

ARGENTINE ACCREDITATION BODY: WINNER OF THE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD

The Argentine Accreditation Body is a pioneer, being as it is the first accreditation body in the world that has won the National Quality Award.

The purpose of the route towards excellence, that the OAA has decided to pursue within the quality culture, is the continuous improvement of the services it provides, both locally and abroad. For this purpose it has adopted the National Quality Award Model in addition to the international requirements through which it has obtained worldwide recognition.

In the course of this route of successes, the OAA was granted the Special Mention for Excellence in Integral Management and the National Quality Award in the non-profit Organization category granted by the National Quality Award Foundation in 2009.

The National Quality Award was created in 1992 with the aim of “promoting processes and systems for the continuous improvement of quality in order to support the upgrading and competitiveness of organizations”.

The Award was handed over by the Nations President, Dr. Cristina Fernández, on October 21, 2009, at the Bicentenary’s Argentinean Women Hall of the Casa Rosada. She was accompanied by the Minister of Industry and Tourism, Ms. Débora Giorgi; the Minister of Economy and Public Finances, Mr. Amado Boudou; the Minister of Safety, Justice and Human Rights, Dr. Julio César Alak; the Minister of Health, Dr. Juan Luis Manzur; the Minister of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation, Dr. Lino Barañao; the Secretary of Public Management, Dr. Juan Manuel Abal Medina; and the head of the National Quality Award Foundation, Mr. Norberto Taranto.





New Activities of the OAA

Monitoring of Good Laboratories Practices

OAA has been designed the Monitoring Authority of Good Laboratory Practice based on what was established by the OCDE by the Argentinean Regulatory Authorities. Thus, OAA started the activity of inspection in August 2009.

The first inspection was observed by Doctor Francisca Liem of the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States, who congratulated OAA and declared that it was a “historical” moment for Argentina.

Proficiency Testing Providers

This year, OAA has accredited the first Proficiency Testing Provider based on guides ISO/IEC 43 and ILAC G13.

It is important to mention the relevance, in a national and international level, of having accredited Proficiency Testing Providers that offer services to the laboratories to endorse to its technical competence.

