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## **Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA) Collaborates with ISPE Singapore Affiliate to bring World- Class Biopharmaceutical Masterclasses to Singapore**

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ISPE Singapore Affiliate is pleased to announce a series of Masterclasses for the biopharmaceutical industry that will be held in collaboration with the Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA). This outcome-based training program will be named as the ISPE Biopharma Masterclass Series and will be part of Skills Training for Excellence Programme (STEP) - a Continuing Education and Training (CET) initiative for Professionals, Managers, Executive and Technicians (PMETs).

Due to ever evolving technologies in the Biopharmaceuticals industry, it is important for the biopharma workers to constantly upgrade their skills and knowledge. Personnel will need to stay relevant and competitive to adjust to the volatile economy landscape.

This is the first time WDA is partnering an Internationally Accredited Organisation leading training in the biopharmaceutical sector to launch a series of courses for the industry. Each masterclass will comprise a series of 1 to 2 days training courses that will be delivered by experienced ISPE industry experts in a classroom-based environment in Singapore. The program is designed to provide broad industry knowledge through a customized learning experience. Areas covered will include Product Development, Facilities and Equipment, Information Systems, Supply Chain Management, Production Systems, Regulatory Compliance and Quality Systems. The courses form the essential pillars in the manufacturing of the biopharmaceuticals. These courses are highly recommended for those working in the industry that is keen to strengthen their knowledge and stay abreast of the latest developments. ISPE Biopharma Masterclass Series aim to upskill up to 140 professionals in the biomedical sciences over the next 2 years with key and

specialized skills sets required for the biopharmaceuticals industry.

“ISPE is an ideal partner for Biopharm training due to its international presence and recognition. Moving forward, WDA will be working closely with ISPE to bring in a series of internationally-accredited training to Singapore. The aim of the biopharma masterclass series is to allow Biomedical professionals to deepen their expertise in Biopharma manufacturing and leverage on the latest technologies and innovations developments around the world. This will also be an excellent platform to foster future synergistic collaborations among the industry stakeholders too.” said Ms. Julia Ng, Director of Manufacturing and Construction Division, WDA.

“The ISPE Singapore Affiliate is delighted to work with the WDA to bring our training courses to Singapore. Our core purpose is to lead global change and innovation in pharmaceutical technology and processes and develop innovative professionals to achieve technical and operational excellence. The WDA is the leading force in driving workforce development in Singapore. Its mission is to enhance the employability and competitiveness of everyone in the workforce. These classes will provide technical training, and access to industry and regulatory expertise that professionals in the industry need to succeed.” said Mr. Steve Slater, President Singapore ISPE Affiliate.

To kick-start the much anticipated series of masterclasses, the first class “Cleaning Validation Principles” will be held in Singapore from 7-8 July 2011. This masterclass will be delivered by Mr. Rob Walker who has 30 years in the pharmaceuticals industry. He will be imparting his knowledge and skills on the essential elements in a cleaning validation process. There will be practice hands-on exercises designed to reinforce core competencies and job-focused skills. Cleaning validation is one of very important processes in the biopharmaceuticals manufacturing plant as the results will determine if the products are suitable for consumption.

## **About ISPE**

ISPE, the International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering, is a Society of 22,000 pharmaceutical professionals in 90 countries who use expert knowledge to create high-quality, cost-effective GMP solutions. ISPE is “Connecting a World of Pharmaceutical Knowledge” by providing Members with opportunities to develop their technical knowledge, exchange practical experience within their community, enhance their professional skills, and collaborate with global regulatory agencies and industry leaders. Founded in 1980, ISPE offers online learning opportunities for a global audience and has its worldwide headquarters in Tampa, Florida, USA; its European office in Brussels, Belgium; an Asia Pacific office in Singapore; and its newest office in Shanghai, China. Visit [www.ISPE.org](http://www.ISPE.org) for additional Society news and information.

## **About Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA)**

The Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA) enhances the competitiveness of our workforce by encouraging workers to learn for life and advance with skills. In today's economy, most jobs require not just knowledge, but also skills. WDA collaborates with employers, industry associations, the Union and training organisations, to develop and strengthen the Continuing Education and Training (CET) system that is skills-based, open and accessible, as a mainstream pathway for all workers - young and older, from rank and file to professionals and executives - to upgrade and advance in their careers and lives.

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