



March 2009 Quality Program Newsletter

Latest News

We are most pleased to announce that **Neil Murrell**, Administrator of the Caribbean RADO, has joined the Quality Working Commission. He is bringing the important perspective of the RADO experience to the Commission's work. We would like to thank Neil and also **Dr. Adrian Lorde**, Chair of the Caribbean RADO, for their support of ANADO's Quality Program.

This newsletter launches our new logo. We thank **Kim Cook** at the Sport Information Resource Centre (SIRC) for her assistance in creating the logo design.

Have Your Say

Some ANADO members have asked how the QP will be disclosing the quality ratings determined by the Quality Assessment Panel for members' anti-doping programs. **The Working Commission is asking for your input on the following first phase approach:**

- The quality recognition ratings chart (showing the QP participants' names along with ratings for the main anti-doping program areas without additional detail) would be available on ANADO's website only to ANADO members and WADA using password access.
- Quality rating trends would be publicly disclosed on ANADO's website without restricted access. Rating trends would be shown in a chart that simply gives the total number of QP participants in each rating category for the main anti-doping program areas. No names of organizations would be given in the chart.

Members will also be asked for input on this approach at ANADO's Workshop in Dublin, Ireland next month. To provide input prior to the Workshop, please send comments and/or questions to Brenda Wagman at brenda.wagman@anado.org.

What's Next

Recruitment is now underway for the Assessment Panel Chair and members. **ANADO members are invited to submit nominations by April 18, 2009** using the two nomination forms being provided for this purpose. The forms summarize the selection criteria and selection process for these positions. The Commission will also seek candidates. The Commission will consider all candidates according to the selection criteria and will make recommendations to ANADO's Board of Directors. The Board will select the Chair and Panel members and announce their decision. For more information and/or nomination forms, please contact Brenda Wagman at brenda.wagman@anado.org.

Quality Spotlight

by **Anne Brown**, CCES and ANADO Quality Working Commission

Be aware of the new B sample opening requirements in the 2009 International Standard for Laboratories. Article 5.2.4.3.2.1 only affords a 7 day window for the B sample to be opened from the time the A sample certificate of analysis is issued to the ADO. These are very tight timelines that must be executed as efficiently as possible to ensure that without delay, athletes have their right to exercise an opening or waive their right to a B sample.

The specific article states:

"5.2.4.3.2.1 The "B" Sample analysis should occur as soon as possible and shall take place no later than seven (7) working days starting the first working day following notification of an "A" Sample Adverse Analytical Finding by the Laboratory. If the Laboratory is unable to perform the "B" analysis within this time frame for technical or logistical reason(s), this shall not be considered as a deviation from the ISL susceptible to invalidate the analytical procedure and analytical results. The Laboratory shall proceed as described above unless informed within the seven (7) working day time frame that the Athlete has waived his/her right to the "B" confirmation analysis and accepts the findings of the "A" confirmation analysis."

Tips for managing this process would be as follows:

1. Ensure you, or the sport governing body, know how to reach any athlete without delay in the event of an A sample adverse analytical finding (AAF).
2. Build general template letters in advance for AAF notifications to athletes and have them ready to be easily modified when an AAF is received from the lab.
3. Have B sample template letters prepared for documenting the opening of the B sample.
4. Ensure you have good communication with the WADA laboratory. It will be important to have established an approach with the lab and within your organization that ensures you will be made aware of the AAF as soon as the certificate is issued to you.
5. Ensure you have a process in place that outlines your ADO representation at the lab should the B sample be opened, and what your overall role will be in coordinating the process among parties. In rare occurrences, you may need to assist in the arrangements of VISAs for representatives coming in from other countries. Be generally aware of this process should you need to navigate it under time pressures.

Don't hesitate to ask ANADO colleagues for any of their templates or about their experience within this process. And coming soon – example template letters will be available online in the QP section of ANADO's website. Let's remember: it's members helping members and we are all here to help protect athletes' rights to a level playing field and due process.
