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IPFA 2nd Asia Workshop on Plasma Quality and Supply, Technological, regulatory and organisational tools to produce plasma for fractionation | 2 – 3 March 2017 | Yogyakarta, Indonesia

The International Plasma Fractionation Association (IPFA) is pleased to announce the second IPFA Asia Workshop on Plasma Quality and Supply. The upcoming workshop will build on the success of the meeting held in Taiwan in March 2016 which highlighted the importance of this topic for the region. This meeting attracted 175 delegates from 30 countries and received very positive feedback from attendees.

Key issues
Our 2nd Asia Workshop will reflect the IPFA priority to identify and discuss key issues, strategies and opportunities to meet the increasing requirements for Plasma for Fractionation and essential plasma derived Medicinal Products in the Asia region. In collaboration with and hosted by the Indonesian Association of Transfusion Medicine (IATM), a comprehensive range of topics will be addressed including:
• Donor recruitment and selection
• Screening and diagnostic programmes for Blood-borne pathogens
• GMP and Quality management for Plasma for Fractionation
• Regulatory issues
• Plasma fractionation options
• Clinical developments in the use of Plasma Derivatives
• Product supply strategies to reduce dependency on imported products
The programme, soon available on the IPFA website, will be inclusive and interactive and will offer extensive opportunity for informal discussion and networking.

Who should attend?
The Workshop is being developed by internationally recognised experts and will be of interest to colleagues with an involvement in policies to secure the supply of plasma in the region to meet increasing patient needs for essential plasma derivatives; blood establishments, doctors and health care providers, patient and donor organizations, supporting industries, regulatory authorities, health ministries and agencies and academia.

Date and Venue
This two day IPFA Workshop will take place on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 March 2017 at the Royal Ambarrukmo Hotel, Yogyakarta, Indonesia directly, following the IATM Workshop of 1 March.

Registration
Please register on-line or provide IPFA with your completed registration form by email. We have set the registration fee at EURO 200,- to maximize potential attendance by stakeholders in the region.
Hard and / or digital copies of the announcement flyer can certainly be provided upon request.
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IPFA/PEI 24th International Workshop on “Surveillance and Screening of Blood-borne Pathogens” | 16 – 17 May 2017 | Zagreb, Croatia

The International Plasma Fractionation Association (IPFA) and the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut (PEI) are proud to announce the 24th International Workshop on “Surveillance and Screening of Blood-borne Pathogens” to be held in Zagreb, Croatia. This annual, well recognised event in 2017 will be hosted by the Croatian Institute of Transfusion Medicine (CITM).

Key issues | Blood-borne pathogens: Keeping the Blood Supply Safe
The 24th IPFA/PEI International Workshop on Blood-borne Pathogens will address the detection, epidemiology, costs and regulation of new and old agents, that threaten the safety of blood components and plasma derivatives. The scientific programme will maintain valuable and important elements of the previous Workshops, including open and inclusive discussion between all stakeholders and will also include contributions from researchers and colleagues beyond the immediate field of transfusion. Each session of the programme will provide in-depth, up to date coverage by recognised experts including issues such as ethics and costs of blood safety. The Programme is being developed by our Scientific Programme Committee and will be published on the IPFA website later this year, as soon as it becomes available.

Who should attend?
The Workshop is a highly regarded international event, attracting delegates from more than 30 countries with contributions from recognised experts and opinion formers. The Workshop will, as always, be valuable to all professionals with an interest in maintaining the safety of the blood supply for patients including: blood establishments, doctors and health care providers, industry, regulatory authorities and patient organisations

Date | Venue
The meeting will take place on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 May 2017 at the Sheraton Zagreb Hotel, Zagreb, Croatia.

Registration
Please register on-line or provide IPFA with your completed registration form by email.

Direct link to event section IPFA website: http://www.ipfa.nl/events/ipfa-pei-24-international-workshop-zagreb
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IPFA / BCA 3rd Global Symposium on
The Future for Blood and Plasma Donations
11 – 12 September 2017 | Atlanta, GA, USA

The International Plasma Fractionation Association (IPFA) and Blood Centers of America (BCA) are pleased to announce the 3rd Global Symposium on the Future for Blood and Plasma Donations. This Symposium will build on the success of the 2014 and 2015 meetings, which highlighted the increasing global need for plasma derived medicinal products and identified opportunities for Blood Centers to contribute to this need. Each meeting attracted about 180 delegates from throughout the USA and other countries. We have received excellent feedback from delegates to these meetings.

Key issues
This third Symposium will continue to develop the theme of plasma supply. Hosted by Blood Assurance, a non-profit, full-service regional blood center serving 51 counties and more than 70 health care facilities in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and Virginia, a comprehensive range of topics will be addressed including:
• Clinical developments in plasma product use
• Plasma supply – optimizing plasma collection and economics
• Donor recruitment
• Industry developments in support of blood establishments
• Keeping donors and plasma safe
• Regulatory issues
• Quality management of plasma

Symposium Program
The Symposium Program is being developed by internationally recognized experts and stakeholders and will be of interest to colleagues from blood banking, patient and donor organizations, supporting industries and regulatory authorities with an involvement in policies necessary to secure and increase the global supply of plasma to meet patients’ needs for plasma derivatives. An outline of the Program will be made available on the IPFA website by early 2017.

Date and Venue
The meeting will take place on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 September 2017 in Atlanta, the capital of Georgia, USA.

Registration
Registration for this IPFA/BCA Global Symposium will open mid September 2016.

Hard and / or digital copies of the announcement flyer are provided upon request.
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Corporate sponsors may be interested in the fact that the IPFA events offer great networking opportunities. The organisers expect about 175 to 225 experts in Yogyakarta, Zagreb and in Atlanta. The structure of the meetings will allow time for discussion and interaction. In addition the size and informal atmosphere of the meeting facilitates dialogue with guest speakers and other delegates both in the meeting forum and during breaks and social events.
Various types of sponsorship are available to profile and represent your company. Should you be interested in sponsorship or if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Ms Linda Heil at info@ipfa.nl.