

# 2017 UPDATES



Annual SLMTA Newsletter

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## SLMTA in Numbers

As of December, 2017

49

# of countries that have implemented SLMTA

54

# of SLMTA laboratories that have achieved accreditation

16

# of SLMTA heroes acknowledged ([www.slmta.org](http://www.slmta.org))

## Key 2018 Events

[Mark your calendar](#)

### Regional SLMTA 2 workshop

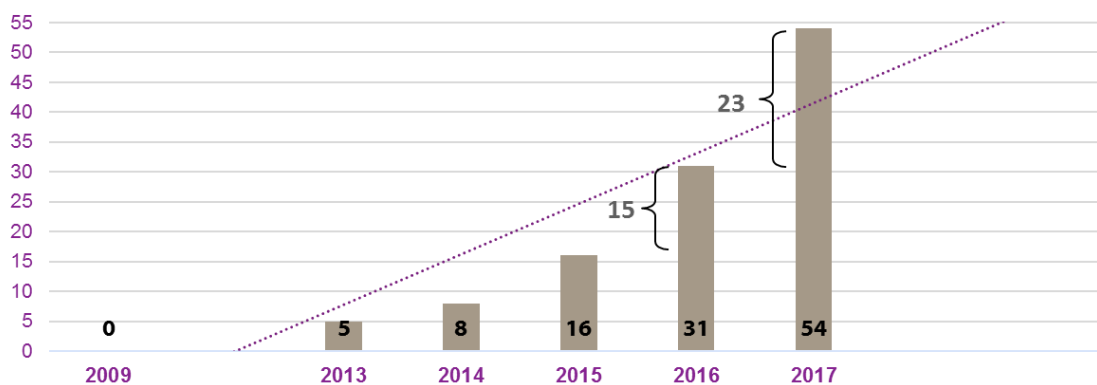
Roche Scientific Campus  
Johannesburg  
South Africa  
May 7-12

### Regional SLMTA TOT Workshop

Garden Court Hotel  
Johannesburg  
South Africa  
May 7-18

## Exponential Growth of the Number of SLMTA - Laboratories Accredited to International Standards

### Accumulated # SLMTA Labs Accredited



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SLIPTA/SLMTA launched

# WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2018



## ASLM2018, December 10-13, 2018, Abuja, Nigeria

We are planning another SLMTA/SLIPTA Symposium at the ASLM2018 conference. Again, we will have a song-and-dance contest for countries to showcase their SLMTA spirit. You may watch the video of the unforgettable SLMTA song and dance performance by three countries (Cameroon, Kenya and South Africa) at the last SLMTA Symposium at [www.slmta.org](http://www.slmta.org). Then, begin composing and choreographing!!! We look forward to seeing your country perform there.

## World debut of a Combined SLMTA 1/ SLMTA 2 Curriculum in China

In the coming year, SLMTA will be implemented in China to help laboratories achieve ISO15189 accreditation. In March 2018, the National Center for TB Control and Prevention (under the China Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) will conduct its first ever SLMTA training targeting the TB hospitals in three pilot provinces. This 2-week workshop will see the world debut of a *combined SLMTA 1 and SLMTA 2 curriculum*, designed and delivered by *SLMTA Extraordinaire* Anna Murphy. As many know, SLMTA 2 takes a process-based approach to designing, implementing, and monitoring a quality management system, with focus on *corrective action, occurrence management, internal audit, and management review*. This blended curriculum embeds the process-based approach and ISO requirements across all SLMTA 1 activities. For example, before the three personnel-related activities from SLMTA 1 (*How do you Assign Personnel to Tasks, Competency Assessment, and Creating a Personnel File*), participants will first map the process that meets the requirements of ISO15189 5.1 Personnel. China will be the 50<sup>th</sup> country that has adopted SLMTA.