



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	600 Industrial Pharmacists

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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2017 Activities

In 2017 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 12 th	<i>Introduction to pharma-economy</i>	<i>½ day</i>
Milan, Jan 18 th	<i>The principles of pharmaceutical brands patentability</i>	<i>½ day</i>
Milan, Jan 19 th	<i>Role and responsibilities of the medical doctor in the pharmaceutical industry</i>	<i>1 day</i>
Milan, Jan 20 th	<i>Innovation in the pharmaceutical industry</i>	<i>½ day</i>
Milan, Jan 25 th	<i>Pharmaceutical patents</i>	<i>½ day</i>
Rome, Feb 24 th	<i>Clinical trials on Medical devices</i>	<i>1 day</i>
Milan, Mar 15 th	<i>Excipients, one year of application of the new guidelines</i>	<i>1 day</i>
Milan, Apr 27 th	<i>The qualification of API manufacturers and importers</i>	<i>1 day</i>
Milan, May 5 th	<i>QbD in pharmaceutical manufacturing</i>	<i>½ day</i>
Milan, Jun 26 th	<i>Clinical trials in neurology</i>	<i>1 day</i>
Pavia, Sep 25 th	<i>From traditional medicines to biological medicines</i>	<i>½ day</i>
Rome, Oct 18 th	<i>Allergenic extracts</i>	<i>1 day</i>
Milan, Oct 25 th	<i>Molecular stability issues</i>	<i>½ day</i>
Milan, Dec 15 th	<i>Fixed dose combinations</i>	<i>½ day</i>

Training Courses

Place, Date	Title	Duration
Milan, Feb 7-8 th	GMP basic course	2 days
Milan, May 11 th	Data Integrity: from theory to practices	1 day
Rome, May 18 th	Data Integrity: from theory to practice	1 day

Support to Master Courses at Universities

Universities	Master Course	Credits/hrs
Parma, Pavia, Perugia, Torino, Sassari	Pharmaceutical Technologies and Regulatory Affairs	60
Rome	Industrial Pharmaceutical Technologies	60
Milan	Medical Devices and Cosmetics: regulatory issues	48 hrs

Special Events

Place, Date	Event	Duration
Rome, Feb 23 rd	7 th National Meeting of Regulatory Affairs Experts	1 day
Milan, Mar 18 th	The role of pharmacist in pharmacovigilance	1 day
Rimini, Jun 7-9 th	Annual Symposium on "Present and Future of the Pharmaceutical Sector: problems and Solutions"	3 days
Milan, Oct 13 th	European Clinical Trial Day on "The Future of Clinical Research: is the 536/2014 Regulation enough?"	1 day
Rome, Nov 30 th	10 th National Meeting of the Qualified Persons	1 day

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 2017, the 13th 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.

During 2017 a new website was developed with the purpose to allow a better interaction with members and to present all initiatives in a more detailed and punctual way. The new A.F.I. website is live since last November.

Nominations

In May 2017, A.F.I. received the EIPG President Award, as a recognition of its significant activities over the years in promoting the scientific and professional development of industrial pharmacists in Italy.

In November 2017, two members of A.F.I. Board of Directors (G. Boccardi and P. Iamartino) were nominated as industrial experts for participating to the national technical committee for the revision of the Italian Pharmacopoeia.

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