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to apply regulatory science to regulatory and health solutions globally

The D.K. Kim International Center for Regulatory Science, part of USC Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, is an academic and research institution focused on educating individuals with a scientific background in international regulatory science. The center aims to meet the growing demand for professionals equipped to navigate global regulatory processes. Through transformative education and research, it seeks to contribute to a healthier and safer world by emphasizing the crucial role of regulatory science in shaping global health outcomes.

NEWS

APEC 2023

Building Bridges: The USC-APEC Center of Excellence and Kim Center hosted and organized the “Harmonizing Medical Device Regulation” workshop from October 12 to 13, 2023.

This 2-day workshop featured a hybrid format with both in-person and online attendees. The sessions were live-streamed, and participants from 13 economies attended, with Malaysia, South Korea, Chile, and the US being key contributors. The workshop on regulatory harmonization also included representatives from 17 institutions.

CANADA: RAPS CONVERGENCE 2023

Trailblazing Together: Dr. Susan Bain and Dr. Lawrence Liberti Lead the Way in Career Development and Regulatory Education Advocacy.

The Kim Center and the USC Department of Regulatory and Quality Sciences [DQRS] participated in the 2023 Regulatory Affairs Professional Society [RAPS] Convergence Conference in Montreal. Drs. Bain and Liberti played key roles during the career development session, with Dr. Liberti, a RAPS Board of Directors member, and Dr. Bain interacting with over 45 students and professionals to promote regulatory science education and job opportunities.

FRPANORAMA REGULATORY WEBINAR SERIES

Elevating Expertise: Dr. Lawrence Liberti and Dr. Mario Alanis, co-moderated the Nov. 2023 episode.

The episode, titled “3 Best Practices for the Effective and Efficient Use of Reliance Pathways,” featured specialists from the US National Academy of Sciences, the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (IFPMA) and the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP). Watch the video here.

REGULATORY HARMONIZATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (RHSC)

Looking Ahead: Strategic Plans Unveiled, Shaping the Future Under the Committee on Trade and Investment.

Hosted in Oakland, California, the committee discussed plans for 2024, including the potential relocation of the RHSC under the Sub-Committee on Standards and Conformance [SCSC] within the Committee on Trade and Investment [CTI]. The CTI is being considered as the oversight body for the RHSC. On Dec. 1, 2023, Ms. Apurva Uniyal actively participated in the Medical Device Priority Work Area Steering Committee Preparatory Meeting, representing the USC Medical Device Center of Excellence and delivering an in-person presentation. Following this, on Dec. 2, 2023, Dr. Liberti virtually presented on the goals and activities of the CoE and the Kim Center during the main meeting of RHSC.
BRAZIL: FOSTERING INNOVATION AT ABIQUIFI

Dr. Liberti Shares Insights on Regulatory Science’s Role in Pharmaceutical Innovation in Sao Paolo and Rio with ABIQUIFI and FIOCRUZ for a Future of Regulatory Excellence.

His talk at the ABIQUIFI forum, “How can academia foster government-industry relations for pharmaceutical innovation,” shared DRQS and Kim Center’s approach to practical research in regulatory science, highlighting its role in innovation and regulatory optimization. Dr. Liberti visited the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (FIOCRUZ), a leading global public health research institution and renowned scientific institution in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. FIOCRUZ also serves as the national institute of health for the Brazilian government. During his visit, Dr. Liberti interacted with FIOCRUZ senior leadership to explore opportunities for educational and research partnerships in the field of regulatory science.

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