

## ISPE Singapore Conference & Exhibition 2018: From Manufacturing to Patients

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**Singapore -** The ISPE Singapore Conference & Exhibition 2018 closed to resounding success on 31st August at the Suntec, Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre. Organised by the Singapore affiliate of the International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering (ISPE), this annual meeting welcomed all pharma and bio manufacturing professionals worldwide. Building on the theme "Innovating for Next Generation Pharma Manufacturing", the event highlighted best practices, technology and services from manufacturing facility design to finished product.

## **Breaking new grounds**

Being one of the largest pharma manufacturing shows in the region, the event brought together a refreshed agenda and stellar line-up of inspiring and top industry speakers representing global and regional pharma manufacturers, addressing market expansion, manufacturing for patients and leadership views. Expanding from the previous year, the ISPE Singapore Conference and Exhibition broke new ground in 2018 with a record 1000+ participants.

Pierre Winnepenninckx, Chair, ISPE Singapore Conference 2018 commented, "As our industry experiences innovation, change and the constant need to stay ahead of the game, our accountability as an industry body also increases. Our approach to providing learning and business opportunities also needs to evolve. Learn, Connect and Collaborate! In short, this is the mantra for our 2018 conference, and I am confident it will generate great value for the industry."

The three- day event brought together a strong presence of Pharma and manufacturers supported in equal measure by Regulators, EPCM, and various other stakeholders and service providers across 25 countries. The event was very well received by exhibitors all over. Wellyana Chua, Business Development Specialist, Waters Pacific Pte Ltd said, "This was a very inspiring event with good avenue to learn about industry best practices in manufacturing of Pharma. It is also a wonderful place to network."

## New tracks in 2018

ISPE Singapore Conference & Exhibition is one of the largest and most respected Pharma manufacturing shows in the region. In addition to the annual regulatory and compliance updates, the conference featured 7 new tracks (Logistics and Distribution, Pharma 4.0, GAMP/ data integrity, Process validation, Sterile and Aseptic operations, Product transfer, Single use systems)

this year to address new topics and issues in the pharma manufacturing industry.

Speaking on regulatory and compliance and the myths revolving around the segment, Chang Teck Chung, Quality Director, FQMR, Shire, Singapore said, "In today's world, compliance is everyone's responsibility. Understanding this core importance of bringing inter-personal approach to quality functions, can bring the organisation to its highest level." Mr Chang Teck was at the conference to talk on Adhering quality systems and functions to comply with current good manufacturing practices (cGMP) and global regulatory standards and requirements.

## Meet. Engage. Connect

This year, ISPE launched Women in Pharma initiative, with the first Panel Session to encourage, motivate and inspire the women in the pharmaceutical industry to connect and collaborate on technical and career advancement topics.. ISPE PharmaNite, as well as the site tours and accompanying trade exhibition was a roaring success as it gave excellent avenues to extend learning and networking opportunities to the attendees. "The event is good and I have gained lots of update on technology. I have met experienced personnel who shared their experience", commented Quality Control Coordination, Hovione on the exciting opportunity of networking during PharmaNite.

The next edition of ISPE Singapore Conference & Exhibition will be held in August, 2019 at Suntec Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore.