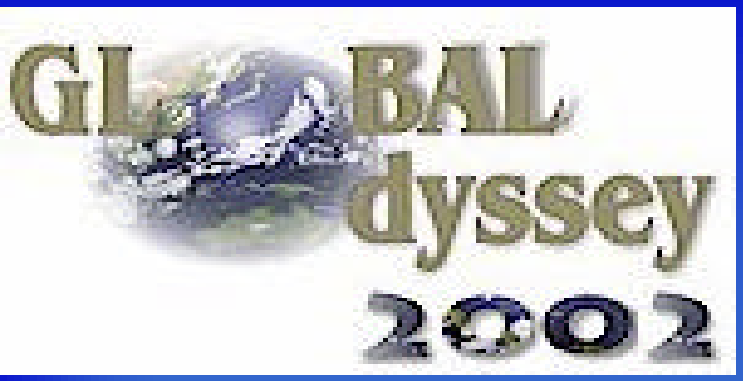

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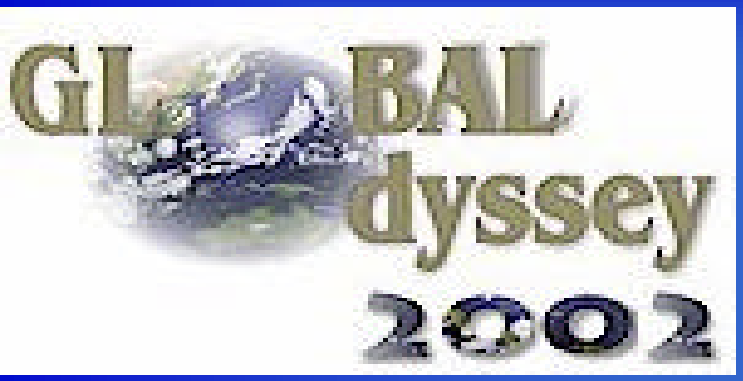
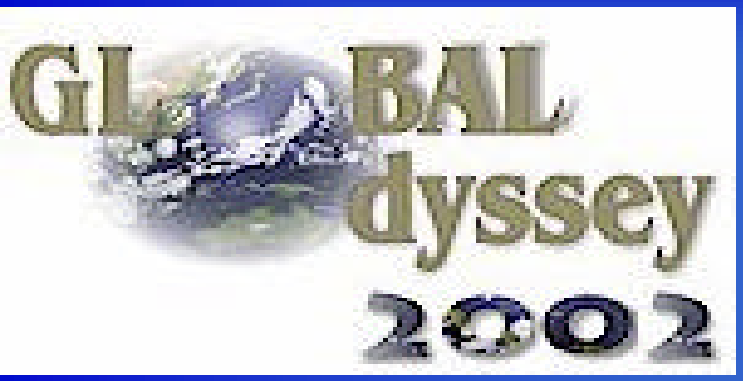


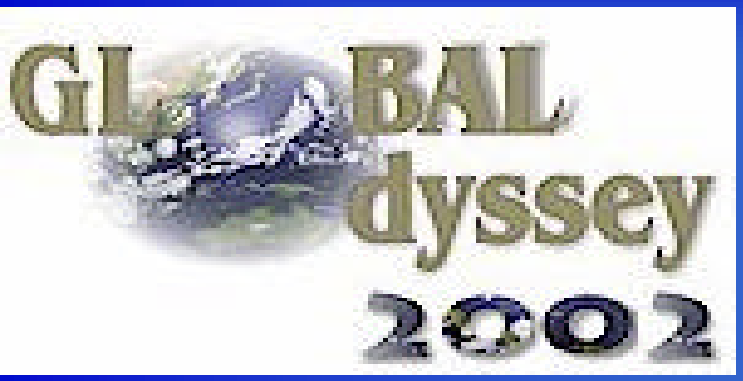
Objectives

- Explore Advances in EQA
- Create Opportunities for Sharing and Partnerships
- Promote Role of EQA in Global Health



Conference Participants

- Attendance - 202
- Attendees - 54 Countries
- Posters - 22 Countries



Conference Outcomes

- Developed Global Inventory of EQA Programs
  http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/mlp/eqa.asp
  - Currently 151 EQA Programs in the Inventory
  - Information on 106 Programs in Printable List
- Created Web-site for Conference Presentations
- Proceedings Published in

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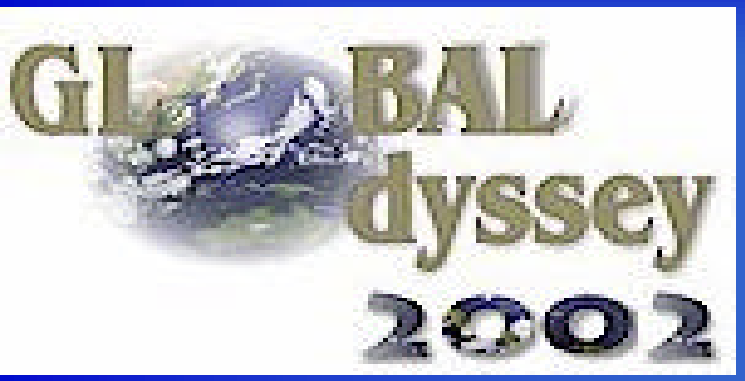
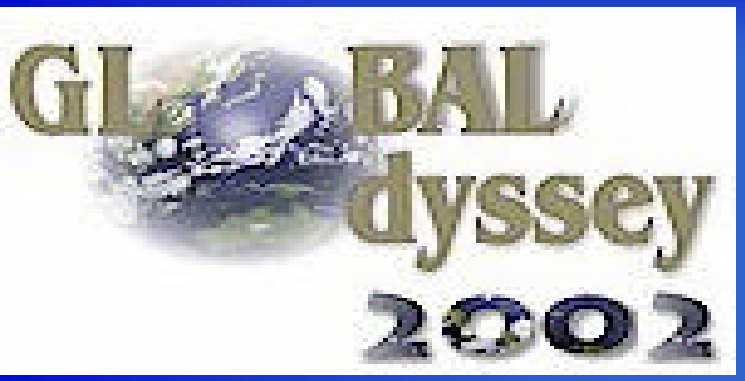
  http://link.springer-ny.com



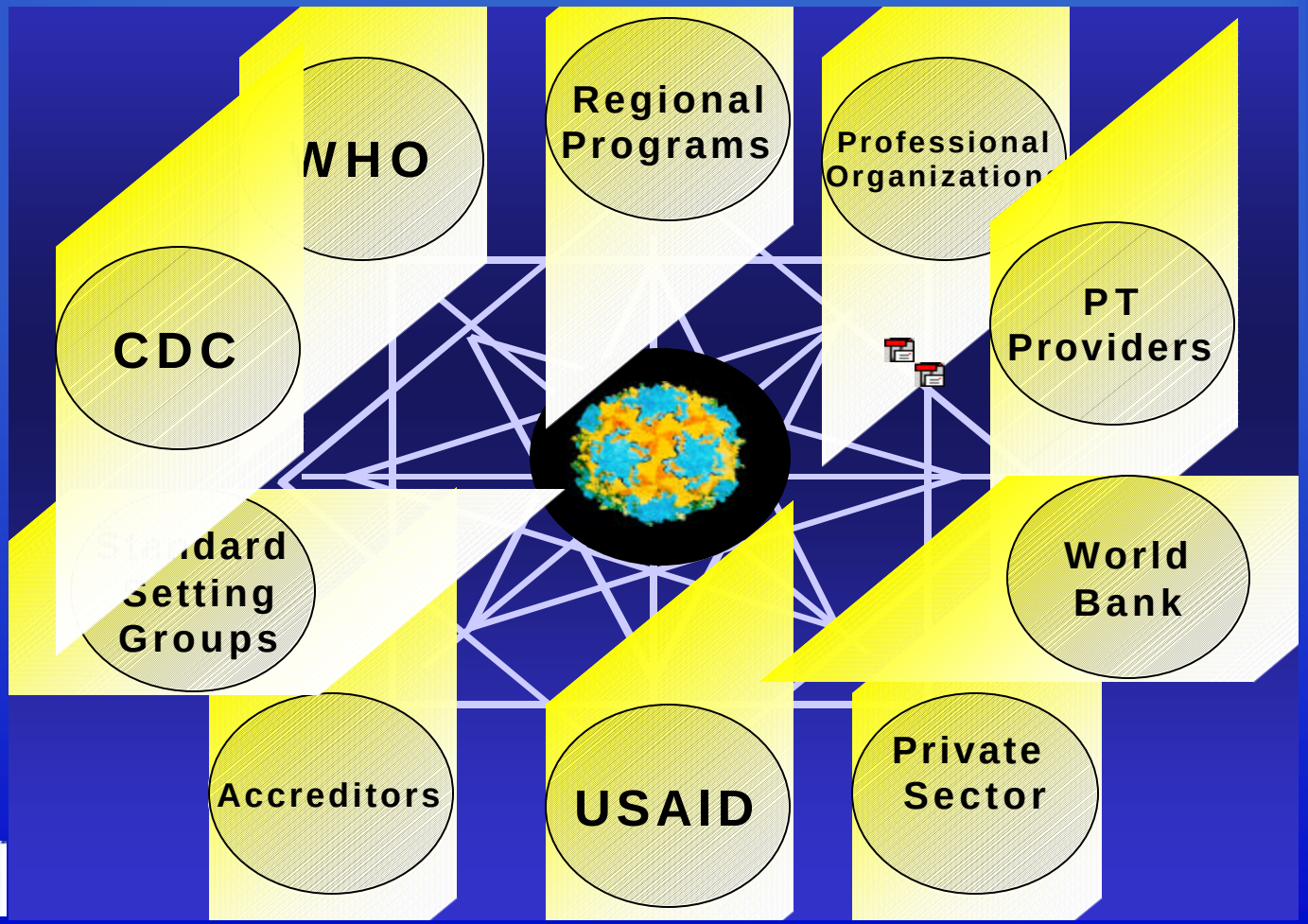
Conference Outcomes

Defined Seven Post-Conference Workgroups

- Coordination – ISO, EQALM, CLIA, etc.
- Information – Programs and Meetings
- Matchmaking – Country Partners
- Advocacy – Brochure
- Logistics – Trade, Transportation Barriers
- Developmental – New Tests/Technology
- Information Technology – EQA Specific



Vision

- Better communication – PT Inventory, Future Meetings, Publications, Internet
- Better collaboration – Resources, Mentors
- Better global health – Quality Testing
- Ongoing collaboration – Coalition

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