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Dear PAC Members:

Mark your calendar and spread the word: the second annual International Accreditation Day will take place on June 9th!

This year's theme, 'competence', is a strong testament to the quality of the work PAC does. More importantly, it underlines the importance of accreditation in providing a formal verification of competence to a set of requirements which enjoy worldwide acceptance.

The competence of, and confidence in, accreditation programs offered in the Asia-Pacific region is further reinforced by PAC's Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA). Accreditation Body members of the Arrangements demonstrate their ability to deliver sound and reliable accreditation services through regular and rigorous evaluations of their operations, which are based on international standards and guidelines.

International Accreditation Day is an excellent opportunity for PAC and its Members to promote and raise awareness of the value of accreditation to businesses, industry sectors, regulators, and consumers.

On behalf of the PAC Executive Committee, I would like to call upon your active participation in and celebration of the 2009 International Accreditation Day. Let's build on last year's success!

Please visit the IAF (www.iaf.nu) and ILAC (www.ilac.org) web sites for detailed information and testimonials from key international organizations regarding this year's event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elva Nilsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elva" and last name "Nilsen" clearly distinguishable.

Elva Nilsen
PAC Chair