

## 2025 EOQ CONGRESS – OSLO – June 11 – 13

After a pre-congress meeting with tapas in a limited circle, the participants of the 66th EOQ Congress in Oslo were welcomed by Mr. Geir Hamre, Chairman of the Norwegian EOQ representative **QRN**, and by Mr. Patrick Mongillon, President of **EOQ**.



Throughout the entire conference, **François Sibbald**, one of Norway's most sought-after presenters and edutainers since the 1990s, ensured a smooth and seamless flow.



During the first **plenary session**, chaired by Pedro Saraiva (APQ), we listened to Robert Schmitt (DGQ), who analyzed the impact of AI on quality and business performance, and (online) Joseph A. DeFeo, who explored how quality can be profitable in a disruptive era.



**Pedro Saraiva**, EOQ 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Portugal



**Thomas Schmitt**, RWTH Aachen University



**Joe DeFeo**, CEO Juran Inst. USA and Panel, chaired by **Vincent Desmond**, CQI-IRCA, EOQ VP, UK



**Fifty-two speakers from 24 different countries** gave fascinating presentations on the theme of quality and how we must continuously innovate this concept and our methods.



The EOQ Congress not only offers high-quality, informative sessions, but is also the ideal opportunity for **networking**. Old acquaintances meet again, and new connections are made during the pleasant coffee breaks.



Thanks to the good weather, it was also pleasant to spend time on the beautiful terrace.



For KRN, no effort was too great to treat the many guests to **an atmospheric banquet enhanced by live music.**





During the banquet, it was an honour to present the prestigious **European Quality Leader award** to Mr Ömer Özkan from Türkiye and to the runner-up, Mr Björn Jalving from Norway.

This year, the **Georges Borel Award** was bestowed upon Mr Thomas Votsmeier from Germany.

Well-deserved congratulations were expressed by the EOQ Secretary General, Mr Ulf Gustavson, and by the EOQ President, Patrick Mongillon.



As every year, this highly successful congress was concluded with the **passing of the flag for the next congress**, which will take place in Pristina, Kosovo.

