

SOLUTIONS TO PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES PROVIDED AT INAUGURAL SCWISH:PHARMA SUMMIT

(November 5, 2018; Boca Raton, FL) - A wide range of current operations and compliance issues facing the pharmaceutical supply chain were tackled directly by industry experts at the inaugural scwish:pharma summit November 1-2 in Boca Raton, Florida.

The event attracted over 45 pharmaceutical industry professionals who gained insights from thought-leaders covering diverse topics including adopting a sustainability program, when to consider external financing for early-stage companies, understanding the new wave of Chinese pharmaceutical companies entering the U.S., employing a new generation for future growth and creating risk management scenarios in an age of increased disaster preparedness.

Organized around 30-minute sessions with minimal visual aids, experts including John Ruebush, Senior Director of Sustainable Procurement at Johnson & Johnson, Thomas Paust, Global Head of Commercial Operations at Sartorius, Jin Zhang, a prominent journalist specializing in the Chinese pharmaceutical market and Elisa Medrano from the Cambridge Innovation Center - Miami, shared their informed opinions that clarified the issues, provided guidance and motivation for change.

A charitable initiative was a highlight of the program. On behalf of all scwish:pharma attendees, a project listed on the donorschoose.org website was fully funded that will provide equipment and training for mass casualty preparedness to the North Miami Senior High School Medical Sciences Academy and their teacher Lauren Zelniker. View the [class reaction when they learned](#) their project was funded.

The Healthcare Champion Awards dinner was held on the final evening of the event at the historic Boca Raton Resort and Club. The award recognizes individuals who streamline the supply chain between treatments and patients. This year's recipient is Tommy Angelini, Ph.D., of the University of Florida who was recognized for his team's ground-breaking work with 3D-printing of organic cellular structures with immediate applications for accelerating pharmaceutical product development.

"We were impressed with how the event was organized and we appreciated the excellent content and variety of topics that were covered at scwish:pharma," commented Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Supply Chain at SHL Pharma, LLC. Tony Siu, Director of Quality and Compliance at Ax Pharmaceutical, stated "The scwish:pharma event provided me with a lot of ideas to take back to my office. I appreciate the issues discussed were relevant for smaller manufacturers as well as larger industry players." According to Ann Costanza, CAO at Contract Pharmacal Co., "My schedule allows me to attend a few events each year and I came away impressed with the quality of scwish:pharma speakers and content."

Held at the Waterstone Resort and Marina in Boca Raton, Florida, the closing evening event featured the Healthcare Champion Awards presentation and dinner at the historic Boca Raton Resort and Club. The award recipient was Tommy Angelini, Ph.D., Co-Director of the Soft Matter Engineering Center and Assistant Professor of Engineering at the University of Florida

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