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GMP-Auditor Practice

An advanced Auditor Course with many interactive Sessions and practical Examples

11 – 13 November 2025 | Vienna, Austria



Highlights

- Understand and discuss:
 - Root Causes in poor personal Behaviour
 - Challenging Personalities in the Audit
- How to audit:
 - Quality Systems
 - Solid Dosage Forms
 - Parenteral Dosage Forms
 - Data Integrity
 - APIs
 - QC Laboratories
 - Microbiological Laboratories
 - Engineering and Facility Management

Objectives

You will have the possibility to learn and intensively discuss

- how to focus on specific GMP related aspects
- how to act and react in an audit

Background

Continuous professional training for auditors and lead auditors is of utmost importance as the authorities expect qualified personnel performing audits. And GMP audits of suppliers, contract manufacturers and contract laboratories are a fundamental part of a Quality Management System to assure the quality of a drug product. Only knowledgeable and highly qualified auditors with a profound technical knowledge and good communication skills can guarantee audits that are useful for both the auditing company and the auditee.

Recognising this need for further professional knowledge development, the ECA Academy has set up this practice-oriented course which is also part of ECA's Certified GMP Auditor Programme.

Target Audience

This course is designed for both new and experienced auditors. It can also be seen as an addition to the ECA Course "The GMP Auditor".

Moderator

Wolfgang Schmitt
CONCEPT Heidelberg (on behalf of ECA)

Testimonials:

The lectures were very informative, interesting and entertaining." Albert Godoy Hernández, Synaffix BV, The Netherlands

"Really useful training which I will use in my daily work" Regina Mommaerts, Galapagos NV, Belgium

"Wonderful format of the sessions: Good range of participations and experience in the team. Would love to attend another one soon."

Roopasi Mathi, Wacker Biotech BV, The Netherlands

"Fantastic course – I really enjoyed the interactive structure & greatly appreciate social activity"
Anthony Cummins, Sebela Pharmaceuticals, Ireland

Programme

The Root Cause of Poor Personnel Related Discrepancies

- Introduction humans are rational!
- An explanation for undesirable behaviour
- Utilising behaviour science models to change behaviour
- The 3BMethod



How to Audit Quality Systems

- What should be included in a Quality System's audit
- Pitfalls when auditing Quality Systems
- How to detect Quality System issues

How to Audit Production of Solid Dosage Forms

- Key points to consider
- Exercise with group work

How to Audit Production of Sterile Dosage Forms

- Key essentials and points to consider
- Case studies/group work

How to Audit Data Governance and Data Integrity

- Examples of data governance and data integrity issues
- Implications of data integrity issues
- Auditors role in data integrity governance
- Developing a data integrity audit program "Hands-on Approach"

How to Perform an API Site Audit

- Chemical synthesis
 - Dedicated vs. multiple purpose facility
 - Material dispensing
 - Cross-Contamination
 - Process and cleaning validation
 - Utilities
- Biotechnology
 - Cell banks
 - Inoculation
 - Fermentation
 - Harvest
 - Purification

How to Perform Quality Control Laboratory Audits

- Sample receipt and registration
- Sample preparation
- Equipment Calibration and Maintenance
- Reporting

How to Audit Engineering and Technical Operations

- HVAC systems
- Water systems
- Utilities
 - Pressured air
 - Clean steam
 - Special gases
- Room qualification
- Facility layouts
- Flow of material and waste

How to Audit Microbiological Laboratories

- Where to look at
- Interpretation of microbiological Data
- Examples

How to Deal with Challenging Personalities in the Audit Room

- Introduction: people are strange!
- Top 10 most frustrating, difficult, or annoying personalities in an audit and how to deal with them

Social Event

On the evening of the first course day, you are cordially invited to a social event (city tour and dinner). This is an excellent opportunity to share your experiences with colleagues from other companies in a relaxed atmosphere.





Energy Kristina Hansen Novo Nordisk, Denmark Senior QA Specialist

Energy Kristina Hansen has many years of experience in current measures towards internal and external audit and inspection within Life Sciences, HealthCare, and Warehousing. As a consultant for MilCor Consulting she also gives courses, presentations, and lectures related to improving employee behaviour within the workplace.



Agnes Kis form. GMP Inspector at OGYÉI, Hungary Compliance Consultant

Before starting to work as a consultant in July 2018, Ágnes Kis was a global GMP Compliance Auditor for Roche and earlier for Novartis. Before her industrial career, Ágnes Kis was Senior GMP/GDP Inspector for the Hungarian National Institute of Pharmacy and Nutrition (OGYÉI) and expert member in various working groups at EMA, PIC/S and the European Commission.



Christof Langer OSConsulting, Austria Managing Director

Christof Langer is a biotechnologist, certified Risk Manager, Lean Six-Sigma Black Belt and independent consultant since 2009. Before that, he was Managing Director at Baxter BioScience (now Shire) in Switzerland and the Czech Republic.



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Thomas Højsholm Schmidt is Associated Director and Lead Auditor in Global Quality Systems & Compliance at CSL Behring AG located in Switzerland. Before that, he was 12 years at LEO Pharma A/S in Denmark as GMP domain expert and GMP Lead Auditor. Thomas is a member of the new ECA Working Group for GMP-Auditors.



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Date

Tuesday, 11 November 2025, 9.00h - 18.00h (Registration and coffee 8.30h – 9.00h) Wednesday, 12 November 2025, 8.30h - 17.45h Thursday, 13 November 2025, 8.30h - 15.00h

Venue

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Fees (per delegate, plus VAT)

ECA Members € 2,290 APIC Members € 2,390 Non-ECA Members € 2,490 EU GMP Inspectorates € 1,245

The course fee is payable in advance after receipt of invoice and includes dinner on the first day, lunch on all three days and all refreshments. VAT is reclaimable.

Accommodation

CONCEPT HEIDELBERG has reserved a limited number of rooms in the conference hotel. You will receive a room reservation form/POG when you have registered for the course. Reservation should be made directly with the hotel. Early reservation is recommended.

Registration

Via the attached reservation form, by e-mail or by fax – or search and register directly at www.gmp-compliance.org under the number 21934.

Conference language

The official conference language will be English.

Presentations/Certificate

The presentations for this event will be available for you to download and print before and after the event. Please note that no printed materials will be handed out on site and that there will not be any opportunity to print the presentations on site. After the event, you will automatically receive your certificate of participation.

Organisation and Contact

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