Launch Conference - ECA's new Integrated Qualification and Validation Guide
Working with Suppliers towards modern Qualification and Validation

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HIGHLIGHTS:
- Regulatory perspective from EU and FDA
- Panel discussion regarding EU and FDA requirements
- Customer and Supplier Cooperation: Integrated Qualification
- Panel Discussion ECA’s Integrated Qualification Guide vs ISPE GEP Guide
- Equipment Categorisation – one way to an effective qualification
- Good Engineering Practice: A key to leverage the quality system of a good pharma equipment supplier
- Qualification and Validation: An integrated approach
- 2 Case studies:
  - Current FAT
  - Transforming Novo Nordisk’s qualification and validation concept to focus on GEP and supplier collaboration

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**Objectives**

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**Target Audience**

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**Moderator**

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**Programme**

- **Introduction to Integrated Qualification and Validation**
  - Development of ECA’s Integration and Validation guideline

- **Modern Qualification and Validation from an FDA perspective**
  - FDA’s Process Validation guide
  - Process Validation as a life-cycle approach
  - Lessons learned from the FDA Process Validation guide
  - International harmonization of process validation?

- **Qualification and Validation requirements from a European inspector’s view: Possibilities to integrate Qualification and Process Validation Activities**
  - Qualification and Validation requirements in EU Annex 15
  - The importance of good cooperation between customers and suppliers
  - Qualification observations from an inspector’s view
  - Possible problems in future?

- **Introduction the ECA Guideline: Integrated Qualification and Validation - A guide to effective qualification based on Customer - Supplier Partnership**
  - Content of the guideline
  - Application of the guide by suppliers and users
  - Fit into the GMP regulations
  - Benefit for involved parties
Programme


- What is ISPE?
- ISPE Baseline No 5 Commissioning and Qualification from 2001
- Bridging Baselines
- New ISPE Baseline No 5 Commissioning and Qualification, version 2 from 2019

JETT Consortium – how to deal with example forms

- Origins of JETT
- Adoption of GAMP Guidance
- Initial Work
- URS Development Method
- Workers vs. Clingons
- Works Produce

Equipment Categorisation - one way to efficient Qualification

- Equipment categorization helps to select an appropriate effort for qualification activities and helps to avoid excess work
- The perfect timing for equipment categorization during design phase in a customer supplier partnership
- Explanation of the 3 types of equipment categories for pharmaceutical industrial plants including practical examples
- Easy do-it-yourself categorization of pharma equipment depending on general quality risk impact, product and process critical aspects, technical, complexity of the process as well as supplier capabilities

Good Engineering Practice – A key to leverage the quality system of a good pharma equipment supplier

- Key elements of GEP with relevance for GMP
- First approaches of ISPE and ASTM and their results
- How far suppliers are allowed to execute the qualification
- Some ideas how to integrate GEP documents best
- Why is there still a headache?

Case Study: Current Factory Acceptance Test (FAT) – market approaches between tradition and state-of-the-art

- FAT requirements requested by User Requirement Specification
- Pre-requisites for FAT execution
- Implementation of FAT results into qualification
- FATs vs SATs
- Good practices for successful FATs

Qualification and Validation: An integrated approach

- Process Qualification - the „marriage“ of qualification and process validation
- Integration of critical process parameters into qualification
- The real goal is PPQ
- Key performance indicators in qualification and validation (Cm, CmK, Cp, CpK, Pp, PpK)

Case Study:
Transforming Novo Nordisk’s qualification and validation concept to focus on GEP and supplier collaboration

Feedback to the Integrated Qualification and Validation Guide

- Open questions
- Outlook

Panel Discussions
Panel discussions with regulatory authority and pharmaceutical industry ensure the transfer from theory into practice.
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Rolf holds a Master Degree in Chemical Engineering. After 8 years working for the chemical and pharmaceutical industry he is since 2000 with Bosch working in project management and nowadays as head of the qualification department.

DR CLEMENS BORKENSTEIN
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Clemens Borkenstein has studied Food and Biotechnology at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna, Austria (Universität für Bodenkultur Wien) and made his PhD in industrial biotechnology at the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology in Bremen, Germany. He has over 8 years of experience in pharma engineering, and is head of the department Executive Quality at the ZETA Group, responsible for Quality Assurance and Qualification.

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*Cook Medical, Senior Engineer*
Peter Werner Christensen is actually a Senior Engineer at Cook Medical. As a specialist he is responsible for the Risk Management. He has an indepth knowledge and understanding of the Medical Device and the whole pharmaceutical industry from more than 23 years in the field among Novo Nordisk and Cook Medicals. He is a worldwide speaker within the field of Pharmaceutical Engineering.

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After working in the pharmaceutical Industry Klaus Eichmüller joined the District Government of Upper Bavaria in Munich. Since 1996 he is working in the field of GMP Inspections of manufacturer of medicinal products and importers. He was Deputy Head of the Central Authority for Supervision of Medicinal Products in Bavaria" as long as it existed and is now Head of the Inspectorate for Drug Products, APIs, Blood Products and Tissues in Hessen since March 2014.

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Ralf Gengenbach is founder and managing director of gempex Co. Ltd., Germany. He is member of different organisations, among others DIN UA2 (Board for standards ‘biotechnology’), of DECHHEMA and ISPE. He is approved Quality Auditor according to DIN ISO 9000ff.

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Peter Larsson is currently Head of Engineering Management in Novo Nordisk and the lead on implementing an integrated CQV model based on ASTM E2500. He has a background as Operations Manager, Project Manager, Engineering Manager and Project Engineer within the pharmaceutical industry.

GERT MOELGAARD
*Moelgaard Consulting, Head of ECA’s Validation Group*
Gert Moelgaard has more than 25 years experience in the pharmaceutical and biotech industry, including several years of experience in process control, automation, computer systems validation and process validation as well as process engineering and consulting. He has previously worked in Novo Nordisk, Novo Nordisk Engineering and NNE Pharmaplan. From 2009-2012 Gert Moelgaard was been involved in training FDA’s investigators at FDA’s internal training on the 2011 Guidance on Process Validation and has contributed to several books and technical guidelines.

DR THOMAS SCHNEPPE
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Thomas has more than 30 years GMP experience in Pharmaceutical Industry: Qualified Person, Mgmt. Training, GMP Projects, Operational Excellence in different functions at Klöckner Pentapack, Schering AG, Asche AG, Bayer AG and actually Bayer Bitterfeld GmbH.

DR CHRISTOPHER WATTS
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Chris Watts is a principal consultant within quality and regulatory, having gained experience both from industry and FDA. Chris was part of the team at the FDA that developed the Agency's modern approach to quality and compliance. These included the science and risk-based approach to cGMP inspection and CMC application review, including the recent ICH Quality guidelines and the FDA guidance on Process Validation.

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