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Consultant Profile

Leslie Coveney is the Director of **Savant Technologies**, a consultancy founded in 1991 to provide expertise in the tools for obtaining laboratory data, ensuring its quality and transforming it into meaningful information. The company delivers its expertise through provision of both consultancy and training.

Leslie is a professional analytical chemist who has run the day to day operations of a large laboratory business and led interdisciplinary teams working on technical and business projects. He has overseen the work of graduate scientists, technicians and clerical staff.

He is an experienced lead and technical assessor for national accreditation bodies in the UK and Europe for testing laboratories (ISO 17025) , proficiency testing schemes (ISO 17043) and reference materials (ISO Guide 34) assessments.

With more than 20 years experience leading an independent consultancy, Leslie has worked with organisations testing foods, dairy products, waters and effluents and a range of other materials. He has provided training and support for laboratories preparing and maintaining accredited management systems in the UK , Europe, Africa and Asia. He has contributed to EU capacity building projects for the improvement of food safety laboratories in EU trading partner and applicant countries.

He has been the coordinator for a food sector proficiency testing scheme and has contributed to evaluations and collaborative trials of analytical testing equipment. He has lectured on various aspects of laboratory management systems and proficiency testing in the UK and overseas. He regularly provides training to laboratory organisations on the implementation of ISO 17025 and other standards, auditing of laboratories, validation of test methods and the use of statistical tools in the testing laboratory.



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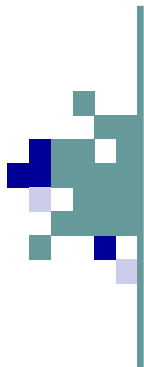
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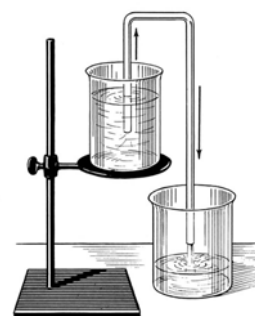
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Current Experience

- Technical and Lead Assessor for UK and European accreditation bodies carrying out assessments to ISO 17025, ISO 17043 and ISO Guide 34
- Independent internal auditing of management systems and technical aspects for accredited laboratories testing foods, waters and other materials
- Assistance with development of laboratory management systems and testing for assessment to requirements of ISO 17025 including development of management systems to support flexible scopes of accreditation.
- Training for laboratory staff in auditing to requirements of ISO 17025 and other standards.
- Training in the use of statistical techniques for method validation and analytical quality assurance in and assistance with estimation of measurement uncertainty for chemical and microbiological test methods
- Participation in EU capacity building project in Indonesia improving the performance of testing for contaminants in fisheries products and providing expertise and training on the maintenance of quality management in national laboratories.
- Participation in EU capacity building project in Albania assessing capabilities of food safety laboratories and providing expertise and training on development of laboratories towards accreditation to ISO 17025
- Training on Proficiency Testing schemes to accreditation bodies in Croatia and India
- Statistical analysis of data from laboratory trial evaluating test equipment for determining freezing point depression (FPD) in milk and from a collaborative trial evaluating test equipment for determining phosphatase activity in milk.



ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY

LABORATORY ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

LABORATORY QUALITY ASSURANCE

LABORATORY AUDITING

METHOD VALIDATION

STATISTICAL TOOLS FOR THE LABORATORY

MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

PROFICIENCY TESTING SCHEMES

REFERENCE MATERIALS

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