



Agenda Public Conference

Wednesday May 7th, 2025

Meeting times	Meeting name	Speaker
7:30am – 8:30am	Registration & Breakfast	
8:30am – 9:00am	Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks	Kevin McKinley – CALA, CEO Sylvie Boisvenue – CALA Board, Chair
9:00am – 10:00am	Keynote Speaker – Strategic Importance of Artificial Intelligence	Noah Redler – Arche Innovation, Founder and President
10:00am – 10:30am	Strengthening North American Trust in accreditation	R. Douglas Leonard Jr. – ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB), Executive Director
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning Break	

11:00am – 11:30am	PFAS Current State	Dr. Terry Obal - SGS, Specialty Testing Practice Leader
11:30am – 12:00pm	Building the Automation Infrastructure at the Acceleration Consortium	Nipun Gupta - Acceleration Consortium, Senior Scientist
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Lean Management	Nadine Lewis – PTC, Program Officer
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Understanding the Lifetime of Certified Reference Materials (CRMs)	Ruth Perez – Biotoxin Metrology of National Research Council of Canada (NRC), Technical Officer/Quality Assurance Coordinator
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Laboratory obligations to the customer under ISO/IEC 17025	Harold Malle – Independent, Senior Scientist
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Afternoon Break	

3:00pm – 3:30pm	Fitting Ecotoxicity into the ISO/IEC 17025 framework	Leana Van Der Vliet - Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Senior Scientist
3:30pm – 4:00pm	NRC Metrology and International System of Units (SI)	Georgette Macdonald - Metrology Research Centre, National Research Council of Canada (NRC), Director General
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Equipment Calibration: exploring requirements, practices in place, and pathways to improvements	Christine de Groot - National Research Council of Canada (NRC), Leader, Assessment Services
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Quality Management in Regulated Cannabis Manufacturing	Andrew Fisher - C45 Quality Association, Chairman/Protonify Corporation, CEO, Founder Director
5:00pm	Closing Remarks	Kevin McKinley – CALA, CEO
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Mingle and Drinks with CALA Board	Exhibitors, Speakers
6:30pm – 11:00pm	GALA	Music by Jazz Bands Montreal

