



Even though these are the proverbial "dog days" of summer, exciting news, projects and events are barking at us as the busy tradeshow and conference season starts next month.

TOP DOWN ANALYTICS (TDA) GLOBAL MARKET SURVEY

The deadline to respond to our biennial survey from TDA is September 19th so be sure to complete your survey by that date. This year we are reaching out to all of our SEFA members as well as the entire database for survey responses so even non-members can complete the survey. We have also created an entirely separate survey for lab design firms. The results of these separate surveys will be part of the combined 2025 survey results and discussed at our Annual Conference in Miami November 5-7. All responses to TDA are confidential between the respondents and TDA. These are the links to the surveys:

Manufacturers (English) - <https://sefa25m.sawtoothsoftware.com>

Manufacturers (Mandarin) - <https://sefa25cn.sawtoothsoftware.com>

Architects/Planners - <https://sefa25a.sawtoothsoftware.com>

THE 2025 LAB OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Submissions for this year's competition have been received from Abu Dhabi, China, India, Switzerland and the United States. We are pleased to report that more than 25 SEFA members were involved in these projects. We are in the process of identifying our conflict free panel of judges and scheduling a preliminary meeting with them within the next few weeks. A hybrid, in-person meeting will be scheduled for late September in which the two finalists will be selected by our judges and invited to attend our Annual Conference to present their respective projects to our attendees. Immediately thereafter, the Judges will announce the overall winner and the high-honors recipient.

SEFA STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In preparation for the eleven (11) in person committee meetings scheduled at our Annual conference, there will be web-meetings starting this month and continuing through October so that when these committees meet in Miami they will be able to optimize their work at the Annual Conference.

ILMAC - BASEL, SWITZERLAND - SEPT. 16-18

For the very first time SEFA will be involved at Ilmac as we have arranged a panel discussion from 1:00 - 2:10 PM on September 17th at Ilmac in The Future of Life Sciences Area for an in-depth discussion of our 2024 SEFA Lab of the Year winner - Roche's pRed project. Later that afternoon a lab tour of this award-winning project will take place for SEFA members, concluding with a reception at pRED with our lab tour attendees and VIP's from Roche. There is still time to register for this lab tour so simply email ross@sefalabs.com and let him know you wish to attend.

ARABLAB 2025 - SEPT. 23-25

Many of us will be at ArabLab in Dubai a week after Ilmac concludes. Our popular networking reception will take place on September 23rd from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at Cin Cin located on the second floor of the Fairmont Hotel which is conveniently located across the "street" from the trade center. Simply walk across the air-conditioned pedestrian bridge which spans the super congested Sheikh Zayed Road from the trade center. (SUGGESTED DUBAI PRO MOVES: a) DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS THIS ROAD AT STREET LEVEL; and b) A TAXI\UBER RIDE COULD TAKE THREE TIMES AS LONG AS WALKING OVER THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE!) All SEFA members are invited to attend this event.

Earlier that day at ArabLab I will be babbling about two of my favorite topics - the Lab of the Year Competition (3:00 PM) and the importance of our SEFA Standards (3:50 PM). Come to say hello, sit, relax and get a sneak peak into the Lab of the Year finalists as well as learn about the newest additions and modifications to our influential SEFA standards.

SEFA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - NOV. 5-7 - MIAMI, FLORIDA

The world's largest gathering of laboratory grade furniture manufacturers is coming to Miami this year. The November 5th "Blue Monster" golf tournament is filling up fast and with only 11 tee times for 44 golfers please be sure to email barbara@sefalabs.com with your golf registration in order to reserve a spot. Tee times start at 11:20 AM on Wednesday, November 5th. After the golf tournament there will be a Welcome Reception starting at 5:30 PM on the scenic Champions outdoor Patio at iconic Trump National. The next morning will feature both a deep dive into the TDA Global Market Survey and the Lab of the Year finalists' presentations. This year's panel of judges will then announce the overall 2025 winner. Committee meetings will start on Thursday afternoon and conclude late Friday morning. Following lunch on Friday there will be a lab tour at the Kenneth C. Griffin Cancer Center at the University of Miami. Thank you HOK for making this tour happen!

All of these events are made possible by the loyal support of our conference attendees, SEFA members from 28 different countries and especially our sponsors:



There is still time to register and/or sponsor at our Annual Conference so just download a copy of the [Preliminary Agenda](#) or email barbara@sefalabs.com for further information.

Okay - that's enough begging and fetching for one newsletter (who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks!)

Safe travels and see you all soon.