

Sending in results

Last year we had a problem where a small number of participants received an automatic confirmation that we had received their results though their results did not appear in the intercal account. This problem appears to have been fixed. Still in rare cases we do not received results although the participant is certain they have been sent. It is important for us that all registered labs who wish to participate are included. A reminder is therefore sent before the reporting deadline to participants whose results we haven't registered. If we receive neither results, nor notice that you will not be participating, we will contact you personally for confirmation.

Please contact us (marsha.hanson@aces.su.se) if you encounter problems or have questions.

Participant survey 2017

It is time again for us to conduct a participant survey. We are looking at the possibility of using a web-based survey tool that Stockholm University subscribes to. Information will be sent out later.

2017-1 Metals and trace elements

We request special registration for parameters that risk having too few participants for a meaningful evaluation. The parameter will be cancelled if fewer than 6 labs register.

2017-2 Test round for sludge

Several labs have expressed interest in a proficiency test for dry weight in sludge. If we can obtain a suitable test material we will offer dry weight and ignition residue (and possibly pH and alkalinity) in sludge in round 2016-2. We will visit a treatment plant in the beginning of the year and thereafter contact the labs that make a preliminary registration.

2017-5 BOD7

BOD7 demands a larger volume of water. Labs wishing to analyze both BOD7 and other parameters can receive an extra liter of water by marking the relevant checkbox on the registration form.

If you no longer want information...

If your lab no longer wishes to receive information about and invitations to participate in ACES Proficiency Tests, you may request that we remove you from our mailing list. Contact Marsha Hanson at marsha.hanson@aces.su.se or call +46-8-6747277.

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Round	Parameters	Samples	Dispatch	Analysis
2017-1	Metals and trace elements Ag, Al, As, B, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, Hg, Mn, Mo, Ni, Pb, Sb, Se, Si, Sn, Sr, Tl, U, V, Zn	Part A: Recipient, spiked Part B: Municipal wastewater, spiked	6 Feb	9 Feb (Hg) open (others)
2017-2	Suspended solids + Sludge total suspended solids, fixed ignition residue, susp70 (large particles)	Part A: Municipal wastewater Part B: Paper industry wastewater	13 Mar	16 Mar
2017-3	Nutrients + Odor NO ₂ -N, NO ₃ -N, NO _{2,3} -N, NH ₄ -N, N _{tot} , PO ₄ -P, P _{tot} , Si, color (Hazen units, true/apparent), pH, conductivity	Part A: Eutrophic recipient Part B: Municipal wastewater	3 Apr	6 Apr
2017-4	Ion Balance Color (absorbance/Hazen units, true/apparent), conductivity, pH, turbidity, alkalinity, Ca+Mg, hardness (dH), Ca, K, Mg, Na, chloride, fluoride, sulfate, sum anions, sum cations, COD _{Mn} , TOC	Part A: Recipient, potable Part B: Humic recipient	4 Sep	7 Sep
2017-5	Wastewater parameters BOD ₇ , COD _{Mn} (Part A only), COD _{Cr} , TOC, Na, conductivity, pH, alkalinity, N _{tot} (Part B only), P _{tot} (Part B only), AOX (Part C, separate registration)	Part A: Municipal wastewater Part B: Paper industry wastewater Part C: AOX	2 Oct	5 Oct

Registration

Enclosed is the registration form for this spring's proficiency tests. The form for this autumn's rounds will be sent in June. Copy the form before sending it in—your lab code is needed when reporting your results.

Costs

2017-1: Registration fee 3420 SEK per part + 315 SEK for each reported parameter.

2017-2, 2017-3, 2017-4 and 2017-5: Registration fee 2520 SEK per part + 395 SEK for each reported parameter. No registration fee for AOX (2017-5 part C) if your lab registers for part A or B in the same round.

Tracking your parcel

Upon shipping, the parcel ID numbers are published on our website. Go to DPD's website <http://www.dpd.com> to trace your parcel. Select your country and paste in your parcel ID.

Reporting

Use our electronic forms to submit your results. Information is included with your samples and can also be found on our website.

A preliminary report will be published two weeks after the submission deadline. The final report is published one month later.

