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# QUALIFIED PERSON FORUM 2024

AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS, 28/29 November 2024 | PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS, 27 November 2024  
Specific Requirements for IMPs | QP Oversight for “Virtual Companies” | QP Liability and Indemnification

## Speakers from Authorities, Inspectorates and Associations:

**Emer Cooke**  
*European Medicines Agency (EMA)*  
**Brendan Cuddy**  
*European Medicines Agency (EMA)*  
**Rick Friedman**  
*US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)*  
**Dr Rainer Gnibl**  
*GMP Inspector, Head of Inspectorate, Germany*  
**Mag.pharm. Andreas Kraßnigg**  
*Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES), Chair of the PIC/S Sub-Committee on Expert Circles*

*(other GMP Inspectors invited)*

## Speakers from Industry:

**Jyotsna Agnihotry**  
*Flavine*  
**Cheryl Chia**  
*BeiGene*  
**David Cockburn**  
*EQPA*  
**Dr Carsten Coors**  
*Vetter Development Services*  
**Dr Susanne Ding**  
*Boehringer Ingelheim*  
**Alessandro G. Giunta**  
*AbbVie*  
**Tor Gråberg**  
*EQPA*  
**Rebecca Haywood**  
*Pfizer*  
**Cecilie Hejlskov**  
*Syntese*

**Dr Arnoud Herremans**  
*Y47 Consultancy*  
**Katrien Himpens**  
*J&J Innovative Medicines*  
**Dr Afshin Hosseiny**  
*ECA*  
**Dr Monika Hupfaut**  
*Attorney-at Law*  
**Patryk Jegorow**  
*Takeda*  
**Canice Kearney**  
*Takeda*  
**Dr Ulrich Kissel**  
*EQPA*  
**Dr Aidan Madden**  
*FivePharma*  
**Sue Mann**  
*Sue Mann Consultancy*  
**Madeleine Molster**  
*Sagiure Legal*

**Shirley Murphy**  
*Takeda*  
**Dr Umberto M. Musazzi**  
*University of Milan*  
**Sonsee Neu**  
*Stress Counseling*  
**Dr Claudius Pop**  
*Novartis*  
**Gillian Renouf**  
*Royal Pharmaceutical Society QP Assessment Panel, U.K.*  
**Dr Andreas Schwinn**  
*Roche*  
**Niina Taylor**  
*EQPA*  
**Brenda Van Assche**  
*Johnson & Johnson*

*(other speakers invited)*

Dear Colleagues,



Times remain challenging for QPs. New and upcoming developments and increasing risks demand full attention and awareness from QPs. This requires continuous learning by exchange with regulators and colleagues to facilitate calibration with peers and adjustments to established concepts to prepare for the presence and future.

We are very delighted to offer with this Forum again the required highest level platform for QPs, representatives of competent authorities and other people interested in the topics presented. Networking is key in these days and we would like to invite all delegates to discuss exactly these challenges and tasks helping you to find solutions.

Make use of this event by exchanging experiences with your colleagues and by establishing informal contacts and networking. I look forward to meeting you in Amsterdam.

Best regards,

Dr Ulrich Kissel  
Chairman of the Qualified Person Association

## OBJECTIVE

This Conference is designed by QPs for QPs as an international Expert Forum with focus on sharing information and experience and on discussing the challenging parts of the QP's daily work.

## TARGET GROUP

The Forum is designed for all Qualified Persons and aspiring Qualified Persons. It also addresses upper management functions and authority representatives who want to be informed about the latest development regarding the duties and responsibilities of Qualified Persons.

## FORUM MODERATOR

Aidan Madden

## SOCIAL EVENT



On 28 November, you are cordially invited to a social event in Amsterdam. This is an excellent opportunity to share your experiences with colleagues from other companies in a relaxed atmosphere.

## FULL DAY PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

Specific Requirements for IMPs

Facilitated by: **Susanne Ding** | **Alessandro Giunta** | **Rebecca Haywood** | **Katrien Himpens** | **Patryk Jegorow** | **Shirley Murphy** | **Claudius Pop** | **Andreas Schwinn** | **Niina Taylor** | **Brenda Van Assche** (other speakers invited)

- Legislation impacting IMP QPs
- Third country IMP GMP inspections
- Inspector's view
- Critical thinking as an IMP QP
- Clinical Trial Regulation Experience
- Quality Culture in the IMP context
- The Use of AI
- Interactive Case Study
- Q&A sessions

## 1/2 DAY PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

QP Oversight for "Virtual Companies" and MAHs

Facilitated by: **Canice Kearney** | **Sue Mann**

- QP responsibilities
- Batch certification – minimum requirements & best practices
- Control and format of Supply Chain Maps and setting the scope of responsibilities
- Post Product Release oversight responsibilities
- Examples and interaction

## 1/2 DAY PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

QP Liability and Indemnification

Facilitated by: **Carsten Coors** | **Afshin Hosseiny** | **Monika Hupfauf** | **Madeleine Molster**

- Civil and criminal law
- QP liability and indemnification in international comparison (EU)
- Risks in third countries
- Possible legal actions against the QP
- Internal and external liability
- How to deal with pressure from the employer
- Examples

## Opening Address

**Emer Cooke**

## The GMDP IWG Work Programme 2024 – 2026

**Brendan Cuddy**

- What is the GMDP IWG and who attends it?
- Influences: what is coming in terms of new legislation that will impact on GMP, Inspectors and QP's
- Strategic Priorities of the GMDP IWG
- Highlights of the work programme: 2024 – 2026
- Highlights and results so far this year
- Conclusions

## Harmonisation between the Agencies

**Rick Friedman (remote)**

- Acceptance of Annex 1
- Quality Risk Management
- Quality Systems and facility oversight

## Drug Shortages and a Relief from certain Requirements

**Umberto M. Musazzi**

- Papers published at EU level to mitigate drug shortages
- Aspects with impact on the manufacturing sector
- Shortage management plan
- Potential flexibility in certain GMP requirements

## How a Mock Recall can be performed

**Jyotsna Agnihotry**

- How to plan, execute and document a Mock Recall
- Flow of information before
- Role (and involvement) of the QP

## The Present and Future of Digitalisation for the QP

**Cheryl Chia**

- What is digitalization?
- Where are we now?
- What does this mean to the QP?
- Where do we go from here?

Moderated Panel Discussion on current Developments in GMP

**David Cockburn, Tor Gråberg, Andreas Krassnigg and GMP Inspectors of the Dutch Inspectorate IGJ**

## 1) Remote Certification: Are you ready?

**Cheryl Chia and Ulrich Kissel**

- Applicable guidance
- Things to consider
- Workflows needed

## 2) Annex 1 Implementation: Is your MIA at Risk?

**Rainer Gnibl and Aidan Madden**

- How to deal with gaps in the company and at CMOs
- How to mitigate risk
- How to differentiate between risk management and excuse management
- How the QP might influence risk management processes

## 3) QP Scenarios: How serious could they be?

**Sue Mann and Gillian Renouf**

- Discuss real-life situations involving QPs
- Explore the potential risks and impact
- Make decisions on the product(s) involved

## 4) Challenges for IMP QPs

**IMP Working Group**

- ATIMP Release
- Phase appropriate Quality Management System (QMS)
- CTA/IMPD compliance check

## 5) Critical KPIs for the QP

**Cecilie Hejlskov and Arnoud Herremans**

- KPIs that drive good quality behavior
- How KPIs can support or undermine your role as a QP
- Visualization of KPIs that benefit us all

## 6) Resilience for the QP

**Sonsee Neu**

- How resilience impacts decision-making
- Stress management
- Practical exercises to enhance resilience

## Q&A SESSION

During the 2 days of the Forum, all delegates can post their questions verbally or in writing. The answers will be given by the expert speakers in dedicated sessions.

# SPEAKERS

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Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency

**Brendan Cuddy**, *European Medicines Agency (EMA)*  
Lead Scientific Officer at European Medicines Agency

**Rick Friedman**, *US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)*  
Deputy Director, Manufacturing Quality at FDA

**Dr Rainer Gnibl**, *Government of Upper Bavaria, Germany*  
Head of Inspectorate and GMP Inspector, Advisory Board member of EQPA

**Mag.pharm. Andreas Kraßnigg**, *Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES), Austria*

Head Pharmaceutical Inspections and member of Annex 16 Drafting Group, Chair of the PIC/S Sub-Committee on Expert Circles and Advisory Board member of EQPA

(other GMP Inspectors invited)

## Speakers from Industry:

**Jyotsna Agnihotry**, *Flavine, Germany*  
Head of Quality Operations

**Cheryl Chia**, *BeiGene, The Netherlands*  
Senior Director Distribution Quality and member of the EQPA Board of Directors

**David Cockburn**, *EQPA and ECA, UK*  
Member of the EQPA Board of Directors and the ECA Executive Board.  
Former Chair of the EMA GMP/GDP IWG

**Dr Carsten Coors**, *Vetter Development Services, Austria*  
Qualified Person

**Dr Susanne Ding**, *Boehringer Ingelheim, Germany*  
Qualified Person for IMPs and member of the EQPA Board of Directors

**Alessandro G. Giunta**, *AbbVie, Germany*  
Qualified Person, Associate Director IMP Quality Management

**Tor Gråberg**, *EQPA, Sweden*  
Member of the EQPA Board of Directors. Former Head of the Drug Inspectorate at the Swedish Medical Products Agency and former PIC/S Chair

**Rebecca Haywood**, *Pfizer, UK*  
Qualified Person

**Cecilie Hejlskov**, *Syntese, Denmark*  
Operational Excellence Manager

**Dr Arnoud Herremans**, *Y47 Consultancy, The Netherlands*  
Owner and Lean Kaizen Consultant

**Katrien Himpens**, *J&J Innovative Medicines, Belgium*  
Qualified Person IMP, Senior Director QA Clinical Supply Chain

**Dr Afshin Hosseiny**, *ECA, France*  
Qualified Person, former Director of Global Quality, GSK. Chair of the ECA Executive Board

**Dr Monika Hupfaut**, *Attorney-at Law, Austria*  
Lawyer with focus on the development of pharmaceuticals and medical products up to and including market entry

**Patryk Jegorow**, *Takeda, Ireland*  
Qualified Person and Head of Quality Compliance and Systems Biologics Operating Unit

**Canice Kearney**, *Takeda, Ireland*  
Qualified Person and Head of Quality, Biologics External Supply

**Dr Ulrich Kissel**, *EQPA, Germany*  
Qualified Person and Chairman of the EQPA Board of Directors

**Dr Aidan Madden**, *FivePharma, Ireland*  
CEO

**Sue Mann**, *Sue Mann Consultancy Ltd., UK*  
Qualified Person and QP Assessor working on behalf of the MHRA, representing the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

**Madeleine Molster**, *Sagiure Legal, The Netherlands*  
Attorney at Law for International Employment Law, Contract Law and Governance. Member of the People's Committee, American Chamber of Commerce in the Netherlands (AmCham)

**Shirley Murphy**, *Takeda, Ireland*  
Head Knowledge Management, Global Quality Compliance & Systems

**Dr Umberto M. Musazzi**, *University of Milan, Italy*  
Fixed-term Research Fellow B, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Sonsee Neu**, *Stress Counseling, Germany*  
Certified Mindful Life and NLP Coach Practitioner. Former actress

**Dr Claudius Pop**, *Novartis, Germany*  
Head Clinical Supplies QA and Qualified Person

**Gillian Renouf**, *Royal Pharmaceutical Society QP Assessment Panel, UK*  
Chair of the RPS QP Assessment Panel, Country Quality Head UK, Ireland and Nordics at Novartis

**Dr Andreas Schwinn**, *Roche Pharma AG, Germany*  
Senior Qualified Person

**Niina Taylor**, *EQPA, UK*  
IMP Working Group

**Brenda Van Assche**, *Johnson & Johnson, Belgium*  
Site Quality Head

Other speakers invited

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- QUALIFIED PERSON FORUM 2024, 28/29 November 2024, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION, 27 November 2024, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

#### Please choose one of the following:

- Full Day Session "Specific Requirements for IMPs"
- 1/2 Day Session "QP Oversight for "Virtual Companies" and MAHs"
- 1/2 Day Session "QP Liability and Indemnification"

#### Please choose three out of the following six parallel sessions:

- Remote Certification: Are you ready?  Annex 1 Implementation: Is your MIA at Risk?
- QP Scenarios: How serious could they be?  Challenges for IMP QPs
- Critical KPIs for the QP  Resilience for the QP

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### About the European QP Association

The European Qualified Person (QP) Association was founded on 7 July 2006 by the European Compliance Academy's (ECA) Advisory Board Members. With this unique association the ECA wants to provide QPs in Europe with a platform allowing them to exchange their experience, discuss the latest regulatory requirements, to identify and address difficulties and challenges and to support a harmonised European approach.

More information about the QP Association and a membership application form are available at [www.qp-association.eu](http://www.qp-association.eu).

### About CONCEPT HEIDELBERG

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**Date Full Day Pre-Conference Session:****Specific Requirements for IMPs**

Wednesday, 27 November 2024, 9.00 – 18.00

(Registration: 8.30 – 9.00)

**Date ½ Day Pre-Conference Session:****QP Oversight for “Virtual Companies” and MAHs**

Wednesday, 27 November 2024, 13.30 – 18.00

(Registration: 13.00 – 13.30)

**Date ½ Day Pre-Conference Session:****QP Liability and Indemnification**

Wednesday, 27 November 2024, 13.00 – 18.00

(Registration: 12.30 – 13.00)

**Welcome Reception for all participants**

Wednesday, 27 November, 18.00 – 19.00

**Date QP Forum**

Thursday, 28 November 2024, 9.00 – 18.00

(Registration: Wednesday, 27 November, 18.00 – 19.00 and

Thursday 28 November, 08.30 – 9.00)

Friday, 29 November 2024, 8.30 – 14.45

**Venue**

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**Conference Language**

The official conference language will be English.

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