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20 Years Anniversary Forum
50 Years Qualified Person

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QUALIFIED PERSON FORUM 2025

Barcelona, Spain, 27/28 November 2025 | Pre-Conference Sessions, 26 November 2025

Specific Requirements for IMPs | QP: Leadership with Impact | What the QP needs to know about AI Implementation

Key Note Speaker:

Patricia Kelly
Artist, Entrepreneur, Member of the Kelly Family

Speakers:

Cheryl Chia
BeiGene
David Cockburn
EQPA
Dr Susanne Ding
Boehringer Ingelheim
Eike Feldmann
Sharp Services
Dr Rainer Gnibl
GMP Inspector
Georg Göstl
Takeda
Rebecca Haywood
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Cecilie Hejlskov
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Dr Arnoud Herremans
Y47 Consultancy
Katrien Himpens
J&J Innovative Medicines
Dr Monika Hupfauf
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Gillian Renouf
Royal Pharmaceutical Society QP Assessment Panel, U.K.
Markus Roemer
comes compliance services
Ewa Rybak
JJP Biologics
Charis Schmidt
Ferring
Aleksandra Szymczak
Delpharm Poznań

(other speakers invited)

Dear Colleagues,

We must recognise and acknowledge the jubilees! 2025 is remarkable for QPs in that respect.

The Qualified Person (QP) was first introduced into EU legal texts in the year 1975. We therefore celebrate its 50th birthday! And it is the 20th QP Forum.

This 2025 QP forum will be remembered as a jubilee highlight. It intends though, to prepare QPs for the future.
Is there only joy and delight? A lot has changed in the past 50 years and its worth to consider the developments in the world, trends and the outlook into the future. For 50 years the qualification profile for the QP has not changed. Is this still fit for purpose and the future?
The ongoing revision to the new EU Pharmaceutical legislation provides the unique opportunity to adequately modernise and strengthen the conceptual role of the QP. Will this chance be used? At the time of writing these lines, unknown. EQPA provided distinct comments, but we could not evaluate so far whether they will be heard.
More important is our professionalism in the role. This includes that we QPs take direct responsibility to develop our role together in line and speed with major developments and trends which demand continuous reflection on the QP's role.

The 2025 QP Forum - like other offers by EQPA - will provide a fabulous platform to consider all these dimensions.

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 Barcelona.

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 will also appeal to upper management functions plus regulatory authority representatives who want to be informed about the latest development regarding the duties and responsibilities of Qualified Persons.

FORUM MODERATOR

Aidan Madden

FULL DAY PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

Specific Requirements for IMPs
Facilitated by:
Susanne Ding | Rebecca Haywood | Katrien Himpens | Patryk Jegorow (other speakers invited)

- Legislation impacting IMP QPs
- Interactive case studies
- Q&A sessions

1/2 DAY PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

QP: Leadership with Impact
Facilitated by:
Arnoud Herremans | Ewa Rybak

- Practicing leadership without being in a senior management position
- QP vision and strategy needed
- Examples and interaction

1/2 DAY PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

What the QP needs to know about AI Implementation

Facilitated by:
Cheryl Chia | Monika Hupfauf | Markus Roemer

- What is AI – and what not?
- What questions to ask as a QP when implementing AI applications?
- How to use AI as supporting tool
- The role of AI and its acceptance in assessing documentation prior to batch certification
- How to rely on AI-generated output
- Legal challenges when relying on AI-generated output
- Liability of the QP when using AI

SOCIAL EVENT

On 27 November, you are cordially invited to a tapas Dinner in a stately mansion that is considered part of Barcelona's cultural heritage. This is an excellent opportunity to share your experiences with colleagues from other companies in a relaxed atmosphere.

PARALLEL INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

Opening Address
50 Years QP – 20 Years European QP Association

David Cockburn & Ulrich Kissel

- A short story about the evolvement of the role of the QP: where does it come from, where is it going?
- Different approaches in Europe and the world
- Achievements of the EQPA

Key Note: An Inspirational Talk on Resilience, Courage and Motivation

Patricia Kelly

General GMP Update – News for the QP besides the big Topics

Andreas Krassnigg

- Current legal developments
- EMA and IWP news
- Trusted Partners news

What the QP needs to know about Root Cause Analysis

Cecilie Hejlskov

- Handling of unexpected deviations according Annex 16 (3)
- How can a QP be sure that a deviation has been thoroughly investigated and the root cause corrected?
- How to assess the impact of deviation?

Decentralised Manufacturing – what is it and how will it develop?

N.N.

- How ATMPs lead the way
- Potential applications in Biotech and classical Pharma
- Key enablers for decentralised manufacturing
- Challenges and outlook

Drug Shortages: what the QP needs to know

Cheryl Chia and Umberto M. Musazzi

- Drug shortage policy in the EU: what's important for the QP
- How to deal with the requirements
- Potential flexibility in certain GMP requirements

2026 and Beyond: Emerging Trends in the Pharmaceutical Industry

Paul Palmer

- Advancements in digital health
- Rise of personalised medicine
- Sustainability in manufacturing

1) Sharing and Delegating QP Responsibilities

Ulrich Kissel, Nina Langoth-Fehringer and Aleksandra Szymczak

- "The QP" according to EU GMP is not really uniform
- How to avoid that more than one QP in the organisation does not cause confusion?
- Supply chains involving many MIAHs
- How to split responsibilities and delegation of tasks?
- Exchange of best practices

2) How to deal with significant Non-Conformances?

Georg Göstl and Rainer Gnibl

- Open experience sharing between QPs: discussing everyday headaches

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

5) Role of the QP in Supply Chain Oversight

Aidan Madden and N.N.

- How should the traceability of the supply chain of the active substance and medicinal product be documented to support the QP?

6) Navigating Resource Challenges as a QP

Eike Feldmann and Charis Schmidt

- Science-based leadership strategies to manage high workloads with limited time and resources
- Key frameworks
- Solutions to improve efficiency, decision-making, and team collaboration under pressure

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.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Patricia Kelly
Singer, Songwriter, Keynote Speaker, Bestselling Author, Entrepreneur, Member of the Kelly Family

Speakers:

Cheryl Chia, *BeiGene, The Netherlands*
Senior Director Distribution Quality, 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 Susanne Ding, *Boehringer Ingelheim, Germany*
Qualified Person for IMPs, member of the EQPA Board of Directors

Eike Feldmann, *Sharp Services, The Netherlands*
Qualified Person Market Release and independent consultant

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

Georg Göstl, *Takeda, Austria*
Qualified Person, Chair of the Austrian QP Association aqpa, member of the EQPA Board of Directors

Rebecca Haywood, *Pfizer, UK*
Qualified Person

Cecilie Hejlskov, *Ferring Pharmaceuticals, 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 Monika Hupfauf, *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

Dr Ulrich Kissel, *EQPA, Germany*
Qualified Person and Chair of the EQPA Board of Directors, Kissel Pharma Consulting GmbH

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

Dr Nina Langoth-Fehringer, *Langoth Pharma Consulting, Austria*
Consultant

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

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

Paul Palmer, *Pharma Quality Services Limited, UK*
Managing Director, QP, RP and RPi, Honorary Senior Lecturer University College London

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

Markus Roemer, *comes compliance services, Germany*
Managing Director

Ewa Rybak, *JJP Biologics, Poland*
Qualified Person and Head of Quality Compliance and Quality Systems, member of the EQPA Board of Directors

Charis Schmidt, *Ferring, Germany*
Head of Production/ Team Lead Sterile Production

Aleksandra Szymczak, *Delpharm Poznań, Poland*
Qualified Person, Controlled Substances Supervisor

Other speakers invited

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27/28 November 2025, Barcelona, Spain
☐ OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION
26 November 2025, Barcelona, Spain

Please choose one of the following:
☐ Full Day Session "Specific Requirements for IMPs"
☐ 1/2 Day Session "QP: Leadership with Impact"
☐ 1/2 Day Session "What the QP needs to know about AI Implementation"

Please choose **three out of the following six parallel sessions**:
☐ Sharing and Delegating QP Responsibilities
☐ How to deal with significant Non-Conformances?
☐ QP Scenarios: How serious could they be?
☐ Challenges for IMP QPs
☐ Role of the QP in Supply Chain Oversight
☐ Navigating Resource Challenges as a QP

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DATES

Date Full Day Pre-Conference Session:
Specific Requirements for IMPs
Wednesday, 26 November 2025, 9.00 – 18.00 h
(Registration: 8.30 – 9.00 h)

Date ½ Day Pre-Conference Session:
QP: Leadership with Impact
Wednesday, 26 November 2025, 13.30 – 18.00 h
(Registration: 13.00 – 13.30 h)

Date ½ Day Pre-Conference Session:
What the QP needs to know about AI Implementation
Wednesday, 26 November 2025, 13.00 – 18.00 h
(Registration: 12.30 – 13.00 h)

Welcome Reception for all participants
Wednesday, 26 November, 18.00 – 19.00 h

Date QP Forum
Thursday, 27 November 2025, 9.00 – 18.00 h
(Registration: Wednesday, 26 November, 18.00 – 19.00 h and
Thursday 27 November, 08.30 – 9.00 h)
Friday, 28 November 2025, 8.30 – 15.00 h

FEES

Fees for QP Forum (per delegate plus VAT)
QP Association Members € 1.990,-
EU GMP Inspectorates € 1.095,-
Non-QP Association Members € 2.190,-
The conference fee is payable in advance after receipt of invoice.

Fees for Full Day Pre-Conference Session:
Specific Requirements for IMPs
€ 1.290,- per delegate plus VAT.
The fee is payable in advance after receipt of invoice.

Fees for ½ Day Pre-Conference Session:
QP: Leadership with Impact
€ 790,- per delegate plus VAT.
The fee is payable in advance after receipt of invoice.

Fees for ½ Day Pre-Conference Session:
What the QP needs to know about AI Implementation
€ 790,- per delegate plus VAT.
The fee is payable in advance after receipt of invoice.

VENUE

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Early Bird Special for QP Forum: If you register for the Forum until 30 June 2025 you will get an additional **discount of 300 €**.
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LANGUAGE & DOWNLOAD INFORMATION

The official conference language will be English.

Download: The presentations of the QP Forum and the Pre-Conference Sessions will be available for download and your print-out before and after the conference.
Note: there will be no print-outs available during the conference.

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.

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