



**Associazione Farmaceutici Ticinesi**

## **2016 Annual Report**

### **Mission and goals**

AFTI was founded in 1982 and is the leading association of professionals working in the pharmaceutical and allied industries of the Canton Ticino, the largest Italian speaking part of Switzerland.

The affiliates to AFTI are doctors in the scientific disciplines (Chemistry, Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology, Pharmacy, Biological and Medical Science, or others playing a significant role in the pharmaceutical industry) or technicians operating since at least three years in the pharmaceutical industry.

The main goals of AFTI, as defined in the Statutes, are:

- To promote the scientific and professional development of the affiliates, encouraging high standards of education at undergraduate and postgraduate level
- To organise courses, symposia, and in general events on scientific and technical aspects regarding the pharmaceutical field
- To support initiatives for the promotion of the knowledge in the pharmaceutical environment
- To maintain strict contacts with the Health Authorities, being one of the reference bodies representing the affiliates on legislation matters

## **2015/2016 Main Activities**

In 2015 AFTI organised conferences, courses and presentations for the continuous professional development of the affiliates, in agreement with the objectives of the Association.

“GHS 2015: the new system of classification and labeling of substances and mixtures – tools of the REACH and their applications” – Lugano 16 April

“The GDP in Switzerland: what's will happen?” and “The Rubik's Cube of Regulatory Authorities” – Lugano 29 April (AFTI General Assembly 2015)

“Automated validation of Excel spreadsheets” – Lugano 29 April

“Safe, effective, but does not sell enough - How to turn scientific findings into commercial success” – Lugano 28 May (in cooperation with SUPSI)

“GDP: compliance and cost saving” – Milan 29 September (in cooperation with ISPE)

“Analysis of Pharmaceutical Powder/Particle Products – Understanding and Regulatory Guidelines” – Lugano 1 October

“Lean Lab: Towards a leaner laboratory and .....digital “ – Lugano 15 October

“Extractables and Leachables - Protecting Quality by Ensuring Safety and Compatibility” – Lugano 21 October (in cooperation with SUPSI)

“Introduction to Regulatory Affairs in the MENA Region” – Lugano 4 and 5 November

“The solvents in industry: security risks and environmental impacts” – Lugano 12 November (workshop in cooperation with SUPSI)

“Cross Contamination - The new EU requirements for the use of Multipurpose Equipment” – Lugano 17 November

“The silent revolution of Benchtop NMR instruments. New perspectives for analytical chemistry” – Lugano 16 December (AFTI Christmas Party)

“Use of the mobile devices in the Supply Chain of the drug - Efficiency and effectiveness in data management” – Lugano 4 February (in cooperation with SUPSI)

“Investigations into the causes of out of specification results in accordance with GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices)” – Lugano 25 February (in cooperation with SUPSI)

“The New Regulations on Medical Devices: news and business impact” – Lugano 22 March (in cooperation with SUPSI)

## **Special Events and Working Groups**

Pharmintech exhibition of pharmaceutical equipment manufacturers, held in Bologna in April 2015, was sponsored by AFTI (2 days)

AFTI awards to the 3 best experimental scientific works for the end of the high school of Canton Ticino

55<sup>th</sup> AFI's Symposium, organised by AFI with the participation of AFTI, – which took place in Rimini in June 2015 (3 days)

Five important Working Groups are active in AFTI:

- The group of Inspections and Technical Directors
- The working group on GDP
- The working group on Regulatory Aspects
- The working group on Supplier's inspections
- The working group on Quality Risk Management

## **Organisation**

**Member total count: 520**

**Members with degree in Pharmacy: 140**

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