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## **iNADO Quality Recognition for Sample Collection**

### **Croatian Institute for Toxicology and Anti-Doping Anti-Doping Programme**

#### **Quality Recognition for Sample Collection Granted to Croatian Institute for Toxicology and Anti-Doping**

**This document is the iNADO Quality Recognition for Sample Collection assessment report for the Croatian Institute for Toxicology and Anti-Doping, the NADO for Croatia. iNADO hereby recognises that the Croatian Institute for Toxicology and Anti-Doping has a Quality Sample Collection programme. This Quality Recognition is valid until the end of July, 2018. At that time, Croatian Institute for Toxicology and Anti-Doping must be re-assessed to maintain this Quality Recognition.**

#### **Introduction and Process**

The purpose of recognizing quality sample collection programmes is to assist NADOs to show their proficiency to current and potential partners, including other NADOs, International Federations and Major Event Organisers. This quality recognition uses peer review – the same practice by which the quality of scientific research is assured – to assess and confirm competence. This assessment can also identify opportunities for improvement, itself an important practice in quality assurance.

The iNADO Quality Recognition scheme has four steps: (1) self-reporting on key sample collection documents/procedures, (2) verifying key documents/procedures, (3) assessing sample collection operations against key documents/procedures, and (4) identifying opportunities for improvement/requiring remedial actions as a condition of quality recognition.

iNADO visited the Croatian Institute for Toxicology and Anti-Doping to conduct an in-person assessment on April 26 & 27, 2016. Follow-up e-mails the following weeks provided additional documents and follow-up answers to matters raised during the in-person assessment. The draft assessment report was reviewed by the Croatian Institute for Toxicology and Anti-Doping for factual inaccuracies and omissions the week of May 31, 2016.

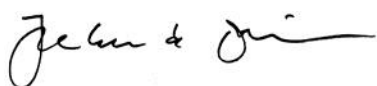
Quality Recognition is granted based on an assessment against 38 elements. It is valid for two years from the July 15, 2016. iNADO reserves the right to review this quality recognition at any time if the circumstances warrant.

### **Summary**

CITA operates an active and effective sample collection programme. While there is room for improvement in the scope of its activities (for example with respect to the ABP, the exchange of intelligence and the capacity to investigate), the quality of the work done is very high. It shows a commitment to technological innovation (use of the Aplikata system for doping control operations) and strong awareness of doping control developments that it must adopt.

### **Main Observations**

1. No gaps in sample collection procedures or operations observed. 2. CITA's anti-doping unit is still developing its ABP programme. 3. CITA's anti-doping unit is developing a "rule book" to supplement WADA Guidelines, especially for the activities of its DCOs and BCOs. 4. CITA seeks to change the status of its anti-doping unit so that it is stand-alone from the Institute and more independent of the Ministry of Health. The current Minister has given a verbal undertaking to facilitate that change. At this time, however, it is not clear what final legal / organisational form a new anti-doping entity will take. 5. CITA's anti-doping unit provides useful assistance to neighbouring NADOs, especially that of Bosnia & Herzegovina. It also has a close working relationships with SLOADO of Slovenia, NADA Austria and other European NADOs, and with some IFs.



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Attachment: CITA Quality Recognition for Sample Collection Checklist