

Succeeding in Digitalization: The Next Era of Pharma?

04 – 05 June 2024

Antwerp / Belgium

Agenda

Tuesday, 04 June 2024		
9:00	Welcome	Falk Klar, PDA Europe
9:10	Welcome from the Co-Chairs	Dieter Bachmann, Johnson & Johnson Marilyn Romieux, Merck
09:20 – 11:15 Opening Plenary: Artificial Intelligence in Society - Acceptance and Opportunities Moderator: Marilyn Romieux, Merck		
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One might be tempted to question and compare Artificial Intelligence with Human Intelligence. Intelligence is a defining attribute of humanity, what makes us unique. The idea of an artificial form of intelligence can be disconcerting and may lead to resistance to its adoption. Our opening session will focus on how Artificial Intelligence benefits and serves society, adding to Human Intelligence's unequaled ability to process massive amounts of data. We will initially discuss the adoption of this tool on a societal level, and then explore several cases where AI is being leveraged to enable an easier, more sustainable, and safer life for professionals of the pharmaceutical industry as well as for consumers of healthcare products and medical devices.

	The Human Factor of Al Implementation	Michael Gerlich, SBS Swiss Business School
	Leveraging NLP to Enhance Risk Assessment of Incoming Incident Reports	Nicolas Löffler-Perez, Swissmedic
	Digitalization and Sustainability in Manufacturing: Navigating the Path to Net-Zero Carbon	Alessandro Masiello, Rockwell Automation
	Plenary Discussion	
11:15	Networking Coffee Break, Poster Session & Exhibition	
11:45 – 13	11:45 – 13:15 Session 1: Digital Transformation Strategies Moderator: Florian W. Huber, TissUse	

Join us for an enlightening session on the latest strategies in digital transformation within the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector. The PDA Drug Manufacturing Digitalization (DMD) Task Force will outline its comprehensive approach to full digital implementation, highlighting its plans for a gap analysis, a review of



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statistical methods in production monitoring from an AI/ML perspective, and the development of a digital twin for drug manufacturing processes. Delve into the human side of digital transformation, understanding the roles and benefits for all organizational levels, from CEOs to lab employees, and the importance of holistic and agile implementation. We will see innovative initiatives of big pharma aimed at revolutionizing process development, production, and supply chain through modular factory layouts, networked systems, and real-time data integration, emphasizing the importance of a human-centric approach amidst these technological advancements. Discover the challenges, solutions, and future directions that will shape the industry's standards in this comprehensive session.

	On our Journey from MANUfacturing to SMARTfacturing	Michelangelo Canzoneri, Merck
	Digital Transformation in Life Science – Obstacles and Time of Mind Changing	Daniel Borchert, Körber
	PDA Drug Manufacturing Digitalization Task Force	Toni Manzano, Aizon
	Q&A, Discussion	
13:15	Networking Lunch Break, Poster Session & Exhibition	
14:00	LIVE Guided Poster Walk Engage with our Poster Presenters in our Exhibition Hall	
14:30 – 16:10 Session 2: Regulatory Compliance		Moderator: Timothy W. Hsu, UNIDO
	Interactive Questionnaire	
	A Regulatory Framework Enabling Digital Innovation in Manufacturing	Monica Perea-Velez, GSK
	GMP Compliant Life Cycle Management of AI/ML Solutions	James Francum, GxP-CC GmbH
	Journey to Digitalization: How Digitalization Supports Quality Decisions	Laure Gurcel, Sanofi



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	Q&A, Discussion		
16:10	Networking Coffee Break, Poster Session & Exhibition		
16:40 – 18	Moderator: 16:40 – 18:10 Session 3: Drug Development Sesethu Dowiasch, Rockwell Automation		
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	Holistic in Silico Developability Assessment of Novel Classes of Small Proteins Using Publicly Available Sequence-Based Predictors	Maria Batalha, Valgenesis	
	Tumour Organoid-On-Chip for Real-Time Measurements of Drug Response	Katja Uhlig, Fraunhofer Institut	
	Digitizing Preclinical Studies: Towards Digital Drug Development with Automated Multi-Organ Chips	Florian W. Huber, TissUse	
	Q&A, Discussion		
18:10	End of Conference Day 1 & Networking Event		
Wedne	sday, 05 June 2024		
9:00	Welcome Back from the Co-Chairs	Dieter Bachmann, Johnson & Johnson Marilyn Romieux, Merck	
09:05 – 10	:35 I Session 4: AI in Manufacturing	Moderator: Scott Deckebach, Lachman Consultants, Inc.	
In this session, we will explore examples of how modern digital solutions are improving our manufacturing processes today and the promise they hold for the future. Specifically, the session presentations will explore			



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how robotics are employed to remove humans from sterile operations for cell and gene therapy, how vision systems are leveraged to improve line clearance, and how RFID is being applied to the individual unit tracking for syringes. The panel discussion will further explore the benefits and essential elements of a successful implementation and entertain audience questions regarding these technologies or manufacturing.

	Digitalization Technologies – Use Cases, Benefits and Constraints	Tod Urquhat, cim.as	
	Unlocking the Full Potential of Existing Data Acquisition Capabilities in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing: Case Study on a Filling Line for RTU RFID-Enabled Containers	Daniel Sturm, <i>Syntegon</i> Yacine Haddadi, <i>BD</i>	
	Tackling Manufacturing Issues in Cell & Gene Therapy With a Modular Robotics Approach	Fabian Stutz, Pharmabotix	
	Q&A, Discussion		
10:35	Networking Coffee Break, Poster Session & Exhibition		
11:05 – 12:3	11:05 – 12:35 Session 5: Application of Digitalization in Drug Testing Maria Batalha, Valgenesis		

This session will explore advancements in the application of digitalization in drug testing. The first session will explain how we can leverage AI for real-time process control, a crucial aspect of Industry 4.0 adoption. Next, discussions will delve into the advantages and hurdles of automating QC labs, highlighting increased efficiency and data integrity alongside concerns like compatibility and consumables. Finally, the focus will be on how to accelerate Adventitious Virus Testing in vaccine production. The session will present a promising in silico platform using bioinformatics for faster and GMP-compliant virus detection.

Process Control Through the Use of Vision Based Technology	Mark Quinn,
& Artificial Intelligence Software	Canty
Future QC Testing Using Automation and Robotics – A Digitalized Foundation of Sterility Testing	Anke Hossfeld, Merck
Digital and Automated Adventitious Virus Testing	Hon Q. Tran, IDT Biologika (remote)



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12:35	Networking Lunch Break, Poster Session & Exhibition	
	6:30 I Closing Plenary: ng in Digitalization - Opportunities and Next Steps	Moderator: Dieter Bachmann, Johnson & Johnson
	Round Table Discussion	
14:35	Networking Coffee Break, Poster Session & Exhibition	
15:05	Passport Raffle	
	Driving Continuous Improvement in Manufacturing Quality through Digitalization	Tara Gooen Bizjak, U.S. FDA (remote)
	Plenary Discussion Join our Discussion with Experts from the Industry and Regulatory	
	 Michelangelo Canzoneri, Merck Michael Gerlich, SBS Swiss Business School Tara Gooen Bizjak, U.S. FDA 	
	Conference Summary from the Co-Chairs	Dieter Bachmann, Johnson & Johnson Marilyn Romieux, Merck
	Closing Remarks & Farewell	Dieter Bachmann, Johnson & Johnson Marilyn Romieux, Merck
16:30	End of Conference	

The agenda is subject to change without notice, speakers are invited pending confirmation.