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Message from the Chair Section 1510

Greetings from ASQ Southeast Florida Section 1510.

ASQ Section 1510 February 2018 Plant Tour at Cordis, a Cardinal Health Company, located at 14201 NW 60th Ave, Miami Lakes, FL 33014 was a success with an attendance of 14 members of Section 1510 and of Section 1515 as well. Cordis is a worldwide leader in the development and manufacture of interventional vascular technology with a more than a 50-year history of delivering pioneering products to treat millions of patients. The facility comprises three buildings with approximately 254,000 square feet and operating three shifts five days a week. With a reputation for clinical acumen, training and services, Cordis established a legacy of innovation in high-quality and less-invasive cardiovascular products and built a strong global footprint with operations in countries around the world.

Cordis supplies components to the final assembly plant located in Mexico. I, as a Supplier Quality Engineer for many years during my active working life at an important medical device organization in Miami-Dade County, know the importance of components and custom made parts impact in the quality of the finished goods.

I would like to thank the management team of Cordis for the excellent tour of their facilities on February 13 and kudos to our Section 1510 Program Chair Phil Centonze for a well-planned event.

Section 1510 continues to offer 15 different classes including 13 refresher courses for the ASQ exams plus Internal Auditing for Quality Systems and Blueprint Reading. Payment is not required until there is a minimum of five students already registered. You will be notified when the course could be offered for you to submit payment as soon as possible so the books will be available the first day of classes. Please check our Newsletter, Website, and/or LinkedIn for details.

There will be another joint membership meeting of 1510/Southeast Florida and 1515/ Greater Palm Beach in March at Tropical Acres Steakhouse in Ft. Lauderdale. Our membership meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month but please, verify the latest information in our newsletter "The Variant", our Website, and/or LinkedIn. Meet your peers, earn RUs, network, and there is always a learning opportunity. Hope to see many of you at our next joint meeting in March.



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Contact Phil Centonze for the next **Quality System Audit Training Class**

954-684-2642 or at phil.centonze@pos-impact.com

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ASQ 1510/1515 Joint Dinner Meeting

When

March 13th, 2018

Speaker

Naveen Agarwal, Ph.D., Creative Analytics Solutions, LLC

At

Tropical Acres Restaurant
2500 Griffin Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

Topic

MedTech Quality in the Age of Big Data – Are you Ready?

Price

ASQ 1510 & 1515 Members \$15 (Non-members \$30)

Menu Choice

Pasta Primavera, Prime Rib Or Seabass Françoise

Registration/Networking:

Networking 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: 7:25 p.m.

To register go to www.asqsefla.org - Upcoming Events

Speaker:

Naveen Agarwal, Ph.D., Creative Analytics Solutions, LLC

Naveen provides consulting services to help Quality organizations, primarily in the medical technology industry, achieve business objectives through efficient compliance and superior product quality. He is a creative problem-solver with nearly 20 years of experience in large, market-leading companies in Medical Devices, Consumer Products, and Industrial Plastics. Most recently, at Johnson & Johnson Vision in Jacksonville, he led a team of Business Analysts in Sales and Marketing. His Engineering Ph.D. degree is from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Naveen has certifications in ISO 9001:2015, ISO 13485:2016, Quality Engineering, Quality Management/Operational Excellence and Design for Six Sigma. In his spare time, he enjoys distance running and spending time with family.

Presentation Topic:

MedTech Quality in the Age of Big Data - Are you Ready?

Big Data technologies are driving unprecedented changes in the Medical Device industry. This presentation provides an overview of the MedTech industry, current trends and Big Data technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning and deep learning. If you are a Quality or Regulatory professional, this presentation will help you understand how your role is likely going to change in future and how you can prepare.

PRICING FOR SECTION 1510 and 1515 MEMBERS

\$15.00 PRICING OPTION! Take advantage of your **Section membership benefits** including meal if:

- You register and pay for the meeting through the PayPal option online prior to **12:00 noon on Sunday, March 11th, 2018**

OR

- You register and mail your check postmarked no later than **Saturday, March 10th, 2018** to: ASQ Section 1510 P.O BOX 823855, Pembroke Pines, FL 33082-3855

Regular pricing of \$30 applies to anyone who is not a member of Section 1510 or 1515 and to members of Section 1510 & 1515 who do not meet the registration and payment conditions noted above. Student Member of ASQ (you must be an ASQ Student member in good standing) \$5.00



Section 1510

ASQ Certification Refresher Classes

To participate in an ASQ refresher class, please sign up on the web page at www.asqsefla.org. You do not need to be a member of ASQ to participate in a class. RU's are earned for class participation. If you have a question regarding registration or class site, call Amarilis Acosta, Education Chair, at 305-298-3721 or email amarilis13@bellsouth.net please sign up at least three weeks before the scheduled class start to assure you have the textbook at first session. Any classes that do not register a minimum of five students will be cancelled. For Certification Exams dates and locations, please visit the ASQ Certification website at www.asq.org. All classes are refresher classes.

***Includes textbooks & materials**

Class	Class Name	CEU's	Fee	When	Time	Place	Instructor
IA	Internal Auditing for Quality Systems	1	\$275*	August	8:30 am to 5:00 pm One Day Seminar	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA
CQT	Certified Quality Technician	2.7	\$400*	January, August	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 9 sessions	TBD	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB
CMQ/OE	Manager of Quality / Organizational Excellence	2.7	\$450*	January, July	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 9 sessions	Dade	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB
CQE	Certified Quality Engineer	3	\$450*	March, September	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 10 sessions	TBD	Jim Carbone CBA, CQA, CQE, CMQ/OE Herve Cantave CQE
CSQE	Certified Software Engineer	2.4	\$375*	March, September	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 8 sessions	TBD	Mercedes Massana CSQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CBA
CQA	Certified Quality Auditor	2.4	\$375*	March, September	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 8 sessions	TBD	Jim Carbone, CBA, CQA, CQE, CMQ/OE Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB
CQIA	Certified Quality Improvement Associate	2.4	\$375*	March, September	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 8 sessions	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB
CQI	Certified Quality Inspector	2.4	\$375*	January, July	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 8 sessions	Broward	TBD
CRE	Certified Reliability Engineer	3	\$350*	January August	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 10 sessions	TBD	Shawn Currie CQE, CRE, CQA, CMQ/OE CSSBB
CSSBB	Six Sigma Black Belt	3	\$450*	January, August	5:30 pm to 8:30 pm 10 sessions	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA Gustavo Diaz CQE, CSSBB
CSSGB	Six Sigma Green Belt Refresher	2.7	\$450*	April, September	8:30 am to 5:00 pm 9 sessions	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA Gustavo Diaz CQE, CSSBB
CSSGB	Six Sigma Green Belt Certification	6	\$2500*	March, September	8:30 am to 5:00 pm 9 sessions	TBD	Kannan Krishnan CQE, CQA, CMQ/OE, CQIA, CSSBB, CBA Gustavo Diaz CQE, CSSBB
CBA	Certified Biomedical Auditor	2.4	\$375*	January August	8 sessions	Cordis	Jim Carbone, CBA, CQA, CQE, CMQ/OE



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPLIER QUALITY ASSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

The Supplier Quality Assurance Representative (SQAR) will be required to work directly with suppliers to satisfy both **Goodwill Industries of South Florida** (GWI) and the Government's quality standards and strategy in the manufacture of apparel.

The SQAR will be required to interact with all levels of supplier management. This position is responsible for supplier quality for all supplier but may be tasked periodically to support transition and supplier development activities.

Supplier development for production of GWI fabrics, trim components and outside processes.

Supplier Production Readiness Reviews.

GWI Qualification Process for new processes and products-training, clarification and verification/validation.

Job Requirements

BS Degree in Business Administration, Management or related discipline or a combination of education and experience.

Position requires 2-5 years' experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified. Strong understanding of Quality practices applicable to the manufacture of Apparel products, including customer and industry standards.

MUST APPLY ONLINE PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW AT: www.goodwillsouthflorida.org

EOE/AA/Drug-Free/Smoke-Free Workplace. Veterans welcome.

Only applicants who meet the minimum requirements will be considered for the position.

Testing for Certification Exams is now Computer Based

- ⇒ Candidates will take ASQ Certification exams at a Prometric testing facility where the test is administered via computer in a Prometric proctored, secure environment.
- ⇒ The application approval through ASQ will not change. After being approved by ASQ Certification, customers will be able to schedule their exams at the nearest Prometric Testing Center.
- ⇒ Benefits include: increase in annual exam administrations from 2 to 6, availability of days to take exam from 4 to 102, convenience of retesting from 6 months to 2, increased number of testing locations, faster test results!

Visit the Website: www.prometric.com for additional information.

ASQ Student Branch



Website: asqnova

- Holds meetings 4th Tuesday of each month
- Planning speakers, tours, and networking events
- Site includes resumes and student bios as well as “tools” for student enrichment/development.
- South Florida businesses looking to fill quality positions may post announcements .

Dr. Steve Kramer - Student Branch Counselor

April Ripley – Student Branch Chair (2018-19)



Our section's group is active on [LinkedIn](#), the best-known online professional networking channel.



Then press



Join

- Join today. Stay in the know. Take part in sharing, networking, discussions, polls, and a lot more.
- Find us by typing 'ASQ 1510' under Group Search.
- It's that easy.
- Please contact Mercedes Massana Section 1510, for more information at mercedes.massana@gmail.com



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