goodbye

Sadly we said goodbye to Sabrina and Lisa. They will be hugely missed and we wish them all the very best for their new adventures.

Hi there!

We would like to extend a huge welcome to Sue Rothnie who has joined our team as an Administration Assistant. She will be a huge asset and we are very happy to welcome her to the team.

Welcome back

After a two year hiatus we welcome back Janice Naulivou into our Microbiology team. Welcome back Janice!

Gone but not gone

We also said goodbye to Nicole Joe and Hi there! to Nicole Holten (nee Joe)! Congrats Mrs Holten, the wedding photos were epic!

We said goodbye to Nicole in two capacities—not just in name—but Nicole has moved from the role of Project Coordinator and Programme Development and has taken up the position of Production and Logistics Operations Manager. We know she'll do a great job!

Meet The Team



Louiza Shyra is a Production and Despatch technician at Global Proficiency who has been with us for over 6 years. She really enjoys working in a fast-paced team environment.

Outside of work, she likes cooking gourmet food for her family and friends, and exploring new places and unknown destinations.

GP News cont.

Global Proficiency reached a very important milestone recently, our ten year anniversary! Many of the staff that were at the birth of GP are still here and all agree that it has been a pleasure watching the business grow and being a part of a very special team. Our team members in our Melbourne office couldn't be with us for the photo, but we were thinking of them!



Commercial CRM's

Reference material certificates contain values that are certified—which means they have the highest level of confidence that the stated value, and the associated uncertainty, are correct. The uncertainty contains all known variables that can contribute to the range within which the “true” value is likely to lie.

Did you know that not all values that accompany a certified reference material are certified? The certificate should clearly state which values are certified and which are not. In many cases, only a few of the values provided are certified. It's up to the user to be aware of the difference and that it may affect the fitness-for-purpose.

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