



National Association for Proficiency Testing

A Non-Profit Organization Dedicated to Excellence in Metrology & Test Measurement

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NAPT Celebrates as it Enters it's 10th Year

The staff at NAPT would like to share our excitement with you as we enter our tenth year of providing proficiency testing services to the metrology & test community. Since its inception, NAPT has conducted over 5000 ILC/PTs to over 500 labs. We started out with offering just three schemes (proficiency tests) and now we offer over 50 schemes to meet your needs. NAPT also has another 10 ILC/PTs in the development stage. NAPT continually strives to meet your needs through new ILC/PT development, improved processes and expanded data analysis to include the most thorough, in-depth, meaningful reports which are unsurpassed in the proficiency testing provider arena.

NAPT has been able to provide these services to you because we respond to the needs of the community by collecting your requests and creating ILC/PTs to fulfill your requirements. In addition to offering our standard ILC/PTs, we also conduct Regional Events, for those items that can't be shipped from lab to lab. We also work with you to develop Intra ILC/PTs that meet your specific needs, when other options do not avail themselves. NAPT is the only calibration PT provider that can meet all of your needs.

Over the years we have been able to help countless labs improve their measurements process. We have numerous success stories where labs would not have been able to identify their shortcomings if they had not participated in a NAPT ILC/PT. That's the true success of this association, helping labs making better measurements.

As we move forward, we look constantly to not only improve the ILCs we conduct, but in finding ways to lower the cost of enrollment while ensuring the needs of the test & measurement community are met. With your guidance this association is sure to be around another 10, 20, 30.... years. Thanks for helping make NAPT the best calibration ILC/PT provider.

Celebration in Accreditation!

NAPT is also very pleased to announce that we have received accreditation from The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation / A2LA, Certificate Number 2337.01. NAPT has been accredited as a Proficiency Testing Provider. We invite you to review the attached scope of accreditation. After reviewing our scope you will see why we continue to be the leader in providing ILC/PT's to the test & measurement community.

By becoming accredited by a third party we felt it was the simplest way to share with the test & measurement community that our quality system / services conforms to international requirements. We feel our processes are unmatched by any ILC/PT provider. In fact, we welcome any member to schedule an online review/tour of NAPT processes, to include our quality system, data analysis process, management applications, etc. what ever you wish to review. We want each of our members to know everything about their association. If you have an internet browser, we can schedule a tour/review of NAPT's process. Just contact us and we will set it up.

The success of NAPT is directly related to you – our participants. We appreciate your support over the years and extend congratulations to you for partnering in an association where its' members are dedicated to



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providing precision services to their customers and the community. We could not offer the extensive list of ILC/PTs without the support and diligence of our reference labs, pivot labs, artifact sponsors, and technical advisors. Partnering with the fore mentioned, allows NAPT to respond to the needs of the community. As the only non-profit ILC/PT calibration provider, NAPT remains innovative and committed to new test development so that we may provide you with quality service and support as you comply with your quality requirements.

Again thanks to each of you for making NAPT a success.

NAPT's New Website.....

The first of May will bring a new look to the NAPT website. Continually seeking to make improvements and provide quality service applies to our website as well as our ILC/PT programs. We hope you will find our new website to be more user friendly, informative and resourceful. As always, we welcome any comments you may have. We want NAPT's website to be an efficient and effective tool for not only submitting your ILC/PT participation information, but for planning it as well. You will not only be surprised by the look and feel of the site but also the tools we are adding for your benefit. More about those as the updated site goes online.

If you have any questions regarding this Newsletter or any questions in General, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Staff at NAPT

Check NAPT's Website at www.proficiency.org for current ILC/PT's, ILC/PT updates, Regional postings as well as to review our Newsletters !!!

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