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Society for Biological Engineering Holds First Conference on Accelerating Biopharmaceutical Development

Helen Winkle, Director of the Office of Pharmaceutical Science at the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Among Featured Speakers

Coronado Island, Calif. – The Society for Biological Engineering (SBE) is sponsoring the first Conference on Accelerating Biopharmaceutical Development. Helen Winkle, director of the Office of Pharmaceutical Science at the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, will deliver one of the keynote addresses on “Regulatory Modernization” at the meeting to be held March 19-22 on Coronado Island in California.

Other featured speakers include Roger Perlmutter, executive vice president of research and development at Amgen, who will talk about “Conquering the Innovation Deficit in Drug Discovery” and Anthony Lubiniecki, vice president of technology transfer and project planning at Centocor, who will discuss “Where is the Industry likely to be Going, and How Much Acceleration is Too Much”.

As the underlying technology for making antibodies, therapeutic proteins, and vaccines matures, improving the speed and efficiency for developing and manufacturing them becomes increasingly important. This conference will focus on recent advances, including "disruptive" technologies such as cell-free protein synthesis and self-assembly, that may hold the key to accelerating the pace and productivity of biopharmaceutical development over the next ten years.

Chairs for the event include Geoff Slaff, vice president of global process development at Amgen, and Chuck Goochee, director of Johnson & Johnson's global biologics supply chain.

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Conference sessions will include:

- Rapid cell line development and improved expression system development
- High throughput process, analytical and formulation development
- Technology transfer: case studies and business practices
- Phase-specific quality systems, quality standards, and analytical comparability studies
- Strategies for production: in-house or outsourcing options
- Biopharmaceutical development organization and metrics.

For more information or to register, visit

<http://www.aiche.org/sbe/events/abpd/index.aspx>, or call 1-800-242-4363 (outside US, call 1-212-591-8100).

Society for Biological Engineering (SBE)

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