

Analytico Food offers new wine analysis in the Netherlands



Analytico Food, the Dutch food division of the Eurofins Scientific Group, is expanding by offering its customers the highest quality in wine analysis.

By purchasing a high tech auto-analyser, especially designed and developed for wine analysis, Analytico is able to determine in a single run the most common parameters used by wine professionals to assess the quality of products. This offer completes the already large wine analysis portfolio of the Eurofins Group and makes Analytico one of the leaders in wine analysis in the

Netherlands. This position strengthens the internationally renowned authenticity testing service, using SNIF-NMR® - a Eurofins patent. This technology uses Site Specific Natural Isotopic Fractionation, determined by NMR, to detect the adulteration of wines (addition of sugar or water, ...).

In view of these developments, Analytico has developed a successful partnership with Baarsma, a leading Dutch wine import and exporter. This association has led to a close collaboration between the Analytico Food laboratory and Wine Excel, the bottling arm of Baarsma located in Zaandam, Netherlands. Our experts in quality systems and wine analysis work closely together with Wine Excel staff in order to ensure the highest quality of their

products. Wine Excel has a bottling capacity of 150 000 litres per day and includes amongst its portfolio of clients the largest retailer in the Netherlands.

Due to this collaboration, Analytico was invited to the Wine Congress organised by the Royal Association of Dutch Wine Merchants, Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging van Wijnhandelaren (KNVW), and hosted by Wine Excel on the 4th of June, 2002. This event generated great interest from the attending wine companies, food safety being the general theme. The importance of HACCP methodology in quality management was presented by the Dutch Inspectorate for Health Protection and Veterinary Public Health (Keuringsdienst van Waren), which included details of new regulations regarding ochratoxin A limits.

Ochratoxin A is a mycotoxin produced by a number of fungal species in the genera *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium*, on pre- and post-harvest grapes. This toxin is classified as a carcinogen and can be found throughout the production system, from the field to the bottle. Many surveys of grapes and wines have revealed the presence of significant levels of this mycotoxin. This has prompted the EU to set regulatory limits for ochratoxin A concentration in these products. Proposals have been made by the EU to set a limit of 1-2 ppb of ochratoxin A in wine.

Analytico was able to confirm during the wine congress that they, as well as several other laboratories of the Eurofins Group, can offer the analysis of ochratoxin A down to levels of 0.1 ppb in wines and grapes, as well as a complete range of mycotoxin analysis in foods and foodstuffs ●

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Analytico Medinet, the partner for the pharmaceutical industry

Over the past few years Analytico Medinet, based in Breda, The Netherlands, has improved its services to exceed the expectations of its customers in the pharmaceutical industry. This improvement has been rewarded with the signing of several prime provider relationships with major pharmaceutical companies, the acquisition of new business from the top 25 pharmaceutical companies and a high percentage of repeat order business. Clinical Trials central laboratory services, marketed through CRLMedinet, and BioAnalytical laboratory services marketed through Analytico Medinet, form the core areas of operation.

CRLMedinet, co-founded by Analytico Medinet in 1996, is a partnership between laboratories in the USA, Australia, South Africa and The Netherlands, collaborating to provide laboratory and project management services for global clinical trials under standardized conditions. Standardization is required for the submission of data to the US FDA and other regulatory bodies to obtain market authorization for pharmaceuticals. CRLMedinet is further supported by staff in Eastern Europe to provide local assistance for global trials. Further partners are sought to expand services to the Asian region, as more and more clinical research is moving towards this region.

Clinical Trials services include safety & esoteric laboratory testing, logistics, reporting, project & data management with strong global IT support. The aim is to provide cutting edge support to keep pace with the ever developing needs of pharmaceutical industry customers.

BioAnalytical services are targeted at providing professional advice, project management, logistics, method development and validation, sample analysis, electronic data management and reporting. A dedicated team of study directors ensures the proper conduct of the study and the production of a final report to the sponsor.

All activities are performed under strictly quality assured conditions and are overseen by an independent QA department.

Project Management and Logistics

A significant part of day to day business concentrates on global logistics, ensuring specimens and collection kits are transported safely to and from the clinical Investigator site. To manage this, dedicated, professionally qualified and experienced staff handle all aspects of the study, including writing laboratory manuals and protocols, providing Investigator training, managing courier companies and ensuring all work is performed in accordance with Good Clinical Practice. Experienced IT



people ensure that the data generated in the laboratory are reported promptly to the Investigator, they also prime data bases for new studies and manage study data transfers to the sponsor at agreed intervals.

Additionally, a toll-free telephone support (client support desk) with personalised response is available, whereas a global web-application is present for investigators to access the data produced in the laboratory directly.

Analytico Medinet's quality accreditations:

- Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) (Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport)
- ISO/EN 17025 (Sterlab/RvA)
- ISO 9001 (Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance)
- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)

Quality

Quality does not come with a certificate. It is a state of mind and a way of life. Analytico Medinet encourages this philosophy amongst its staff, to ensure that customers can see quality as a tangible asset every time they communicate with the laboratory. Validated analytical methods with good specificity, sensitivity, reproducibility and accuracy are mandatory for laboratory data that will stand the test when it comes to submission of the dossier to Health Authorities. That's why the quality of all data is continually monitored through rigorous quality control and quality assurance procedures ●

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