

## Spanish National Test Centre Reactivation: On Its Way

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In the previous communication of VIRT&L-COMM.14.2018.2 (of September 2018) it has been announced that the EChemTest Spanish National Test Centre (NTC) has been reactivated in Madrid (at the Universidad Complutense) and that an ad hoc work team has been appointed in order to take care of the tasks necessary to carry out the various activities.

As a representative of the Spanish NTC (Madrid, Spain), Javier Sánchez-Benítez attended to the extraordinary EChemTest training event held in Perugia on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The contribution in this event of Antonio Laganà, Osvaldo Gervasi and Sergio Tasso, became an opportunity for the comeback of the Universidad Complutense of Madrid to EChemTest. In this context, Osvaldo Gervasi gave us direct access to the available Spanish libraries (and the corresponding English ones). The first task to carry out for the Madrid working team is the revision of the English-Spanish translation of all question & answers, and therefore to inform Perugia EChemTest node about any found mistakes or issues related with the essence of the questions. Related work will be reported at the coming EchemTest Test Centre coordinators meeting to be held in Krakow on the morning of Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> and will be later discussed during the Training event to be held in the afternoon of the same day.

Javier Sánchez-Benítez and Francisco Javier Lacadena García-Gallo<sup>3</sup> (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) will be the coordinators of the Madrid Test Centre, which will be the hub for the Spanish language EChemTests and will offer its services at both national and international level. In this sense, the remote collaboration with Franz Velasco in La Paz (Bolivia) will be extremely useful in order to validate all EChemTest Libraries of Q&A translation and also to disseminate EChemTest activities not only in Bolivia but also in other Latin-American institutions, which are for sure a primary target in the international extension of EChemTest.

At this point, a thought has to be done related to the expectations from EChemTest at our national level. We find it extremely interesting from different points of view. At short-term, we believe it is a very useful tool in our academic environment and we expect to evaluate the knowledge and skills in Chemistry of our students along the Bachelor Degree. At medium-term, we would like to assess the relative knowledge in Chemistry for students willing to join our Masters and foreigners applying for joining our Chemistry Degree or Masters. At long-term, it is an opportunity to compare the Chemistry level between universities and students at different stages of the Education system (including high school) and to warrant the Chemistry level for professional workers at industry.

Best wishes from Madrid

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