



8TH MIDDLE EAST REGULATORY CONFERENCE MERC 2009

January 20-21, 2009 - The Ritz-Carlton Hotel & Spa, Manama, Bahrain



Background

Since its inception 13 years ago, the Middle East Regulatory Conference has grown to become an important forum for discussion of matters related to the provision of healthcare in the region, with a specific focus on issues around the evaluation and supervision of innovative medicines for human use. The conference offers the opportunity for key stakeholders active in the region, including representatives from ministries of health, local and multi-national pharmaceutical companies, to meet to exchange views, discuss topics of interest and identify actions to increase patient access to new and improved medicines and therapies.

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This is the 8th DIA Middle East Regulatory Conference in partnership with the Middle East Regulatory Network (MERN). The MERN is an ad hoc regional network of the EFPIA (European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations). The MERN works in partnership with regulatory authorities and the pharmaceutical industry in the Middle East to develop legislation and regulatory practices that enable patients to have access to good quality medicines, including innovative medicines.

Themes and Objectives

Following on from successful discussions held during MERC 7 in November 2006 and the workplan issued from the DIA Middle East Regulatory Workshop in November 2007, MERC 8 intends to build on progress made and to identify further opportunities for stakeholders to work together on the enhancement of healthcare in the region. MERC events sets the scene to enable continuing education and networking activities. The conference provides a forum for all participants to contribute to active discussion and identify actions to expedite access of valued innovative medicines to Middle Eastern patients.

Key Topics Include

- Local Regulatory Authority Views and Key Issues
- Pharmacovigilance
- Pharmacoeconomics
- Counterfeits
- Innovation in the Quality Arena
 - Quality by Design
 - Good Manufacturing Practice Including PIC/S
- Biologics - Medicines of the Future
- Evolving Global Legislation on Medicines
 - Biosimilars
 - Variations Future Trends
 - Common Technical Document and Electronic Submissions

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JANUARY 19**MONDAY**18:00 - Registration
19:30**JANUARY 20****TUESDAY**

07:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

08:30 **DIA OPENING**

Dr. Brigitte Franke-Bray, Director DIA Europe, Switzerland

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND WELCOME

Prof. Trevor Jones, King's College London; WHO Commissioner CIPIH, UK

WELCOME ADDRESS

Local Ministry of Health Representative invited

KEYNOTE ADDRESSBiological Medicines – Opportunities and Challenges
Prof. Trevor Jones, King's College London; WHO Commissioner CIPIH, UK**Accomplishments since MERC 2006 and Future Developments**

Florence Roizard, Chairperson, EFPIA-Middle East Regulatory Network, Merck Sharp & Dohme, France

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **SESSION 1****LOCAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES VIEWS AND KEY ISSUES****Saudi Food and Drug Authority**

Dr. Hajed M. Hashan, Director of Pharmaceutical Products Registration, Saudi Food and Drug Authority, Saudi Arabia

Lebanon

Dr. Rita Karam, Import-Export Department, Ministry of Health, Lebanon

Iran

Dr. Hamid Rasekh, Senior Advisor, Deputy Minister for Food and Drug, Ministry of Health, Iran

Jordan

Dr. Laila Jarrar, Director of Drug Directorate, Food and Drug Administration, Jordan

Strategic Planning and Future Vision of Regulatory Systems in the GCC Region

Dr. Reem Al-Essa, Drug & Food Control, Ministry of Health, Kuwait

Middle East and Africa Code of Promotional Practices (the 'MEA Code')

Joe Henein, Managing Director Wyeth - Middle East & North Africa Vice Chair for MEARC LAWG - PhRMA, UAE

Panel DiscussionDr. Reem Al-Essa, Ministry of Health, Kuwait
Prof. Saleh Bawazir, Saudi Food and Drug Authority, Saudi Arabia
Dr. Hajed M. Hashan, Saudi Food and Drug Authority, Saudi Arabia
Joe Henein, Wyeth, UAE
Dr. Laila Jarrar, Food and Drug Administration, Jordan
Dr. Rita Karam, Ministry of Health, Lebanon
Dr. Hamid Rasekh, Ministry of Health, Iran

13:00 Lunch Break



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14:30

SESSION 2
PHARMACOVIGILANCE**Existing Pharmacovigilance Systems Including Post-Marketing Surveillance Across the Globe**

Dr. John Knight, Vice President Strategic and Business Planning, Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals Group, Australia

Establishing Pharmacovigilance Centers in Saudi Arabia

Dr. Ghazi S. Saeed, Director, The National Pharmacovigilance Center, Saudi Arabia

Panel DiscussionDr. Hajed M. Hashan, Saudi Food and Drug Authority, Saudi Arabia
Dr. Hakmeh Housseh, Food and Drug Administration, Jordan
Dr. Ghazi S. Saeed, The National Pharmacovigilance Center, Saudi Arabia
Dr. Omar Sayed Omar, Head of Drug Inspection Administration, Ministry of Health, Kuwait
Dr. Hamid Rasekh, Ministry of Health, Iran
Dr. John Knight, Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals Group, Australia

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 **SESSION 3****COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES: COORDINATED PREVENTION AND FIGHT****IMPACT: The WHO Initiative**

Dr. Valerio Reggi, Leader of International Medical Products Anti-counterfeiting Taskforce (IMPACT); Coordinator, Medicines Regulatory Support, Department of Technical Cooperation for Essential Drugs and Traditional Medicine, WHO, Switzerland

Industry-Coordinated Actions with Other Stakeholders

Dr. Yves Juillet, Chair of Regulatory Policy and Technical Steering Committee at IFPMA, Senior Advisor, Les Entreprises du Médicament (LEEM), France

Industry Strategies to Prevent and Fight Counterfeits:**A Company Perspective**

Kevin Moore, Investigation Manager, Global Product Protection Security Team, Eli Lilly, UK

Panel DiscussionDr. Suresh Aravind, Global Medical Affairs Leader, Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Services, USA
Dr. Yves Juillet, Les Entreprises du Médicament (LEEM), France
Kevin Moore, Eli Lilly, UK
Dr. Omar Sayed Omar, Ministry of Health, Kuwait
Dr. Colette Raidi, Head of Inspection Department, Ministry of Health, Lebanon
Dr. Hamid Rasekh, Ministry of Health, Iran
Dr. Valerio Reggi, International Medical Products Anti-counterfeiting Taskforce (IMPACT); WHO, Switzerland

18:00 End of Day 1

19:30 **Dinner**

The costs for the dinner are included in the registration fee. We kindly ask you to register in advance.

JANUARY 21**WEDNESDAY**

08:30

SESSION 4
INNOVATION IN THE QUALITY ARENA**Quality by Design: Background and Objective**

Dr. Fritz Erni, Head Technical Liaison, Group Quality Operations, Novartis, Switzerland

New Quality Concepts - How to Implement in the CTD?

Dr. Christa Wirthumer-Hoche, Head of the Unit for Marketing Authorisation of Medicinal Products and Lifecycle Management, AGES PharmMed, Austria

Quality by Design: Leading by Examples

Janeen Skutnik, Director/Team Leader Quality & Regulatory Policy, Pfizer Inc., UK

Good Manufacturing Practice Including PIC/S

Dr. Joey Gouws, Director, Inspectorate & Law Enforcement South African Department of Health, South Africa (invited)

Panel Discussion

Dr. Hakmeh Housseh, Food and Drug Administration, Jordan
 Dr. Fritz Erni, Novartis, Switzerland
 Dr. Joey Gouws, South African Department of Health, South Africa (invited)
 Dr. Hamid Rasekh, Ministry of Health, Iran
 Janeen Skutnik, Pfizer Inc., UK
 Dr. Christa Wirthumer-Hoche, AGES PharmMed, Austria

10:30 Coffee Break

**11:00 SESSION 5
 COMMON TECHNICAL DOCUMENT AND ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS**

Opportunities and Challenges of eCTD and e-Submissions in the EU, US and in the Middle East: An Industry Position
 Dr. Geoffrey Williams, Roche Products Limited & Chairman of EFPIA eCTD Topic Group, UK

Implementing Electronic Submissions: A European Regulatory Authority Perspective
 Dr. Christa Wirthumer-Hoche, Head of the Unit for Marketing Authorisation of Medicinal Products and Lifecycle Management, AGES PharmMed, Austria

Panel Discussion
 Dr. Hajed M. Hashan, Saudi Food and Drug Authority, Saudi Arabia
 Dr. Geoffrey Williams, Roche Products Limited, UK
 Dr. Christa Wirthumer-Hoche, AGES PharmMed, Austria

12:15 Lunch Break

**13:30 SESSION 6
 EVOLVING GLOBAL LEGISLATION ON MEDICINES**

An Overview of Biopharmaceuticals and Biosimilars
 Dr. Suresh Aravind, Global Medical Affairs Leader, Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Services, USA

New Legal Developments in the EU - Including the Paediatric and Variations Regulations
 Dr. Christa Wirthumer-Hoche, Head of the Unit for Marketing Authorisation of Medicinal Products and Lifecycle Management, AGES PharmMed, Austria

Variations Future Trends - An Industry Perspective
 Dr. Mike James, Head of CMC Regulatory Advocacy and Intelligence, GlaxoSmithKline R&D, UK

ICH Update
 Dr. Yves Juillet, Chair of Regulatory Policy and Technical Steering Committee at IFPMA, Senior Advisor, Les Entreprises du Médicament (LEEM), France

15:00 Coffee Break

15:30 Participation of Regional Harmonisation Initiatives in ICH-GCG
 Prof. Saleh Bawazir, Vice President, Head of Drug Sector, Saudi Food and Drug Authority, Saudi Arabia

Panel Discussion
 Dr. Suresh Aravind, Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Services, USA
 Prof. Saleh Bawazir, Saudi Food and Drug Authority, Saudi Arabia
 Dr. Hajed M. Hashan, Saudi Food and Drug Authority, Saudi Arabia
 Dr. Mike James, GlaxoSmithKline R&D, UK
 Dr. Yves Juillet, Les Entreprises du Médicament (LEEM), France
 Dr. Omar Sayed Omar, Ministry of Health, Kuwait
 Dr. Hamid Rasekh, Ministry of Health, Iran
 Dr. Christa Wirthumer-Hoche, AGES PharmMed, Austria

**16:30 SESSION 7
 CURRENT AND FUTURE TRENDS - CLOSING REMARKS**

Health Economics
 Xavier Mesrobian, Head of Health Economics and Market Access Intercontinental, sanofi-aventis, France

Conference Review and Next Steps
 Prof. Trevor Jones, King's College London; WHO Commissioner CIPIH, UK

17:30 Conference Close

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