

# Accreditation Insider

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## 2019 Annual Assessor Training

The 2019 PJLA Annual Assessor Conclave was another huge success! Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. recently welcomed PJLA Assessors to Embassy Suites Troy for their annual December Training. Douglas Berg, Michael Kramer, Julie Snelling, Larry Lagman, and Henry Alexander educated our core



*Congratulations to our raffle winners: Bryan Moffatt, Felipe Narcio, and Maurice Downer!*

group of assessors on common findings, program changes, and the most recent updates to relevant standards. Assessors were provided with training including ISO/IEC 17025, an Overview of DoE/DOD Program, Data Package Review, Cannabis Laboratory Updates, ISO/IEC 17020 Overview, and much more. During the same week, PJLA also had our annual Technical Committee Meeting to discuss modifications to PJLA policies and risk analysis. Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. would like to thank the PJLA staff for all their efforts coordinating another successful annual assessor forum. ♦

## Congratulations To Inspeed Global For Achieving 17043:2010 Accreditation

PJLA Testing Program Manager, Douglas Berg, conducted our first ISO/IEC 17043:2010 assessment for Inspeed Global in Istanbul, Turkey a full-service Proficiency Testing Provider.



*"It was our pleasure to work with PJLA during the assessment conducted last week in Turkey and would like to thank you for the professional assessment by Douglas." ♦*

## Upcoming 17025:2017 Internal Auditor Training (2 Days)

March 24-25, 2020 – (8:30am - 5:00pm) – Troy, MI

This section of the course will cover the aspects of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and any additional accreditation body requirements as required by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). Participants will be educated on the requirements outlined in 17025 in order to implement a comprehensive quality and technical laboratory management system. Participants will exit this course with the ability to develop and administer the requirements of the standard among their entire laboratory system and gain the necessary technical skills required to achieve ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 Accreditation.

Key points for this course:

- Full Overview of 17025 Requirements
- Audit Planning & Techniques
- Simple & User-friendly Implementation Techniques
- Case Studies & Exercises focusing on Common Laboratory Findings and Troublesome Areas



**(Participants will receive a certificate after completion)**

**Register Today! 1-877-369-5227**

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## Client Spotlight: Fidelity Diagnostics



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Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation, Inc. is pleased to announce the ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation of Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory. Fidelity Diagnostics is a high-performance analytical testing laboratory specializing in the analysis of medical cannabis. The services they currently provide include testing for cannabinoids, terpenes, pesticides, residual solvents, microbial assays, and more.

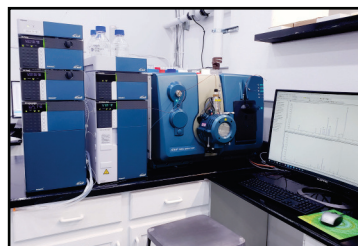


ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation has been critical in refining their laboratory processes. They have improved their management systems, data monitoring, traceability, quality control, calibration, and maintenance protocols. Also, it has provided further credentials to their clients that serve as objective confirmation of their testing methods and technical competence.

*“ We have had a great experience partnering with PJLA. PJLA was very helpful in insuring the appropriate level of detail in all of our protocols.”*

– Dr. Keith Erwin, PhD, Co-Owner/CXO

Fidelity Diagnostics' team is known for its commitment to accuracy and precision in laboratory analysis, as well as its focus on customer service. Moving forward, they have plans to continue expanding and improving laboratory processes in their Montana-based lab.



The services they provide to the medical cannabis community in Montana proves their constant commitment to addressing various healthcare needs. Their guiding principle is to help clients produce safer, cleaner, and more consistent medicine, enabling them to better serve patients and compete in the medical cannabis marketplace.

**Combining state of the art technology with unrivaled service to provide accuracy and speed at an affordable price. ♦**

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## Welcome New Staff



### Miriah Brooks - Administrative Assistant

PJLA would like to welcome Miriah Brooks to our team. Miriah was born in Port Huron but currently resides with her fiancé in Rochester Hills. During her spare time, she enjoys working on home renovation projects and playing with her two dogs.

### Kelli Ramos - Medical Technical Program Manager

PJLA welcomes Kelli Ramos to the team. Kelli joins us after spending time at Columbia Memorial and Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital where she worked as clinical laboratory technician. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Textile Technology from Central Michigan University where she was a laboratory manager for the apparel testing laboratory. Moving forward, Kelli has plans to pursue her Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Michigan. When she is not at work, she enjoys rock climbing, skiing, and spending time with her husband, children, and two papillon mixes.

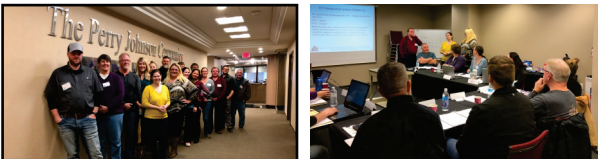


### Samantha Davis - Accreditation Program Assistant

PJLA would like to welcome Samantha Davis to our team. Born and raised in Michigan, Samantha enjoys spending her time playing video games, doing arts & crafts, and spending time with her adorable Labrador Retrievers. ♦

## November Internal Auditor Training

A huge thank you to those who joined us for our ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Internal Auditor Training in November. The course covered aspects of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, as well as additional accreditation body requirements from the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC). ♦



## PJLA Anniversary



### 5 Years

Heather Warren  
Accreditation Program Assistant

## Upcoming Expos & Conferences

### Emerald 2020

February 26 – 29, 2020

Loews Coronado Bay Resort

Visit us at Booth #602

Chat with PJLA President/Operations Manager, Tracy Szerszen and National Sales Manager, Brett McMillen.

Enter our drawing for a chance to win a gift card!



### Hemp & CBD Expo

February 29 – March 1, 2020

NEC Birmingham

Visit us at Booth #C129



### Pittcon 2020

March 1 – 5, 2020

McCormick Place

Visit us at Booth #1448



## PJLA Visits The Global Cannabis Institute London

Thank you for joining PJLA Testing Program Manager, Douglas Berg, and our UK National Project Managers, Stephen Whatford and Ben Watt, at the **Global Cannabis Institute Europe Meeting** November 13-14, 2019. ♦



Stephen Whatford and Ben Watt



Douglas Berg and Ben Watt

## Transition Date Reminder

All laboratories must be accredited to the new standard by November 29, 2020 and will be asked if they would like to transition during their normal, routine visits. Laboratories must transition no later than August 31, 2020, regardless of their assessment due date. The August 31 transition deadline will allow for a buffer period to close any non-conformances that may have been identified during transition assessments. ♦



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## Look Out For PJLA's FREE Online Webinars!

PJLA is now offering free webinars on various topics in relation to ISO/IEC 17025 for both testing and calibration laboratories. These are for all interested parties including: laboratories seeking accreditation, accredited laboratories, assessors, and consultants. To see our full schedule and register for upcoming webinars visit our website at [www.pjlabs.com/training/pjla-webinars](http://www.pjlabs.com/training/pjla-webinars). ♦

**Friday, February 28:** Section 7.8 of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 Reporting of Results

*This webinar will look at the requirements specified in Section 7.8 of ISO/IEC 17025:2017, a new section that has been added regarding reporting statements of conformity. This includes both common and specific requirements for testing, calibration, and sampling. Join PJLA as we look at the new details to help your organization comply with these ISO 17025 requirements.*

