



## **ISTA Concludes a Successful Virtual Ordinary General Meeting and Restarts Audits**

Despite the challenges and risks beginning of 2020 foresaw, ISTA succeeded in quickly adapting to the global situation and secure everyday work continues to function properly and at its highest standard.

With its international character, the Association has managed to organise and successfully conclude its Ordinary General Meeting in May 2020 as well as to restart Accreditation Audits as of July 2020.

The 2020 ISTA Rules Session was held on 19 May 2020 in the form of a virtual meeting. This was the first time ever that such a format is used to conduct the meeting and it concluded with successful and flawless proceedings!

A full recording of the process of updating [ISTA Rules](#) together with the 2021 edition presentation and discussion on the changes proposals by ISTA members have been posted on ISTA [YouTube channel](#).

Furthermore, a recording of an [ISTA Information Session](#) held on 28 May is also available on the Association YouTube channel. This open webinar summarises and reviews all the information given in the preparatory documents for the Ordinary General Meeting of the Association. 48 out of 52 Designated Authorities casted their votes, which is an all-time high for ISTA.

After the break in performing ISTA Accreditation Audits due to COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing requirements, ISTA restarts to audit the member laboratories and sampling entities from July. The Accreditation Audits are to be performed in those countries or distinct economies, where travelling is safe and not restricted and other specific requirements permit a secure process.