

**NAM-CIMET GROUP TRAINING ON QUALITY ASSURANCE THROUGH
LABORATORY ACCREDITATION, NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY
(NPL), NEW DELHI (INDIA), FEBRUARY 5-23, 1996**

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES SPONSORED BY THE CENTRE: 4

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SPONSORED BY THE CENTRE: 6

The 18-day Group Training Programme on 'Quality Assurance through Laboratory Accreditation' was arranged at the National Physical Laboratory (NPL), New Delhi under the auspices of the Commonwealth – India Metrology Centre (CIMET) during February 5-23, 1996 and was co-sponsored by the Centre under its NAM Metrology Programme. An earlier training programme in this area was organized in May 23 – June 10, 1994, as reported under item III.6 above.

Besides a large number of participants from India, the participants from other member countries of the NAM S&T Centre were from Egypt (Prof. Dr. Sarwat Z. Zahwi, Mr. Remah-Abdel Meguid El Shazley and Mr. Ahmed Hisham Youssef of the National Institute of Standards), Nepal (Mr. P. Bahadur Shakya from the Nepal Bureau of Standards and Metrology), Peru (Prof. Ana Pastor de Abram of Av. Universitaris s/n San Miguel in Lima) and Vietnam (Mr. Duong Quoc Thao of the Vietnam Metrology Institute)

The Group Training Programme covered the following:

Measurement Standards, Traceability of Measurements, ISO Standards and ISO Guide 25, Laboratory Accreditation, Quality System Documentation, Quality Audit and Review, Mutual and International Recognition and National Measurement System, International Competitiveness and Globalization in Trade, Training for Laboratory Assessors, International Cooperation etc.

The participants of the Group Training Programme also attended an International Conference on "Advances in Metrology and its Roles in Quality Improvement and Global Trade" during February 20-22, 1996 in New Delhi, which was attended by a large number of eminent experts from different countries.