



Report

3. Germany / Austria / Switzerland ISPE Affiliate Workshop in Austria in Mai 2007

ISPE meets
Roche Diagnostics Graz GmbH
zeta Anlagenbau GmbH
G.L. Pharma GesmbH

As a follow up of the ISPE workshops in Austria, started in 2005 a workshop in the south region of Austria, in Styria was organized.

Based on multipurpose activities in this region an interested focus about production of diagnostics and oral dosage forms production and the engineering, construction and implementation of process units was organized.

The first day of the 2 days workshop started at the new site of Roche Diagnostics in Graz. After an overall presentation of Roche Diagnostic worldwide and in Austria we got an interested look in of the project approach and the activities from the site in Graz from Dr. Johann Harer (Head of Quality Management Graz). After this information a very interested presentation form Dr. Andreas Pfenninger (Technical Services Pharma Site Basel / Technical Quality & Engineering Support) was done about the general qualification / validation approach of Roche was done, demonstrated on a recent done project in Basel for a very large biotech plant.

The site visit trough the Roche Diagnostic Graz site closed the fist part of this workshop.

The second part of the first day was done in the headquarter of zeta Anlagenbau GmbH, a highly specialised company on engineering, manufacturing and installation of biotech and pharmaceutical process systems. After the general overview of the Zeta group, done by Herman Grundnig (General Manager ZETA Anlagenbau) Mr. Hermann Glössl (Head of Construction Management) demonstrated the typical project approach from the detail engineering to the construction, qualification, validation and documentation included the internal quality management procedures. After the visit of the workshops and the engineering offices the participants of the workshop were brought back by bus to the Graz and the third part of this workshop started.

The third part of the workshop was done in a very traditional old building of Graz.

A Cluster organization named HTS was set up in Styria in 2004. Human.technology.styria is a politico-economic initiative which sets out to boost the competitiveness of Styrian companies, institutions and scientific bodies working in the field of human technology. An overall presentation and the main focus of this HTS was done by DI Dr. Robert Gfrerer (General Manager of HTS).

In cooperation with the industry, the cluster program and the technical university of Graz a new course of study at this university will set up in 2007 in Graz. Univ.Prof. DI Dr. Johannes Khinast (Technical University of Graz) showed the program of the new course of study "Pharmaceutical Engineering" and demonstrated the activities of research and development as well as the optimization of biotech and pharmaceutical process in his presentation. The final part of the evening event was done by Prof. Dr. Kurt Zatloukal from the Medical University of Graz, who gave an interested insight of the medical applications and future developments.

The first day of the workshop closed late night after all participants use the possibility of discussions and exchanges of experiences.

On the second day the company GL-Pharma was visited. GL-Pharma Dr. Gerhard Straka (Production Manager of GL-Pharma) informed about the GL-Pharma group and did a presentation of the new solid dosage forms facility which was done in the last year and the ongoing investments. At the end of the 3rd workshop of ISPE in Austria a site visit at GL-Pharma was done, which included the look in of the labs, the production, packaging and warehouse.

ISPE thanks Roche Diagnostics Graz GmbH, zeta Anlagenbau GmbH, G.L. Pharma GesmbH for the highly interested workshop, presentations, and plant tours and for the excellent buffets during the breaks.

As a final comment we are confirmed to organized workshops in Austria with its small but highly interested pharmaceutical industry and will continue in this way next year.

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