



HOW IT ALL STARTED!

- Conference in Sao Paolo 2004. A domestic conference for Brazilians
- We were 4 invited speakers from USA, NZ and Europe (Sweden /Portugal)
- **Why not start an international forum for workplace testing?** We thought the international companies need this kind of forum. To network and gather information.



- 2008 First forum in Sao Paolo
- 2010 Second forum in Barcelona
- 2011 Third forum in Houston
- 2012 Next forum in Rome
- After that Asia?



- **IFDAT is now a non-profitable organization registered in USA.**
- The board: Dr Anthony Wong from Brazil, Kurt Bothner from USA, Sue Nolan NZ and myself Per Björklöv from Sweden.



- **Our aim:** Be the best network for international testing
- Be a source to get information about international testing
- Present new methods and procedures. Edge technology.



How can we achieve this?

- Have a very good list of international speakers. Have a fantastic program.
- Organize these Forums in key places and on different continents.
- Create a good mixture between industry, TPAs, companies and scientific world
- Work together with key organizations as EWDTS and SAPAA.



MRO

We also think it is very important to involve the MRO function in international testing. In most countries the MRO function do not exist or is considered not needed. **We** believe the MRO function is important.

Dr Ben Gerson has helped a lot to put together the MRO program here.



- If you have any ideas or proposal what IFDAT should do or not should, please approach any of us in the board. Dr Wong arrives tomorrow. You will recognize him. He is not a silent person.



NEXT Conference will be in Rome





- We need sponsors to organize conferences like this. I am very glad that we have 16 sponsors for this conference.
- OmegaLabs, Quest, DISA and CIS have already committed to the next conference in Rome.



Thanks!

Immunoanalysis and Omega labs that committed early

The people from CIS who helped with the website and registration and DISA for helping with all promotion material and also most of the practical things here in Houston



- THIS Conference: Fantastic program: 26 speakers from 10 countries.
- Officials from US Government and US coast guard.
- Looking at the delegate/speaker list you can see there are really “heavy” companies and organizations. It would be hard to find another place on earth where to find so many important key persons for International testing.



Optional dinner

Lunch

A glass of domestic !!! wine or a beer after the last presentations today.