LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Six Sigma
- Basic Statistic
- Process Improvement
- Process Capability
- Case Study “SPC and Trending of Microbiological Data”
- Case Study Sanofi-Aventis “SPC as tool for Continued Process Verification”
- 1 Workshop
- 2 Exercises
**Objectives**

The new process Validation life cycle is now split up into 3 stages:

1. Process Design
2. Process Qualification
3. Continued Process Verification

The new “catchword” is process understanding. Trends should be evaluated in the Stage 3.

One element to show process understanding and to monitor trends can be Statistical Process Control.

On the one hand the seminar will explain the theory of control charts e.g. how to calculate and read them. On the other hand the seminar will explore how to practically apply Control Charts, e.g. implementing control charts in production or QC and setting up a good review process. This balance of class room sessions and exercises supports a hands-on approach to manage and use Control Charts in different environments, like validation and process improvement.

Examples and case studies from the experience of the speakers will give evidence of the success and possibilities the use of Control Charts adds to your enterprise. Additionally, there is a view on the software for SPC and its GMP relevance.

**Background**

With the new FDA Guidance on Process Validation of January 2011 the FDA gives a new interpretation of validation. Not more than 3 validation batches are the evidence that a process is valid. The FDA now expects a validation life cycle with Continued Process Verification throughout the commercial phase. **This is the same in the revised Annex 15 in the EU.** Also the EMA stated in a Question and Answer paper, that they focus on continuous validation too. Both authorities mention that a process is in statistical control and capable. One element to show this is Statistical Process Control (SPC) as mentioned by the FDA.

Also in the ICH Q9 document “Quality Risk Management” control charts and process capability are mentioned as statistical possibilities within risk assessments.

**Target Audience**

This course is directed to staff who is involved in process understanding and optimization (e.g. process owners, validation managers, etc.) in R&D, production and quality control. It also addresses quality assurance staff.

**Note:** The number of participants is limited.
Deploying and managing SPC - Connecting SPC to Continuous Improvement

- Deployment Top-Down versus Bottom-Up
- Root cause analysis
- Paper based versus electronic control charts
- Management system / cycle

Reasons to implement Control Charts

- Link to quality control
- Link to quality assurance
- Benefits from SPC

Measurement System Analysis and SPC

- Using control charts to do a MSA
- Accuracy of data
- Triangle of Variability

SPC as tool for Continued Process Verification

- Continued Process Verification: Requirements
- Case Study Sanofi-Aventis

Exercise 1

Control chart
Setting up a Control Chart and control a process to standard manually

Workshop

Implementation of the use of a Control Chart in the local environment

- What are the Dos and Don’ts?
- How do I create commitment in senior management and my team?

Exercise 2

Control Chart
Detecting changes and analysing potential causes

Process Capability – What is the risk of failure of my process?

- Cp, Cpk versus Pp, Ppk
- Long term versus short term capability
- Process robustness

Case Study Control Charts and Trending of Microbiological Data

- Trending Monitoring Data as Part of the Facility Control Concept
- Smart Setting of Alert- and Action levels
- Definition of Adverse Trends
- Periodic Data Review
- Designing a Reduced EM Program

Speakers

Dr Ingolf Stückrath
sanofi-aventis, Germany
Ingolf began his career with Aventis in 2000 as a Trainee in an assistant plant manager programme. Until 2002 he was responsible for a fermentation plant in the insulin field of Aventis. After becoming a Six Sigma Black Belt Ingolf was made responsible for the implementation of Six Sigma at a site of 800 employees. After becoming Six Sigma Master Black Belt he became part of the Management Committee of the Site Frankfurt Biotechnology in 2004, being responsible for all Industrial Excellence activities of the site. In 2005 his work was recognized with the IQPC's Six Sigma IQ Excellence Award in the category “Best Defect Elimination in Manufacturing”. In April 2007 Ingolf became Plant Head of a final processing API plant in Frankfurt/Germany, followed by a position as Head of Operations in a cell culture plant in France. Today he is responsible for a major insulin production facility in Frankfurt. Ingolf studied Biology with a major in Microbiology in Frankfurt/Germany and Anchorage, Alaska USA. He holds a Ph. D. in biology.

Dr Sven Wedemeyer
Merck KGaA, Germany
Dr Wedemeyer studied Process Engineering at the TU Clausthal and received his PhD from the same university. He joined Merck in 1999 and headed different position (e.g Assistant Plant Manager in the solids manufacturing department). Dr Wedemeyer started his Black Belt education in 2005. Since that time he is performing Six Sigma projects in manufacturing and supply chain. He is member of the Operational Excellence team leading the transformation program in Technical Operations.

Dr Björn Wiese
Zimmer GmbH, Winterthur, Switzerland
From 1996 to 2000 Björn Wiese worked as project manager in R&D of Danisco Ingredients, Niebüll, Germany, and developed start up cultures. Since November 2000, he had been head of the microbiology department of Hameln Pharmaceuticals, Hameln, Germany. From 2005 - 2010 Björn worked at the pharmaceutical production site of Cilag in Schaffhausen, Switzerland. 2011 he joined Zimmer GmbH as Associate Director Sterilisation Technology and Analytical Testing.

Social Event

In the evening of the first course day, you are cordially invited to a social event. This is an excellent opportunity to share your experiences with colleagues from other companies in a relaxed atmosphere.
Reservation Form (Please complete in full)

Statistical Process Control - A key tool for process understanding in the process validation life cycle
06 – 07 March 2019, Barcelona, Spain

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Wednesday, 06 March 2019, 9.00 – 18.00 h
(Registration and coffee 08.30 – 9.00 h)
Thursday, 07 March 2019, 08.30 – 16.15 h

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