



# Turning Science into Caring

## INVITATION



5<sup>th</sup> Annual Abbott  
European Laboratory  
Symposium

Abbott Conference Center,  
Wiesbaden, Germany  
March 24-25, 2010

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On behalf of Abbott Diagnostics, it is our great pleasure to invite you to our 5th annual scientific symposium to be held at our headquarters for Europe, Middle East, Africa and India in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Over the last 5 years, Abbott has conducted this scientific colloquium as an international forum to exchange information on current trends in the field of laboratory medicine. This year's meeting will address general challenges faced by health care systems throughout Europe and how new approaches in the field of diagnostics may help to improve this situation.

We are very fortunate to be able to welcome distinguished speakers, who will talk about the principles and methods of health economic evaluation of diagnostic tests, the clinical utility of novel biomarkers and on optimizing laboratory efficiencies.

We also hope that you will use this opportunity to meet and share knowledge and experiences with your colleagues from the wide range of countries represented.

We very much looking forward to seeing you at the event.



Regina Kloss-Wolf

Director Scientific Leadership  
Europe, Middle East, Africa & India

# PROGRAM

Chairman:

**Graham Beastall, IFCC President**

Plenary Session

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

- Challenge and Financial Impact of the Aging Population for European Health Care Systems
- Evidence-based Evaluation of New Diagnostic Interventions
- Health Economic Evaluations of Diagnostic Tests: Principals and Methods
- NGAL - A new Biomarker for better Management in Renal Disease

Plenary Session

Thursday, March 25, 2010

- Does the Use of Interpretative Comments Enhance the Clinicians Understanding of Laboratory Results?
- IBIS – the Future in Molecular Diagnostics

## WORKSHOPS

Thursday, March 25

### **Workshop 1:**

#### **Laboratory Automation**

- Lean Six Sigma and the Application to Health Care
- Practical Experience with Lean and Six Sigma in a Network of Hospitals in the UK
- IT Journey: Search, Evaluation and Implementation Across a Health Network

### **Workshop 2:**

#### **Importance of Vitamins**

- Current Aspects of the Role of Vitamin D
- Vitamin D in Cardiovascular Disease and Cancer
- Complexity of Vitamin B12 Testing

### **Workshop 3:**

#### **NGAL, an Early Marker for Acute Kidney Injury**

- AKI – from a Clinician Perspective
- NGAL from Basics to Clinical Application
- First Experience with ARCHITECT NGAL

### **Workshop 4:**

#### **Excellence in Cardiac Diagnostics**

- Sensitive Troponin
- BNP in Heart Failure
- Cardio Renal Syndrome



