

# Non-Sterile Products

Challenges in Manufacturing & Quality  
19 March 2024

Part of PharmaCongress 2024  
19/20 March 2024  
Wiesbaden, Germany

## Highlights

- Fully Automated and DoE-Based Development of an Oral Solid Dosage Form
- Improvement of Production with SPC, Cp and CpK
- Self Inspection
- Grid-Line Approach for the Identification of Sampling Points
- Risk Assessment
- Case of Burkholderia cepacia Complex in non-sterile Manufacturing

## Speakers

Pranvera Apostoli | Profarma, Albania

Dr Thomas Brinz | Syntegon, Germany

Eni Bushi | Profarma, Albania

Dr Tony Cundell | Microbiological Consulting, USA

Rashid Idd Kihwelo | Kairuki Pharmaceuticals, Tanzania

Dr Marcel Goverde | MGP Consulting, Switzerland



## OBJECTIVES

This year, the first part of the conference track will deal with topics such as automation, statistical process control or self-inspection, and the second part will deal with cleaning validation and microbiological issues. Current and modern approaches for identifying sampling points in the non-sterile area (grid-line approach) will be presented, and topics such as risk mitigation versus microbial testing will also be discussed.

## BACKGROUND

Even though the focus today is strongly on the new Annex 1 and the various sterile drugs, non-sterile drugs still represent the most common dosage form, especially tablets with a share of more than 50%. Solids in particular often represent cost-effective dosage forms. They have good stability and open up adjustable options for active ingredient release.

But the various forms of non-sterile drugs also face a number of challenges in manufacturing, quality assurance and quality control. Continuous processing, procurement of production equipment and validation issues related to manufacturing play a role as well as modern validatable purification or microbial requirements e.g. regarding modern risk assessment in bioburden or *Burkholderia cepacia* complex. Questions of monitoring are also of interest again and again.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

This conference track is aimed at all persons in the field of manufacturing, quality assurance and quality control who have to deal with the problems of the non-sterile manufacture of medicinal products or their active and starting materials.

## PROGRAMME 19 March 2024

### Fully Automated and DoE-Based Development of an Oral Solid Dosage Form

Dr Thomas Brinz, *Syntegon*

- Planning of all trials using Design-of-Experiments
- Automated execution of all experiments and analysis of the results
- How to reach Based on the automation of all development steps a high throughput and short development time

### Use and Implementation of SIXsigma and SPC (Statistical Process Control) Cp and CpK to improve our Routine Production Process throughout finding the Problems

Pranvera Apostoli, *Profarma*

- Capture of CPP values as part of APR (Annual Product Review) values for 300 generics - captured for final product and process steps
- Use of SPC, IMR and trend charts
- Analysis of Cp and CpK values and assessment of stability
- Root Cause Analysis in Cases of Instability

### Self Inspection in Non-Sterile Manufacturing

Speaker invited

- Why Self Inspection - regulatory background
- Planning a Self Inspection
- Performing a Self Inspection

### Cleaning Validation in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry

Eni Bushi, *Profarma*

- Regulatory requirements for cleaning validation
- Cleaning validation program
- Sampling procedure
- Establishment of limits

### Modern Approach for Identifying Sampling Points in the Non-Sterile Area (grid-line Approach)

Dr Marcel Goverde, *MGP Consulting*

- FMEA or HACCP or Risk Assessment?
- Can a gridline approach also be used for non-sterile areas?
- Application in practice

### Bioburden Control in Non-sterile Drug Substance and Product Manufacturing – Risk Mitigation versus Microbial Testing

Dr Tony Cundell, *Microbiological Consulting*

- Pros and cons of risk mitigation or microbiological testing compiled - with view on microbial quality of pharmaceutical ingredient, formulation, manufacturing process, physicochemical properties, packaging, dosage and recipients of a drug product
- The types of microbiological compendial tests, sampling limitation and suitability for microbial enumeration and unacceptable microorganisms
- Case Study: The shortage of infant formula in the U.S. in 2022 due to a product recall for *Cronobacter sakazakii*

### A Case of *Burkholderia cepacia* Complex in Non-Sterile Manufacturing; Challenges in Isolation, Identification and Product Recalls

Rashid Idd Kihwelo, *Kairuki Pharmaceuticals*

- What is *Burkholderia cepacia* Complex (Bcc)
- Taxonomy and diversity of Bc/Bcc contamination in non-sterile manufacturing
- Challenges in isolation, Identification and the new USP chapter <60>
- Product recalls of non-sterile products and measures to be taken to prevent Bcc contamination

## SPEAKERS



### Pranvera Apostoli

*Profarma, Albania*

Pranvera received a MsC in Pharmacy primary from Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Tirana, Albania in 2012 and secondly nostrified from Charles University, Czechia in 2020. After two years as community pharmacist, she joined Profarma in 2015, as a part of the Drug Regulatory Affairs and PhV department. Following she joined the QA Department, mainly dealing with the managing of Annual Product Review and Validations. Additionally she was involved in upgrading the production processes until it reaching the EU GMP level.



### Dr Thomas Brinz

*Syntegon, Germany*

Thomas Brinz studied chemistry in Ulm. He then joined Robert Bosch GmbH in 1995 as a Senior Scientist and later became Director PharmaServices at Bosch Packaging, now Syntegon. He is currently Director Pharma Services Waiblingen at Syntegon.



### Eni Bushi

*Profarma, Albania*

Eni Bushi has more than 5 years of experience in Quality Assurance Department of Profarma. She is in charge of Process Validation, Cleaning Validation and Risk Assessment. She also works in the University of Medicine Tirana as an assistant of pharmaceutical technology.



### Dr Tony Cundell

*Microbiological Consulting, LLC, USA*

Tony worked for over 30 years as microbiologist at the director level in product development and quality organizations in large pharmaceutical companies. Long-term member of the USP Microbiology Expert Committee. Published over 100 articles and book chapters. Currently he is working as an industry consultant.



### Rashid Idd Kihwelo

*Kairuki Pharmaceuticals, Tanzania*

Rashid has a bachelor degree in Microbiology from the University of Dar es Salaam. After first experiences in pharmaceutical microbiology from Tanzania Medicine and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) he joined Kairuki in quality control microbiology laboratory as Senior Quality Microbiologist.



### Dr Marcel Goverde

*MGP Consulting, Switzerland*

Marcel Goverde studied Biology at the University of Basel. From 2002 to 2010 he was leading the QC lab for non-sterile products and the lab for research & development of microbiological methods at F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd in Basel. From 2010-2011 he worked as microbiological expert at Novartis. In 2011 he started his own company for consulting, training and project management in microbiology.

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## Keynote on 19 March 2024

### The CEPI Project – 40 Countries – 1 Billion Euros for Vaccines

Dr Guido Dietrich, CEPI

Do you know the worldwide importance of CEPI? And why is this so important for everyone working in pharmaceutical production? Our first keynote will address a very important new development. More than 40 countries, several non-governmental organizations and the European Commission are involved in the **Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)**.

#### What is the goal?

The goal of CEPI is to develop, produce and distribute a vaccine as quickly as possible in the event of the next global pandemic, i.e. within 100 days.

#### What is the current budget?

For the first 5 years alone, a budget of one billion euros has been made available.

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### Congress Dates

Tuesday, 19 March 2024, 09.00 - 18.00 h  
Wednesday 20 March 2024, 09.00 - 17.00 h  
Registration

Tuesday & Wednesday, 19/20 March 2024, 08.00 - 09.00 h

### Fees

The one day ticket is available for € 690,- plus VAT, both days for € 1,380.- plus VAT. It includes participation in any track on that day and the visit of the PharmaTechnica Expo. In addition, lunch and beverages during the tracks and in breaks as well as the social event on the evening of the first congress day, 19 March is included; please mark if you would like to attend the Social Event. The fee is payable in advance after receipt of invoice.

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