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GxP Training Guidelines

Industry Taskforce Aims to Standardise Drug Development Training Practice

The International Academy of Clinical Research (IAoCR) has initiated an independent taskforce of industry experts from the international clinical research industry to create a **set of best practice recommendations for effective training** of all parties involved in pharmaceutical development and manufacturing.

The document, entitled '**GxP Training Guidelines'**, will contain minimum requirements for best practice in training to help introduce consistent training standards across the industry; something that is currently lacking.

The taskforce comprises members from diverse backgrounds including pharmaceutical companies, contract research organisations and independents from Europe, North America and Asia. The consultation process will be extended to a wider group of individuals and organisations from industry, academia, government and regulators on 1 August 2012. The IAoCR is asking that any interested parties register to receive the draft document by using the webform on www.iaocr.com/gxpt. Details on how to provide feedback will be sent along with the draft document.

CEO at IAoCR, Jacqueline Johnson North says: "We understand that in a complex industry such as ours, different parties will make their own interpretations of the training guidelines. It is crucial that we engage the industry in creating the most cohesive, relevant set of recommendations possible. The more people who review this document and provide feedback, the more valuable it will be. We would like the training guidelines to be applicable to all members of the industry across all sectors and would encourage everyone to get involved."

The draft of the document, along with information on how to provide feedback in confidence, will be available to view or download from **1 August 2012** on the IAoCR website – www.iaocr.com/gxpt-draft. The deadline for feedback is **21 September 2012**. After this time, the taskforce will finalise the guidelines ready for publication in October 2012.

It is hoped that the guidelines will be voluntarily adopted across the industry and that this will provide a global framework for best practice. The taskforce will be undertaking a number of conference presentations from October 2012 and throughout 2013.

For more information, please visit www.iaocr.com.

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Notes to Editors:

International Academy of Clinical Research (IAoCR) aims to bring accreditation and accredited clinical research training to people working in the clinical research industry. The aim is to ensure that clinical research trainers are knowledgeable and appropriately qualified and that all training courses ensure competence. IAoCR was founded following several years of consultation with industry leaders who highlighted a need for recognised professional accreditations for clinical research monitors, project managers and trainers; and accreditation of clinical research training courses.

All IAoCR training programmes and short courses are independently accredited by organisations regulated by OFQUAL (Office for Qualifications and Examinations Regulation), which reports into UK parliament.

IAoCR is in support of the EU-funded EMTRAIN project and is actively speaking to parliamentarians in the UK and overseas regarding professional standards for the clinical research industry.

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