

QW takes a look at key updates in the world of quality

Global collaboration initiative to deliver greater quality offerings

ASQ, ASQExcellence (ASQE) and the European Organization for Quality (EOQ) are exploring ways in which they can collaborate on thought leadership, knowledge sharing and networking.

Moves to expand their relationship were prompted by the changing needs of the quality community in response to Covid-19 and developments in technology that better facilitate collaboration among organisations and professionals globally.

The member leadership of all three organisations have been surveyed, with the aim of creating a partnership model that will generate mutual benefits.

Janet Raddatz, Chair of the ASQ Board of Directors, said: "The survey data will be used to inform ASQ's global strategy as we work towards improving and expanding partnerships in furtherance of the society's mission."

Joint events, potentially beginning in 2022, are being discussed, to recognise and promote leading quality



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trends, theories and practices, and to encourage knowledge sharing.

"Through global partnerships, we increase the effectiveness of any organisation by pooling ideas, resources, influence and effort," said Torolf Paulshus, President of the EOQ.

The organisations will also use ASQE's Insights on Excellence (IoE) benchmarking tool and annual report data to bring real-world metrics and quality trends to their members.

"This will facilitate the development of offerings and experiences supporting thought leadership and best practices on a global basis," said Dani Picciotti, Chair of the ASQE Board of Directors.

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ISO launches governance guidance

BSI ISO has published a new document ISO 37000, *Governance of organizations*, which aims to provide organisations and their governing bodies with the tools they need to govern well, enabling them to perform effectively while behaving ethically and responsibly.

The guidance provides principles and key aspects of practices on how to meet their responsibilities so that the organisations can fulfil their purpose. It is also intended for stakeholders involved in, or impacted by, the organisation and its governance.

Developed by experts and trusted voices from a wide range of organisations in more than 70

countries, ISO 37000 provides a single, globally accepted reference for all kinds of organisations, regardless of size, type or location.

The document defines good governance as a human-based system by which an organisation is directed, overseen and held accountable for achieving its defined purpose in an ethical and responsible manner. The standard clarifies the distinct but integrated roles that governing bodies and management play and establishes a common language, principles and practices for all organisations.

[LEARN MORE AT: iso.org/standard/65036.html](https://iso.org/standard/65036.html)

BRIEF

Food schemes added to UKAS MLA

The scope of the UKAS IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) has been extended in management systems certification, with two food/feed schemes being added at Levels 4 and 5.

FSSC 22000 is a Food Safety Management System sector scheme, and builds on ISO 22000, while FAMI-QS is a proprietary management system standard for the specialty feed-ingredient sector.

The addition of these schemes allows accredited certification bodies to use the IAF MLA mark in combination with the UKAS symbol, to provide them with greater global recognition.

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New biodiversity standard

BSI has published a new set of requirements for implementing biodiversity net gain (BNG) in development projects, including individual house builds, large-scale developments and estate management.

BNG is an approach to development and land management that leaves biodiversity in a measurably better state than before. *BS 8683: Process for designing and implementing biodiversity net gain - Specification* builds on the UK's Good Practice Principles of BNG, to provide a consistent and structured process for designing and implementing BNG.

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