

PEPTIDES & COMPLEX GENERICS SYMPOSIUM

SCIENCE, STRATEGY & SOLUTIONS

25 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2025 | THE LALIT, MUMBAI

DAY 1: 25TH SEPTEMBER | THURSDAY

Time	Agenda	
07:30 am – 08:30 am	Breakfast and Registration Poster Presentation and Exhibition set-up	
08:30 am	Registration Desk & Breakfast Closes	
08:30 am - 08:35 am	Inauguration of the Scientific Symposium	
08:35 am – 09:05 am	Lamp Lighting Ceremony	
	Mission & Vision of the Mumbai Biocluster Dr. Ratnesh Jain, Founder & Director, Mumbai Biocluster	
	Opening Remarks Ms. Ashwini Patil, Chief Scientific Program Officer, Mumbai Biocluster	
	Forward Looking Statement Mr. Ajit Singh, Chairman, ACG Group	
	Forward Looking Statement from IPA Mr. Sudarshan Jain, Secretary-General, IPA	
	Guest of Honour Speech Mr. Dharmesh Shah, Chairman & Managing Director, BDR Pharmaceuticals Internationals Pvt. Ltd.	
09:05 am – 10:00 am	Plenary Panel: Rapid Rise of GLP1 Drugs, Weight Loss, Wellness & Beyond Moderator: Mr. Vikas Dandekar, Editor (Pharma and Healthcare) at The Economic Times	
	Mr. Vikrant Shrotriya, Corporate Vice President and Managing Director, Novo Nordisk	
	Mr. Siddharth Mittal, CEO & MD, Biocon Ltd.	
	Mr. Winslow Tucker, President, Eli Lilly & Co (India) Pvt. Ltd	
	Dr. Subramanian Narayanaswamy, Head of Delivery, Parenteral Injectables – IPDO, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories	
	Mr. Jatin Vimal, Director - Levim Lifetech Pvt. Ltd.	
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Plenary Panel: Reimagining India's Pharma Leadership: Driving Innovation, Access, and Growth Moderator: Dr. Ratnesh Jain, Founder & Director, Mumbai Biocluster	
	Mr. Ajit Singh, Chairman, IPEC India	
	Mr. Bhushan Akshikar, President, OPPI	
	Mr. Namit Joshi, Chairman, Pharmexcil	
	Mr. Mehul M. Shah, Vice President (Western Region), IDMA	
	Dr. Rajiv Desai, Senior Technical Advisor (Regulatory), IPA	
10:30 am – 10:35 am	Molecule to Market Expo Inaugural	
10:35 am – 11:00 am	Coffee and Networking Registration Desk Opens	
	Session 1: Navigating Regulatory Pathways & Challenges Moderator: Dr. Parizad Elchidana, Principal Technical Consultant - Pharma, ACG World	
11:00 am - 11:20 am	Talk Session	Dr. Santosh V. Indraksha, Deputy Drugs Controller(India) - West Zone, CDSCO
11:20 am – 11:50 am	Talk Session	Dr. Sandra Suarez-Sharp, Global Head, Regulatory Strategies at Simulations Plus, Inc.
11:50 am - 12:15 pm	Talk Session	Mr. Imtiaz Basade, Senior VP - Regulatory Affairs, NATCO Pharma
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm	Panel Discussion	Mr. Darshan Aigal, Head - Regulatory Affairs (Peptides, Oligonucleotides, Complex Generics), Cipla Ltd. Dr. Priyanka Pawar, Associate Vice President-Regulatory Affairs, Amneal Pharmaceuticals Mr. Abhishek Sinha, Vice President Global Regulatory Affairs, Advanz Pharma
12:45 pm - 12:55 pm	Building Biotech Bridges: Leveraging Swiss-Indian Partnerships for catalyzing bio-innovation	Mr. Florin Mueller, Head of the Swiss Business Hub India
01:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunch & Networking	
01:45 pm - 02:15 pm	Catalyst Connect Forum	
02:15 pm	GLP-1 SHOWCASE	
02:15 pm - 02:35 pm	Mr. Niddhivinayak Mishra, Manger - Application Services, Sartorius Stedim India Pvt. Ltd.	
02:35 pm - 02:45 pm	Dr. Lalitha Vijayakrishnan, Vice President and Head, Discovery Biology and Translational Sciences, PI Health Sciences	
	Session 2: Next-Gen Peptide Therapeutics: Manufacturing & Scale-Up Moderator: Dr. Archana Krishnan, Director, BioGenomics Ltd.	
02:45 pm - 03:05 pm	Talk Session	Dr. Vasantha Kumar Ramu, VP - Head of R&D - Peptides & Complex APIs, Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited
03:05 pm - 03:25 pm	Soluble Supports: A Viable Alternative for Sustainable Peptide Synthesis	Prof. Nandita Madhavan, Professor, Dept of Chemistry, IIT Bombay
03:25 pm - 03:45 pm	The Evolving Story of GLP-1 Therapeutics: Where Does India Stand in This Global passion?	Dr. Ganesh Sangle, Vice President & Program Director - Drug Discovery, Alkem Laboratories, Mumbai
03:45 pm - 03:50 pm	Presentation	Mr. Mihir Pande, Senior Business Manager, Mettler-Toledo International, Inc.
03:50 pm - 04:05 pm	PurePep® EasyClean (PEC) Technology for Scalable Purification of Poorly Soluble Peptides in Next-Generation Therapeutic Manufacturing	Dr. Manoj Muthyala, Application Scientist, Gyros Protein Technologies AB, part of Mesa Labs
04:05 pm - 04:35 pm	Panel Discussion	Mr. Onkar Santan, AGM - DSP Lead, Amneal Pharmaceuticals Dr. Satyajit Tillu, Technical Service Head, Piramal Pharma Ltd.
04:35 pm - 05:05 pm	Coffee and Networking Poster Evaluation Round 1	
	Session 3: Functional Bioassays for Complex Biotherapeutics - Design & Validation Moderator: Dr. Ravishankara MN, Senior General Manager (R & D) - Functional Head Analytical Development (Biologics), Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited	
05:05 pm - 05:25 pm	Challenges in the Development of Functional Bioassays for Peptide Therapeutics	Dr. Rishit Zalawadia, Deputy General Manager - Pharmacology, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited
05:25 pm - 05:45 pm	Potency Assay for Novel Product: Challenges and Considerations	Dr. Ravish Patel, General Manager - Technical Operations, Kodo LifeScience Pvt. Ltd.
05:45 pm - 05:55 pm	Talk Session	Mr. Saurabh Nagpal, Sales Development Manager, SCIEX, Danaher
05:55 pm - 06:30 pm	Panel Discussion	Dr. Suresh Varma Penumathsa, Head- Analytical, Nonclinical & Clinical Development, Pharma SGI, Biological E. Ltd, Biological E Ltd Dr. Ravi Krovdi, CEO & Founder, Protein Advanced Analytics Pvt. Ltd.
06:30 pm	END OF DAY 1	

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Time	Agenda	
08:00 am - 09:30 am	Breakfast & Networking	
	Session 4: Industry 5.0: AI/ML & Computational Tools in Drug Discovery and Drug Development Moderator: Dr. Santosh Dixit, Chief Domain Expert, Healthcare and Life Science Innovation Labs, Persistent Systems	
09:40 am - 10:05 am	Application of automated CQA safe space assessment by Simcyp	Dr. Divyen Shah , Scientist II, Certara
10:05 am - 10:30 am	Industry 5.0: AI/ML and Data-Driven Automation - Real-Time Use Cases	Dr. Riyaz Syed , Founder & CEO, Centella AI Therapeutics
10:30 am - 10:55 am	Chemical Intelligence at Scale: Redefining Peptide and Small-Molecule Discovery with AI/ML Tools	Prof. Prashant Kharkar , Professor, Dept of Pharma Sci & Tech, ICT Mumbai & Consultant, Aarth Software Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Aarshit Mittal , Chief Product Architect at OCSR.ai, Aarth Software Pvt. Ltd.
10:55 am - 11:30 am	Panel Discussion	Dr. Sandra Suarez-Sharp , Global Head, Regulatory Strategies at Simulations Plus, Inc. Dr. Tausif Ahmed , Senior Vice President & Head of Dept of Clinical Research & Biopharmaceutics, Mankind Research Centre
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Coffee and Networking Poster Evaluation Round 2	
	Session 5: Evolving Approaches in Bioanalytical Characterization Moderator: Dr. Chaitanya Saxena, CEO, Shantani Proteome Analytics Pvt. Ltd.	
12:00 pm - 12:25 pm	High-resolution characterization methods for peptides and complex generics	Dr. Ravi Shah , Associate Professor, NIPER Ahmedabad
12:25 pm - 12:45 pm	Monitoring Peptide Gelation Dynamics with EasyViewer Technology	Dr. Nitesh Ayare , Technology & Application Scientist, Mettler-Toledo India Pvt. Ltd.
12:45 pm - 01:05 pm	Talk Session	Dr. Ashish Pargaonkar , Applications Specialist & CoE Manager for LCMS, Agilent Technologies, Inc.
01:05 pm - 01:35 pm	Panel Discussion	Dr. Pradeep Rawat , Senior Bioanalytical Manager, Sandoz India Pvt. Ltd. Dr. Pavani Kadupu , Deputy General Manager, Eugia Pharma Specialities Ltd. Mr. Pranay Darji , Head (Peptide and Complex Injectables- Analytical), Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Dr. Pankaj Partani , Head Application Support, SCIEX, Danaher Mr. Chirag Barvalia , Market Manager - AutoChem, Mettler-Toledo India Pvt. Ltd.
01:35 pm - 02:00 pm	Lunch & Networking	
02:00 pm - 02:30 pm	Catalyst Connect Forum	
	Session 6: Innovations in Formulation Development & Novel Drug Delivery Systems Moderator: Prof. Vandana B. Patravale, Dept of Pharm Sci & Tech, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai	
02:30 pm - 02:55 pm	Talk Session	Dr. Ajay Khopade , Vice President - Formulation R&D, Sun Pharma
02:55 pm - 03:20 pm	Strategic Approach for the Development of Novel Peptide Drug Delivery Systems	Dr. Tushar Nahata , Senior General Manager, Zydus Lifesciences
03:20 pm - 03:55 pm	Talk Session	Dr. Preeti Raut , Vice President - Formulation R&D, Cipla Ltd.
03:55 pm - 04:05 pm	Talk Session	Cytiva Representative
04:05 pm - 04:35 pm	Panel Discussion	Dr. Prabhat Shrivastava , Associate Director - Product Development, Piramal Pharma Solutions
04:35 pm - 05:00 pm	Closing Ceremony	
05:00 pm - 05:40 pm	Coffee and Networking	
05:45 pm	Molecule to Market Expo Closing	
END OF DAY 2		

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ANNEXURE

EXCLUSIVE INVITE-ONLY LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

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Time	Agenda
02:00 pm – 03:30 pm	Navigating Quality Benchmarks, Regulatory Approvals & Resilient Supply Chains in Peptides & Complex Generics
	Moderator: Dr. Annu Uppal, Director - Scientific Affairs, US Pharmacopeia
	Rapporteur: Mr. Darshan Aigal, Head - Regulatory Affairs (Peptides, Oligonucleotides, Complex Generics), Cipla Ltd.
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	Prof. Nandita Madhavan, Professor, Dept of Chemistry, IIT Bombay
	Dr. Arijit Das, Chief API Research & Development, CIPLA
	Mr. Dharmesh Kharwar, Director, NGB Laboratories & Jt Secretary, FPME
	Dr. Paramesh G., General Manager & Head API R&D, BDR Pharmaceuticals Internationals Pvt. Ltd.

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Time	Agenda
11.00 am – 01:00 pm	Oligonucleotides & ASO: The Next Frontier
	Moderator: Dr. Neelima Khairatkar-Joshi, Founder & President, Promethean Drug Ideas
	Prof. Surajit Sinha, Senior Professor, School of Applied and Interdisciplinary Sciences, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Kolkata
	Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Professor, Dept of Chemistry, IIT Bombay
	Dr. Kiran Gore, Assistant Professor, Dept of Chemistry, IIT KGP
	Dr. Tathagata Dutta, President, Jodas Expoin, Pvt. Ltd.
	Dr. Mahesh Pavar, Associate Research Director, Syngene International Ltd.
	Dr. Arun Bhutnar, Associate Director (Analytical Development-Complex injectable Oligonucleotide, Peptide), CIPLA
	Dr. Krishna Karnati, General Manager Commercial, Genomic Medicine APAC, Cytiva

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