



1110 NEW ENGLAND

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Our spring meeting was held at Agilent Technologies on May 26th. Undaunted by an overturned tractor trailer that had spewed plywood all over the nearby highway, the New England Region was represented by with 33 attendees for the Wednesday meeting.

Travis Field from Agilent and his staff were nice enough to arrange for doughnuts and coffee for those who braved the traffic from as far away as Connecticut and Maine.

Ken Soleyn is the Product Manager for the humidity test and calibration instruments at GE Sensing and inspection technologies. Ken (as always) came well prepared, and detailed the development of GE's automated calibration system for calibration of tunable laser based moisture analyzers. These moisture analyzer systems are used in natural gas applications. Natural gas is an important fuel that has global significance as an abundant and clean energy source. Dehydration is required to prevent corrosion and freezing during transportation and to meet contractual quality requirements. The presentation outlined the measurement technology, calibration requirements, development of the calibration method and the uncertainty stack up of the system.

Tony Giannasca is the World Wide Metrology Manager for Analog Devices. Tony has deployed a reporting system for pulling data from Met/Track Database tables using "Cold Fusion" an application development tool. This provides the calibration lab's internal customers access to equipment information. The tools developed to write to the Met/Track data base were discussed, in addition to tools under current development and future uses

of the features. Those in attendance benefited not only for the technical aspect of the presentation, but also by the real world experiences that Tony was able to share with us.

Steve Griffin is retired? Not so fast...seems he's busier than ever! He concluded the morning with a presentation from Workload Tools, LLC. As we strive to compete in a global economy, improved efficiency and productivity are key elements. Software reporting tools for efficiency were discussed. Steve made us aware of new tools available for MET/TRACK. As the 2010 NCSLI conference Chairman, he spoke about the conference in Providence, RI. Lunch was provided compliments of Agilent Technologies and Cal-Tek Co. Inc. Through the hospitality of Agilent and, co-

sponsorship of Cal-Tek Co. Inc., the meeting was provided at no charge to members. Ms. Ashly Bowers is an Accreditation Officer with A2LA. The ten most common deficiencies experienced in and *ISO/IEC17025* assessments have been categorized and documented by A2LA. Ashly shared the presentation with the membership. This was a very interesting topic, as the observations and pitfalls can be applicable to any calibration operation.

Thanks again to all the speakers and our host for a great meeting!

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