

Korean Research Institute Visits CAEAL, Learns about Laboratory Quality

Sixteen members of the National Institute for Environmental Research (NIER) of Korea visited CAEAL from 20 to 27 June in order to learn how to develop laboratory quality systems that conform to ISO/IEC 17025:2005. Following a brief tour of the CAEAL offices on 20 June, the delegates undertook training at a facility in Ottawa on the subject of "Designing a Quality System to ISO/IEC 17025:2005." The course is offered by CAEAL to its members and other interested parties. This course was first delivered to visitors from NIER in 2004.

Following a successful wrap up of the three days of training in Ottawa, the delegation departed for a weekend tour of Niagara Falls and some sightseeing. They again met the CAEAL Training Service on 26 June at a CAEAL-member laboratory, ETL Chemspec Analytical Ltd of the ALS Laboratory Group. For the next two days, the laboratory staff, including quality assurance staff from the ALS lab in Winnipeg and Thunder Bay, conducted a hands-on tour of the lab so that our visitors could experience various quality control and quality assurance techniques used by some CAEAL-member laboratories.

CAEAL would like to thank ALS-ETL for their very kind offer to host this visit, and for the very professional and thorough manner in which the two days of briefings and presentations were provided. ALS-ETL staff demonstrated the very best that CAEAL represents to our international partners – thoroughness, consistency, transparency and competence.

In particular, CAEAL would like to thank Linda Neimor and Amanda Ganouri for coordinating the visit, and Jeff Pike for allowing us to use the facility for this important exchange.

The photo below shows the entire group with their Canadian hosts in front of the Waterloo ALS-ETL lab.

