Isolator Technology Workshop – Manufacturing Isolator
Engineering – Validation - Operation
24/25 November 2020 | Basel, Switzerland

Highlights
- Isolator and Associated Technologies
- From the Conceptual Design to the Validated Equipment
- Mock-Up Study
- Process Development of Isolator Decontamination
- Bioindicators
- Troubleshooting in Isolator Technology
- Glove Integrity Testing
- Contamination Control Strategy and Isolators
- Microbiology in Filling Isolators
- Case Studies from
  - GSK Vaccines
  - Merck Group
  - Novartis
  - Sanofi
- Regulatory Requirements and Trends
- Workshops on
  - Qualification Tests
  - Development of a H₂O₂ Decontamination Cycle
  - Isolators According to EU Annex 1

Participate in three workshops at SKAN AG
Objective

Why should you attend this event?
- You get an technological update on isolators for aseptic manufacture
- You get to know the results of recent studies on the validation of isolators
- You have the opportunity to discuss your individual questions personally with experts
- You can translate the theory directly into practice during 3 workshops at the manufacturing site of Skan in Allschwil

Each participant takes part in all 3 workshops. The workshops are held at the plant of SKAN AG, partly including operational isolators. This brings the participants as close to daily practice as possible.

Background

The use of isolators is increasing in the manufacturing of sterile medicinal products, particularly in aseptic manufacture, and in the handling of toxic / high potent APIs. It ensures a greater microbiological safety of the products, but at the same time requires increased inputs as regards the qualification of these systems and the validation of the production processes.

In 2004, Appendix 1 to the FDA Guidance for Industry „Sterile Drug Products Produced by Aseptic Processing“ defined new regulatory requirements on using this technology, as did the PIC/S document PI 014-3 „Isolators used for Aseptic Processing and Sterility Testing“ and the expected revision of EU GMP Annex 1.

Target Audience

This GMP Education Course addresses those employees from the pharmaceutical industry and from suppliers / Contract organisations involved in the engineering, validation and operation of Aseptic (toxic) Manufacturing Isolators, especially from the areas Engineering / Production, Quality Assurance, Qualification/Validation, Microbiology. The number of participants is limited. Please understand that, for competitive reasons, not all firms can register their employees for this event.

Programme

Regulatory Requirements for Isolators for Aseptic Use

- Regulatory bodies
- US laws and regulations
- European laws and regulations
- Guidelines
- Basic Isolator definitions

Annex 1 - Risk Analysis and Consideration of Transfer Material and Environmental Monitoring

- Contamination Control Strategy & Quality Risk Management Principles
- Environmental monitoring program
- Gloves/Sleeves management program
- Transfer materials & personnel interventions
- Aseptic processing validation management

Isolator Application / Projects: From the Conceptual Design to the Validated Equipment incl. Mock-Up Study

- Key decisions
- What do we need from our customers?
- From URS to engineering – technical details and solutions
- Process challenges and features
- FAT – Installation – Qualification
- Purpose of mock-up
- What is required before starting a mock-up
- How to document a mock-up
- What simulations need to be included in the mock-up
- Execution of the mock-up itself
- Examples for our mock-up to underline the points above

Bioindicators / Process Development of Isolator Decontamination

- Overview of current regulations and standards
- Basis and selection of suitable biological indicators as sensor for the inactivation effect
- Development and quantification of decontamination cycles
- Influence of H₂O₂ to routine processes

Isolator and Associated Technologies

- Isolator technology in GSK Bio
- Applications for bulk
- Applications for formulation
- Applications for filling processes
- Sterility testing

Case Study Merck: New Aseptic Filling Building: A Quality by Design Approach

- Presentation of the project
- Business case construction
- Compliance requirements
- QBD approach and implementation
- Product Tech Transfer strategy
- ASTM E2500 qualification and validation strategy

Troubleshooting in Isolator Technology

- The place of the isolator in a pharmaceutical process
- The influence of critical parameters on the decontamination process
- The reliability and reproducibility of biological indicators
- The expectations of regulators

Aseptic Filling Isolators from a Microbiological Point of View

- Environmental monitoring
- Media Fills
- Sterility tests
- Integrity of gloves and sleeves
- Validation studies
- OOS results in isolators
Workshop Session

Workshop 1:

Validation Planning for an Aseptic Isolator
- Test master plan (IQ/OQ)
- IQ / OQ test protocols
- Operational qualification - procedures
- Handling of deviations

Performance of Selected Qualification Tests
- Basic SOP for testing
- Execution of tests
- Generate test records
- Drawing up the test report
- Glove testing

Glove Integrity Testing
- Regulatory Background
- Physical methods for glove integrity tests and their boundaries
- Microbiological contamination risk
- Routine program for glove integrity testing

Workshop 2:

Development and Quantification of H₂O₂ Decontamination Cycles
- Establish the requirements of a decontamination cycle
- Design a qualification strategy
- Work out the necessary physical and microbiological tests and their chronology
- Interpretation of test results and reaction on deviations
- Write a transparent qualification report
- Workshop including a real isolator system

Workshop 3:

Isolators according to EU Annex 1
- Handling in isolators
- Personnel at isolators
- RTP system
- Environmental monitoring in isolators
- Frequency of decontaminations
- Problems in isolators from a users’ point of view

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Speakers

Dr Patricia Desmaris, Merck Group
Pharmacist specialized in biotechnology, expert in Aseptic Processes, F&F, Isolator Technology and CGMPs Compliance. Currently managing a team in charge of all the equipment (compounding, Aseptic filling, washing and sterilization, stopper processing) for a new aseptic filling building from design to qualification/validation.

Christian Doriath, SKAN AG, Basel, Switzerland
Christian Doriath joined SKAN in 2012 after more than 20 years spent on isolator technology in the pharmaceutical industry at various positions, maintenance, validation, research, technical services. Since October 2018 he is Head of Process Validation Microbiology at SKAN.

Theresa Ladwig, SKAN AG, Basel, Switzerland
2007 Theresa Ladwig joined SKAN AG as a Project Engineer in the department Cycle Development and performed Cycle Development and Microbiological Qualifications all over the world. From 2013 to 2018 she was Head of Process Validation Microbiology. Today she supports the Sales Team for Europe of Skan AG.

Benoît Ramond, Sanofi SA, France
Since 2004 he is microbiology expert in Sanofi group. In his function he has also a leading role in the RMM strategy development within Sanofi group.

Ruben Rizzo, SKAN AG, Basel, Switzerland
Ruben Rizzo studied chemistry and pharma technology. He worked for Novartis Pharma (Stein) as a Production Expert in the R&D before he joined SKAN AG in 2014 as Sales Manager in the Process Solution for Isolator Technology. He is responsible for the area of Switzerland, Spain, Italy and Portugal.

Yves Scholler, SKAN AG, Basel, Switzerland
Yves Scholler studied mechatronics at the Trinational Engineering School (FTI) in Muttenz (CH), Mulhouse (F) and Lörrach (D). He joined SKAN AG in 2007 and is now Head of Sales Europe in the Process Solution for Isolator Technology.

Alexandra Stärk, Novartis Pharma Stein AG, Basel, Switzerland
Alexandra Stärk has worked since 1995 at Novartis Pharma Stein AG and was heading the microbiological QA/QC department till October 2016. In October 2016 she moved into a new role within Novartis Pharma Stein AG and is now responsible for a team of microbiological experts in the department of Manufacturing, Science & Technology which defines the microbiological control strategies for sterile and non-sterile production on a global and local level.

Patrick Vanhecke, GSK Vaccines, Wavre, Belgium
Patrick Vanhecke studied Organic Chemistry at the University of Brussels (ULB). He joined GSK Bio in 1992 as Aseptic Filling Manager in Rixensart (Belgium). In 1998 he was transferred to the Wavre site (Belgium) as Aseptic Filling Manager and was in charge of a new project in Aseptic Filling based on Isolator technology. In 2002 he joined the Global Technical Services and today he is in charge of Isolator and Aseptic Filling Technologies projects.
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