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After much hard work and many Christmas parties, 2008 has finally made way for 2009. As you've come to expect from QBCon over the past decade, this year promises to be one of even greater innovation and evolution. We look forward to informing you of our latest developments and as always, we welcome your feedback.

Here's to 2009. May the road to success be an easy one.

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### Is Not Investing in a LIMS System Costing You Money?

A Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) is a software program that aids in the automation of almost every process in a laboratory. A good LIMS system can save your laboratory time and money and documents each process, ensuring that you can account for everything that goes on in your laboratory. [Read more...](#)

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### QBCon congratulates Prof Tebello Nyokong

QBCon would like to offer our sincere congratulations to Professor Tebello Nyokong from the Rhodes University on winning the Africa-Arab State 2009 L'Oréal-Unesco Award for Women in Science on 10 November 2008.

As the first international awards devoted to women scientists around the world, L'Oréal-Unesco Award for Women in Science recognises work that solves the challenges in modern science. Each year the Awards alternate between Life Sciences and Physical Science. In its 11<sup>th</sup> year, Professor Tebello became the first South African woman to win a science award for her research in physical sciences. She was awarded for her work on



harnessing light for cancer therapy and for environmental clean-up.

Each year one laureate from the five global regions must act as role model for future and current female scientists. Professor Tebbello was the laureate for Africa and the Arab states and QBCon believe her to be an inspiration to all young women.

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### Lab-i Breakfast

“What is a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) and what value does it add to my company?” This question remains unanswered to most laboratories. Most LIMS vendors try to explain the value of a LIMS system in a meeting or two, but how do you know the vendor will deliver on their promise?

QBCon believe in having an open relationship with their clients. To understand your needs and be able to resolve your problems, QBCon will have a breakfast session to clarify all your unanswered questions on LIMS.

If you would like to attend this breakfast session at Emperors Palace please email Karin Grimbeek at [karing@qbcon.com](mailto:karing@qbcon.com) [karing@qbcon.com](mailto:karing@qbcon.com). The session will start at 08:00am.

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