



ASQ Creates IT Tool for Healthcare

ASQ developed a Web-based assessment tool to assist healthcare providers in creating systematic improvements in their care and practice, and presented the technology to Dr. David Blumenthal, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, February 25. The tool enables participants to utilize the Baldrige excellence model as a vehicle for systematic and sustainable improvements.

[Learn more about the ASQ healthcare tool...](#)

International Team Excellence Award Finalists

Thirty-two global teams have been named finalists in the 26th Annual International Team Excellence Award Process. The teams will be part of live project presentations May 16–18, 2011, at the Annual World Conference on Quality and Improvement.

[See the teams that will be competing...](#)

ASQ President's Congressional Testimony

As reported in last week's *Friday Fast Facts*, ASQ President David Spong will testify before Congress today, March 11 in connection with the proposed Baldrige budget cut. A copy of Spong's testimony before the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies is now available on the ASQ website.

[Read David Spong's testimony...](#)

New DSMs Recognized for Outstanding Achievements

In November, the ASQ board of directors named Greg Watson and Manu Vora ASQ Distinguished Service Medalists. The medal honors the lifetime contribution of any person who has been recognized as a long-term enabler, catalyst, or prime mover in the quality movement.

[Read more about the award and this year's recipients...](#)

Keynotes Announced for SR Conference

Do you know who created the triple-bottom-line concept? Attend the first ASQ Pathways to Social Responsibility Conference, June 16–17, in San Francisco, Calif., and you can hear this acclaimed individual speak in person!

[Learn who will be keynoting the SR conference...](#)

ASQ Weekly Preview: Certificates vs. Certification

When someone petitioned ASQ to grant him certification, even though he hadn't passed the required exam, Scott Laman, chair of ASQ's Certification Board, knew an effort was needed to increase understanding of what ASQ certification means. Read this article in the March 16 issue of *ASQ Weekly*.
