



International Generic Pharmaceutical Alliance (IGPA) History, Impact and Relevance to ICH



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 - Impact of generic industry on public health
- **Transition of the generic/biosimilar medicines industries and ICH**
- **Impact of ICH**
- **History of IGPA's Engagement with ICH**
- **IGPA Represents a Critical Stakeholder for the ICH Mission**



IGPA-ICH Representation

- IGPA members produce the majority of medicines in represented regions
- Most ICH guidelines, and all Quality guidelines, impact the generic and the biosimilar industries
- Global prominence and contribution to public health via generic and biosimilar medicines
- Benefits ICH by expanded representation reflecting global generic and biosimilar industries and full product life-cycles
- *IGPA respectfully requests equal industry representation within ICH governance and membership*



Overview of IGPA



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- **Sole organization representing the global generic industry in highly regulated regions**
- **Founded in 1997 to promote high standards for generic medicines**
 - Safety, efficacy, quality, bioequivalence and relevant “Good Practices” (GMP, GDP, GCP, etc.)
 - Principles consistent with ICH's mission “to achieve greater harmonization to ensure that safe, effective, and high quality medicines are developed and registered in the most resource-efficient manner.”



IGPA Tenets

- **Promote** Access to affordable quality medicines
- **Ensure timely** and increased access for patients and promote competition and thereby affordability
- **Support for** Global harmonization of regulatory approaches for medicines
- **Work with** national governments and international organizations to promote product quality
- **Prevent** counterfeit and falsified medicines



IGPA Members

- Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association (CGPA)
- European Generic Medicines Association (EGA)
- Generic Pharmaceutical Association (GPhA) – U.S.
- Jordanian Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers (JAPM)
- Japan Generic Medicines Association (JGA)
- National Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers (NAPM) – South Africa
- Brazilian Generic Medicine Drugmakers Association (Progenericos)
- Taiwan Generic Pharmaceutical Association (TGPA)
- Mexican Association of Generic Medicines (AMEGI)
- Generic Medicines Industry Association (GMIA) – Australia





Global Presence

- **Many member companies manufacture and market globally**
 - E.g., Teva, Actavis, Sandoz, Mylan, Fresenius-Kabi, Apotex...
- **Dramatic global growth over past decade, which continues today**
- **Generic medicines account for over 50% of the global prescriptions**
 - Examples of Generic medicines utilization in some of the regions we represent (in volume)
 - 86% U.S.
 - 67% Canada
 - 66% South Africa
 - 54% EU
 - 47% Japan
- **Dynamic increase of biosimilar medicines use and contribution to public health**
- **It is essential for the generic and biosimilar medicines industry to partner with ICH in global harmonization and quality efforts impacting public health**



- **Global Involvement**

- Consistent dialogue with global organizations
 - WHO
 - WTO
 - WIPO
- Input on regional/national issues related to quality, IP, harmonization, trade, etc.
 - TPP
 - TTIP
 - CETA



Evolution of the Generic Industry and ICH



Generic Industry Evolution

- **Extraordinary growth of the global generic industry over the past 20 years**
- **Generic manufacturers have largely transitioned from domestic to global businesses**
 - Most large generic firms operate as multinational organizations
 - IGPA members are dedicated to quality manufacturing
- **Many generic manufacturers are developing and marketing biosimilar medicines**



Generic Industry Evolution²

- IGPA has strengthened its organization, direction and representation substantially over the last decade by engaging more members and regional and world health authorities
- ICH guidelines are being broadly and increasingly applied to generic and biosimilar industries by regulators¹
- With one set of standards, it is imperative that all key industry sectors have an equal voice
- As stated earlier generic medicines now represent over 50% of medicines dispensed globally

¹ “Same quality standards for all drugs;” Lawrence Yu, U.S. FDA, GPhA Fall Technical Conference, Oct. 28, 2014



ICH/IGPA “Interested Party” Engagement



Quality Guidelines Applicable to Generic Drugs by Regulators

- **Q1A-Q1F: Stability**
- **Q1A(R2): Stability Testing of New Drug Substances and Products**
- **Q1B: Stability Testing - Photostability Testing of New Drug Substances and Products**
- **Q1C: Stability Testing for New Dosage Forms**
- **Q1D: Bracketing and Matrixing Designs for Stability Testing of New Drug Substances and Products**
- **Q1E: Evaluation of Stability Data**
- **Q1F: Stability Data Package for Registration Applications in Climatic Zones III and IV**
- **Q2: Analytical Validation**
- **Q3-Q3A : Impurities**
- **Q4-Q4B: Pharmacopoeias**
- **Q5A-Q5E: Quality of Biotechnological Products**
- **Q6A-Q6B: Specifications**
- **Q7: Good Manufacturing Practice**
- **Q8: Pharmaceutical Development**
- **Q9: Quality Risk Management Q9**
- **Q10: Pharmaceutical Quality System**
- **Q11: Development and Manufacture of Drug Substances**



Multidisciplinary Guidelines Applicable to Generic Drugs by Regulators (examples)

- Electronic Standards M2
- Nonclinical Safety Studies M3
- Common Technical Document M4
- M4(R3): Organization
- M4Q(R1): Quality
- M4S(R2): Safety
- M4E(R1): Efficacy
- M7: Genotoxic Impurities



- **Safety**
 - Carcinogenicity Studies S1A-S1C
 - Genotoxicity Studies S2
 - Toxicity Testing S4
 - Reproductive Toxicology S5
 - Biotechnological Products S6
 - Photosafety Testing S10
- **Efficacy**
 - Pharmacovigilance E2A-E2F
 - Good Clinical Practice E6



IGPA Experts/Participation for ICH Working Groups

- Q1A(R) Stability– Nicholas Cappuccino
- Q1D-Q1F Stability – Nicholas Cappuccino
- Q3A(R),Q3B(R) Drug Substance and Product Impurities – N. Cappuccino
- Q3C Impurities – Residual Solvents – Tony Amman
- Q3D Elemental Impurities – Melissa Figgins
- Q4B Pharmacopoeial Interchangeability – Costin Camarasu, Biovail,
- Q4B Annexes – N. Cappuccino
- Q6 Specifications – Ron Nedich (1997)
- Q7 GMP – Paolo Romagnoli
- Q7 IWG Q&A - Martin Schiestl, Sandoz



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- Q8 Pharmaceutical Development – Mike Teiler, Taro
 - Geoff Ansell (Niche Generics, Unichem-alternate)
- Q8(R) Pharmaceutical Development, N. Cappuccino
- Q9 Quality Risk Management – Christine Mundkur, Barr Labs
- Q10 Quality Systems – Jan Moors, Pharmachemie NV (Teva) / Gordon Munro, Watson
- QIWG Training Course and Points to Consider, N. Cappuccino
- Q11 Development and Manufacture of Drug Substances - Martin Schiestl, Sandoz, Rajannamar Thennati, Sun Pharma
- Q12 Technical and Regulatory Considerations for Pharmaceutical Product Lifecycle Management - Keith Webber, Perrigo (2014)



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- M2 – John Hems
- M8 eCTD – John Hems
- M3(R2) Nonclinical Safety Studies – Sandy Eisen
- M4Q CTD – Ron Nedich, Alice Till, N. Cappuccino
- M7 Genotoxic Impurities, Jack Lipman, Tamotsu Fujino
- E2C, E2F Pharmacovigilance – Jacqueline Conant, Apotex
- S10 Photosafety Testing – Sandy Eisen
- Reprotoxicity Workshop, Tallinn 2010 – N. Cappuccino
- Safety Brainstorming Workshop, St. Louis 2009 – Jack Lipman
- Drug Safety Informal WG - Keith Earle Duramed, Barr
- Biotech Informal WG - Suzanne Sensabaugh, Teva



IGPA Participation and Concerns

- **Involvement as an ICH Steering Committee Party is essential so that generics have an equal voice in the structure/administrative policies and procedures of ICH – selection of topics for harmonization, and sign-off at steps not reserved to regulators**
- **Interested parties have been excluded from those important discussions, as well as outnumbered on expert working groups – many times viewed as optional attendees to the working group meetings.**
- **Interested parties are also excluded from being a Rapporteur, Topic Leader, and Deputy Topic Leader.**
- **Some but not all WG encouraged substantial IGPA involvement**
 - Opportunity for equal input has been limited in some cases resulting in no or restricted generic perspectives
 - Restricted involvement impacted member's consistency of support
 - Number of IGPA experts in each EWG has been limited to one (with a few exceptions) versus two for other industry associations
 - In spite of limitations, IGPA has a consistent history of contributions



Moving Forward: ICH and the Global Environment



ICH Successes

- ICH has accomplished unparalleled harmonization over the past 20 years
- ICH serves as a key change agent for regulators/industry
- ICH promotes quality, safety, efficacy
- Great efficiencies have been and continue to be realized for both industry and regulators in Preparation and Review of Dossiers
- Develop Common Technical Documents which provide global firms with a single platform for sponsors



Time for Change

- **ICH is assessing reforms**
- **No other forum exists to promote deliberative industry-regulator dialogue for the pharmaceutical industry**
 - Regulators moving towards converged global standards
 - Excluding a **major** stakeholder from administrative processes, results in a lack of transparency and representation for a key global stakeholder
- **Generic and biosimilar stakeholders have sought equal standing for over a decade**
 - IGPA members have had ongoing discussions with regional regulators
 - Time to create a space for generic and biosimilar producers' inclusion in dialog with regulators at the global level



Time for Change²

- There has been dramatic changes in the generic industry, driven by growth, globalization and sophistication, since the inception of ICH
- Generic and biosimilar medicines are a critical component of the global public health
- Global vision of ICH aligns with all sectors of the pharmaceutical industry
- IGPA is the global voice of the generic and biosimilars industry



Time for Change³

- It is essential for the generic and biosimilar medicines industry to partner with ICH in global harmonization and quality efforts impacting global public health
- Equitable representation for the generic and biosimilar medicines industry at ICH is consistent with the realities of the global pharmaceutical market



Summary

- **This is a pivotal moment in the history of drug regulations.**
- **Regulators are collaborating and converging as never before.**
- **Regulations are becoming ever more globalized because the drug industry is more globalized.**
- **ICH has made a tremendous contribution to the harmonization of drug regulations over the last 24 years, and it deserves a great deal of credit for that.**
- **ICH also has a crucial role to play in the future. It can be a forum for setting converged standards that will apply around the world and to the entire industry.**
- **But, in order for that to happen, ICH must itself enter a new phase – when the rules that apply to all of industry are no longer made by the few.**
- **We believe this change is necessary in order to support ICH's future strength and credibility. ICH must be an equitable organization, and should be representative of the current industry realities.**



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Thank You

