



Associazione Farmaceutici Industria
Società Scientifica

A.F.I. is the leading Italian scientific association of industrial pharmacists and other professionals working in the pharmaceutical and allied industries of Italy.

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Membership	620 Industrial Pharmacists (Year 2018)

The goals of A.F.I.:

- **to promote the scientific and professional development of the industrial pharmacists, encouraging high standards of education at undergraduate and postgraduate level**
 - **to organise courses and seminars on scientific and technical subjects, regarding all the industrial pharmaceutical fields**
 - **to support other scientific initiatives for the promotion of the knowledge in the pharmaceutical area**
 - **to maintain strict contacts with Health Authorities and to represent the position of its members on legislation matters**
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2018 Activities

In 2018 A.F.I. organized conferences, seminars, training courses and special events with the purpose to offer its members and other professionals opportunities of continuous professional development.

Some courses were organized in co-operation with other professional or trade associations and with universities.

A.F.I. sponsored a few events promoted by other organizations, after careful evaluation of their scientific contents.

Conferences and Seminars

Place, Date	Title	Duration
Milan, Jan 17	Pharmaceutical Patents and Brands	½ day
Rome, Feb 27	Pharmacovigilance	1 day
Urbino, Mar 14	Quality Processes in Cosmetics Manufacture (in collaboration with University of Urbino)	½ day
Milan, Mar 15	Pharmaceutical Excipients: from theory to practice	1 day
Milan, May 2	Quality Compliance in API Manufacture (in collaboration with API manufacturers trade association)	1 day
Milan, May 4	Food Supplements and Nutraceuticals	1 day
Padua, May 11	Organizational Evolution in Pharmaceutical Industry: Ne Required Competencies (in collaboration with University of Padua)	
Milan, Jun 21	Clinical trials in Neurology (in collaboration with Dezza Hospital)	1 day
Milan, Nov 9	Clinical Trials of Medical Devices	1 day
Milan, Nov 13	Statistical Tools for GMP Applications	1 day
Milan, Nov 14	Clinical Samples Preparation: to be Prepared for New Requirements	1 day
Pavia, Nov 23	GMP and Regulatory Compliance from Starting Material to API (by University of Pavia)	1 day
Urbino, Nov 28	Development and Manufacture of Innovative Drugs (in collaboration with University of Urbino)	½ day
Milan, Dec 4	Pharma 4.0: the Critical Success Factors	1 day

Events Sponsored by AFI

Place, Date	Title	Duration
Milan, Apr 5	<i>Operational and Quality Metrics, by San gallo University (Switzerland)</i>	1 day
Ancona, Apr 12	<i>All you Can Track & Trace, by Esi-Software</i>	1 day
Novara, Apr 12	<i>The Freeze-drying Process, by University of Piemonte Orientale</i>	1 day
Naples, Sep 20-22	<i>33rd International Pharmaceutical Congress, by the Mediterranean Latin Pharmaceutical Society</i>	3days
Milan, Nov 6	<i>International Pharma Legislation Workshop, by NSF (UK)</i>	1 day
Milan, Nov 15	<i>Pharmaceutical Manufacture and Distribution: an Uninterrupted Continuous Quality Chain</i>	½ day

Training Courses

Place, Date	Title	Duration
Milan, Feb 6-7	<i>GMP basic course (by University of Milan)</i>	2 days
Milan, Mar 12-13	<i>3D Printing of medicinal Products (by University of Milan)</i>	2 days
Milan, May 8	<i>QbD in Drug Products Manufacture (by University of Milan)</i>	1 day

Master Courses at Universities

Universities	Master Course	Credits/hrs
Parma, Pavia, Perugia, Torino, Sassari	<i><u>Second Level Master on:</u> Pharmaceutical Technologies and Regulatory Affairs (in collaboration with TEFARCO INNOVA)</i>	60
Rome	<i><u>Second Level Master on:</u> Industrial Pharmaceutical Technologies</i>	60
Milan	<i><u>Specialization Course on:</u> Medical Devices and Cosmetics: regulatory issues</i>	48 hrs
Pavia	<i><u>Second Level Master on:</u> Analytical Chemistry in the Pharmaceutical Industry</i>	60

Special Events

Place, Date	Event	Duration
<i>Rome, Feb 28</i>	<i>8th National Meeting of Regulatory Affairs Experts</i>	<i>1 day</i>
<i>Milan, Mar 18</i>	<i>The role of pharmacist in pharmacovigilance</i>	<i>1 day</i>
<i>Rimini, Jun 6-8</i>	<i>Annual Symposium on "Digital Transformation in the Pharmaceutical Area"</i>	<i>3 days</i>
<i>Milan, Oct 12</i>	<i>Clinical Trials: Involvement of Patients, Citizens and Media (open to public)</i>	<i>1 day</i>
<i>Rome, Nov 29</i>	<i>12th National Meeting of Qualified Persons</i>	<i>1 day</i>

Working Groups

Most of the initiatives promoted and supported by A.F.I. come from the A.F.I. Working Groups, which cover almost all areas of industrial pharmaceutical activities.

The working groups are set up according to the association policy plan, as defined by the board of directors, and are managed by group leaders.

Working groups meet regularly and submit to the board of A.F.I. their proposals of workshops, training courses, seminars.

The list of working groups and their activities are reported on A.F.I. website.

Relationships and Contacts

A.F.I. keeps regular contacts with other professional associations, entrepreneur and trade organizations operating in the pharmaceutical area at national level.

A.F.I. keeps good relationship with Italian Health Authorities, inviting their representatives to events and keeping a regular and open discussion with them.

A.F.I. keeps a large network of contacts with universities in Italy, organizing initiatives either for promoting the scientific knowledge of its members and for keeping the academic colleagues informed about the pharmaceutical industrial needs and trends.

Visibility and Documents

As a result of the working group activity, many technical documents are generated each year and a few of them are published.

In June 2018, the 14th book of the "AFI - GMPs Guidance" was issued and presented to the annual symposium.

At each training course or workshop, technical documentation is prepared and distributed to participants .

Reports about events are regularly published on *N.C.F. (Notiziario Chimico Farmaceutico)*, a magazine which is circulated to most professionals of the pharmaceutical industry of Italy.

Information about AFI activities (events, workshops, working groups and all initiatives) are regularly reported on the AFI website: www.afiscientifica.it .

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