

IPEC Acronym List

Acronym	Description	Weblink	Comments / Information
AAPS	American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists	http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/index.asp	The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists provides a dynamic international forum for the exchange of knowledge among scientists to enhance their contributions to health. We offer timely scientific programs, ongoing education, opportunities for networking, and professional development.
ACS	American Chemical Association	http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/home.html	The American Chemical Society is a self-governed individual membership organization that consists of more than 160,000 members at all degree levels and in all fields of chemistry. The organization provides a broad range of opportunities for peer interaction and career development, regardless of professional or scientific interests. The programs and activities conducted by ACS today are the products of a tradition of excellence in meeting member needs that dates from the Society's founding in 1876.
AHI	Animal Health Institute	http://www.ahi.org/	represents manufacturers of animal health care products used to produce a safe supply of meat, milk, poultry and eggs, and the veterinary medicines that help pets live longer, healthier lives.
APIC	Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients Council	http://apic.cefic.org/	To represent the interests of pharmaceutical and chemical companies producing APIs and intermediates in Europe by being recognized experts who advance and influence the global GMP and Regulatory environment.
BIO	Biotechnology Industry Association	http://www.bio.org/	The mission of BIO is to be the champion of biotechnology and the advocate for its member organizations –both large and small.
BP	British Pharmacopoeia	http://www.pharmacopoeia.org.uk/	The official pharmacopoeia for the United Kingdom and its territories (also recognised officially in Australia and New Zealand)
CCPIE	China Center for Pharmaceutical International Exchange	http://www.ccpie.org/en/zxji.asp	an independent institutional legal person, is a public institution affiliated to the State Drug Administration (SDA), and it includes the following departments: Division of General Affairs, Division of Technological Cooperation, Division of Consultancy Services, and Division of Conference & Exhibition
CEFIC	European Chemical Industry Council	http://www.cefic.org/	Cefic is the Brussels-based organization representing the European chemical industry. Cefic represents, directly or indirectly, about 29,000 large, medium and small chemical companies which employ about 1.3 million people and account for nearly a third of world chemical production.
CHPA	Consumer Healthcare Products Association	http://www.chpa-info.org/ChpaPortal/HomePage.htm	The Consumer Healthcare Products Association, founded in 1881, is committed to promoting the increasingly vital role of over-the-counter medicines and nutritional supplements in America's healthcare system through science, education, and advocacy.
CRN	Council for Responsible Nutrition	http://www.crnusa.org/	Washington-based trade association representing ingredient suppliers and manufacturers in the dietary supplement industry. CRN members adhere to a strong code of ethics, comply with dosage limits and manufacture dietary supplements to high quality standards under good manufacturing practices. CRN's mission is to improve the environment for member companies to responsibly market dietary supplements by enhancing confidence among media, healthcare professionals, decision makers and consumers.

EBE	European Biopharmaceutical Enterprises	http://www.ebe-biopharma.org/	European Biopharmaceutical Enterprises (EBE) is the European trade association that represents biopharmaceutical companies of all sizes operating in Europe. It was established in 2000 as a specialised group of EFPIA and is headquartered in Brussels. Membership in EBE is open to all companies using biotechnology to discover, develop and bring new medicinal products to market.
EDQM	European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & Healthcare	http://www.edqm.eu/site/page_628.php	Multi-functional, contains Ph Eur, OMCLs, CEPs
EFPIA	European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries Association	http://www.efpia.org/Content/Default.asp?	EFPIA represents the pharmaceutical industry operating in Europe. Through its direct membership of 32 national associations and 44 leading pharmaceutical companies, EFPIA is the voice on the EU scene of 2,100 companies committed to researching, developing and bringing to patients new medicines that improve health and the quality of life around the world
EGA	European Generic Medicines Association	http://www.egagenerics.com/	The EGA is the official representative body of the European generic pharmaceutical industry, which is at the forefront of providing high-quality affordable medicines to millions of Europeans and stimulating competitiveness and innovation in the pharmaceutical sector.
EP	European Pharmacopoeia (unofficial Abbreviation)	http://www.edqm.eu/site/page_681.php	Official Pharmacopoeia for Europe; available in hardcopy and online
EUFEPS	European Federation for Pharmaceutical Sciences	http://www.eufeps.org/	The European Federation for Pharmaceutical Sciences (EUFEPS) is the only pan-European body to represent the interests of scientists in industry, academia, government and other institutions engaged in drug research, development, regulation and policymaking through Europe. Founded in 1991, it is there to serve and advance excellence in the pharmaceutical sciences and innovative drug research. Currently, EUFEPS links 24 Member Societies in 24 countries. In addition, there are Individual Members of EUFEPS.
EVM	European Vaccine Manufacturers	http://www.evm-vaccines.org/	To create a supportive environment for improved vaccine protection and coverage in the interest of individual and community public health. To promote vaccine R & D to meet new challenges for innovative vaccine applications against infectious and other types of diseases. To foster a favourable policy climate for the vaccine industry in Europe to bring new vaccines to the world.
FCC	Food Chemicals Codex	http://www.usp.org/fcc/	The Food Chemicals Codex (FCC) is a compendium of internationally recognized standards for purity and identity of food-grade substances. Published since 1966, FCC allows manufacturers of food, food chemicals, and food additives to comply with standards that have been created and vetted by a highly rigorous and transparent scientific process
FIP	International Pharmaceutical Federation	http://www.fip.org/www2/	FIP is a world-wide federation of national pharmaceutical (professional and scientific) associations, with a mission to represent and serve pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences around the globe. Through its member associations, FIP connects, represents and serves more a million pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists around the world. FIP was founded in The Hague, The Netherlands, in 1912 and still has its central office in The Hague. Although FIP is a federation of associations, any pharmacist or pharmaceutical scientist can apply to become an Individual Member of FIP.

GPhA	Generics Pharmaceutical Association	http://www.gphaonline.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home	The Generic Pharmaceutical Association (GPhA) represents the manufacturers and distributors of finished generic pharmaceutical products, manufacturers and distributors of bulk active pharmaceutical chemicals, and suppliers of other goods and services to the generic pharmaceutical industry.
ICH	International Conference on Harmonisation	http://www.ich.org/cache/compo/276-254-1.html	<p>The International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) is a unique project that brings together the regulatory authorities of Europe, Japan and the United States and experts from the pharmaceutical industry in the three regions to discuss scientific and technical aspects of product registration.</p> <p>The purpose is to make recommendations on ways to achieve greater harmonisation in the interpretation and application of technical guidelines and requirements for product registration in order to reduce or obviate the need to duplicate the testing carried out during the research and development of new medicines.</p> <p>The objective of such harmonisation is a more economical use of human, animal and material resources, and the elimination of unnecessary delay in the global development and availability of new medicines whilst maintaining safeguards on quality, safety and efficacy, and regulatory obligations to protect public health. This Mission is embodied in the Terms of Reference of ICH.</p>
IFAC	International Food Additives Council	http://www.foodadditives.org/	
IFAH	International Federation for Animal Health	http://www.ifah.be/	The International Federation for Animal Health (IFAH) is an organisation representing manufacturers of veterinary medicines, vaccines and other animal health products in both developed and developing countries across five continents
IFPMA	International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations	http://www.ifpma.org/	The International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations is a non-profit, non-governmental Organization (NGO) representing national industry associations and companies from both developed and developing countries. Member companies of the IFPMA are research-based pharmaceutical, biotech and vaccine companies.
IGPA	International Generic Pharmaceutical Alliance	http://www.egagenerics.com/igpa.htm	IGPA seeks to ensure that all consumers have access to affordable quality medicines. To this end, IGPA works to promote international pharmaceutical harmonization and regulatory decisions in a way which will best benefit the public and strengthen the generic pharmaceutical industry.
IMI	Innovative Medicines Initiative	http://www.imi-europe.org/	The Innovative Medicines Initiative is a proposed partnership between the European Commission and the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industry and Associations (EFPIA).
IPAC-RS	International Pharmaceutical Aerosol Consortium on Regulation and Science	http://www.ipacrs.com	Welcome to IPAC-RS. We are an international association of innovator and generic companies that develop, manufacture or market orally inhaled and nasal drug products for local and systemic treatment of a variety of debilitating diseases such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and diabetes.

IPEA	International Pharmaceutical Excipients Auditing	http://www.ipeainc.com	International Pharmaceutical Excipients Auditing, Inc. provides current good manufacturing practice auditing services to the pharmaceutical, chemical, and nutraceutical industries to facilitate the assessment of excipient manufacturers to appropriate GMP requirements. Audits follow recognized IPEC, ISO, WHO, and USP principles of cGMP for excipient ingredients
IPEC	International Pharmaceutical Excipients Council	http://www.ipeamericas.org/	We represent U.S. excipient producers and companies that use pharmaceutical-grade excipients in finished drug dosage forms and nutritional supplements
ISPE	International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers	http://www.ispe.org/	ISPE is the world's largest not-for-profit society serving pharmaceutical manufacturing professionals.
JP	Japanese Pharmacopeia	http://moldb.nihs.go.jp/jp/index.html	the official pharmacopeia for Japan
JPC	Japanese Pharmacopeia Codex	not available	another pharmacopeia of Japan with essentially APIs and test procedures
JPE	Japanese Pharmaceutical Excipients		Pharmacopeia of Japan for excipients
JPED	Japanese Pharmaceutical Excipients Directory	not available	
JPF	Japanese Pharmacopoeial Forum	not available	Forum for publishing draft monographs/general chapters for the JP for public comment
OMCL	Official Medicines Control Laboratories (EU)	http://www.edqm.eu/site/page_612.php	Operates under the auspices of the EDQM; The network of Official Medicines Control Laboratories was created by the EDQM in close collaboration with the E.U. to: - co-ordinate the activities of the OMCLs; - facilitate exchanges of know-how; - promote the future development of harmonised common standards
PAHO	Pan-American Health Organisation	http://www.paho.org/	Regional office of WHO
PDA	Parenteral Drugs Association	http://www.pda.org	The Parenteral Drug Association (PDA) is the leading global provider of science, technology and regulatory information and education for the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical community. Founded in 1946 as a nonprofit organization, PDA is committed to developing scientifically sound, practical technical information and resources to advance science and regulation through the expertise of its more than 10,000 members worldwide.
PDG	Pharmacopoeial Discussion Group	none	A group of the heads of the USP/Ph Eur/JP with the goal of harmonisation of excipient monographs and general chapters
PF	Pharmacopoeial Forum (USP)	http://www.usppf.com	Forum for publishing draft monographs/general chapters for the USP/NF for public comment
Ph Eur	European Pharmacopoeia (official abbreviation)	http://www.pheur.org	The official pharmacopoeia for EU
PhRMA	Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association of America	http://www.phrma.org	represents the country's leading pharmaceutical research and biotechnology companies, which are devoted to inventing medicines that allow patients to live longer, healthier, and more productive lives. PhRMA companies are leading the way in the search for new cures. PhRMA's mission is to conduct effective advocacy for public policies that encourage discovery of important new medicines for patients by pharmaceutical/biotechnology research companies.

PQLI	Product Quality Lifecycle Implementation	http://www.ispe.org/cs/pqli_product_quality_lifecycle_implementation/pqli_product_quality_lifecycle_implementation	The Product Quality Lifecycle Implementation (PQLI) initiative was launched in June 2007 to help industry find practical, global approaches to implementing ICH guidance's. Through PQLI, ISPE is spearheading the effort to define terminology contained in the ICH documents, to provide the technical framework required for the implementation of Quality by Design (QbD) in regulatory submissions, and to enable Q8, Q9, and the imminent Q10 (Pharmaceutical Quality Systems) to become cross-functional tools valued by both the Industry and Regulatory Authorities worldwide.
PQRI	Product Quality Research Institute	http://www.pqri.org	The outcomes of PQRI will be focused on research projects whose results provide a continuing scientific basis for regulatory policy. As in the case of SUPAC IR, the research may support reduction in regulatory burden by decreasing the amount of information needed for a submission and/or regulatory filing.
RPSGB	Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain	http://www.rpsgb.org.uk/	
SOCMA	Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturers Association	http://www.socma.com/	SOCMA's original charter dedicated the organization to promoting high industry standards, building public awareness and working with government agencies to develop and improve the industry. While much has changed in the ensuing decades, SOCMA's pledge to these principles has not changed. Today, SOCMA serves as the voice of a membership operating more than 2,000 manufacturing sites and employing more than 100,000 workers. SOCMA members encompass every segment of the industry-from small specialty producers to large multinational corporations-and manufacture 50,000 products valued at \$60 billion annually
TriPEC	TriPEC	http://www.tripec.org	An collaboration of the three IPECs, IPEC americas, IPEC Europe and JPEC
USP	United States Pharmacopoeia	http://www.usp.org http://www.uspnf.com	Official Pharmacopeia of the US
WHO	The World Health Organisation	http://www.who.int/en/	WHO is the directing and coordinating authority for health within the United Nations system. It is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends.
WSMI	World Self-Medication Industry	http://www.wsmi.org	The World Self-Medication Industry is a federation of over 50 member associations representing manufacturers and distributors of nonprescription medicines on all continents. We support the development of self-medication industry associations around the world to aid in the understanding and development of responsible self-medication. WSMI requires member associations to develop voluntary codes of advertising practice and encourages consumer-friendly labeling.