

**Fellowships IPFA Asia Pacific Workshop on  
Plasma Quality and Supply 2016  
“Technological, regulatory and organisational  
tools to produce plasma for fractionation”  
TMU Taipei, Taiwan**

**Impressions Fellowship Attendees**



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**Dr Javaid Usman (Pakistan)**

You have asked for my impressions about the IPFA Workshop. Well it was indeed a pleasure to be a participant of this workshop. It was planned and conducted in a very professional manner. The quality of presentations was very good and covered important topics like regulatory issues related to plasma fractionation, clinical use of plasma products, quality management in transfusion medicine and the transfusion transmitted infections. I could relate to most of these topics as they focused on these topics pertaining to Asia and the Pacific. I returned very educated on these topics. The logistics were excellent. It was indeed a tremendous exposure for me to attend this workshop.

Thanks and best regards,  
Javaid Usman

**Ms Mira Cho (Korea)**

The IPFA Asia Pacific Workshop on Plasma Quality and Supply took place in Taipei in collaboration with the NRL and TMU. I attended this workshop for the first time. This meeting

was attended by experts in various fields; representatives of plasma fractionation center, regulatory agencies, patient groups, diagnosis kit manufacturers, and blood services provider. The topics of presentation in this regional workshop were

- Patients need for plasma products
- Quality management
- Introduction of screening programs in the region
- Diagnosis-related products
- Donor recruitment and selection
- Regulations and requirements

The workshop went smoothly and all conferences were very interesting. Actually, I was surprised at the active participation of attendees and so proud to meet them. I thought we were able to have an effective discussion because we had the same interest in improving quality and safety of blood and plasma. We have a social responsibility and should do more for patients and the community. Through this workshop, I had an opportunity to enhance knowledge and a global perspective for plasma fractionation. I think that Korean Red Cross should implement complete GMP on Blood components for the safety of plasma fractionation product. This meeting was definitely impressive and helpful. I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to IPFA Fellowship Program once again.

### **Dr Pham Tuan Duong (Vietnam)**

With the sponsorship of IFPA, I attended the IPFA Asia Pacific Workshop in Taipei, Taiwan in two days 8-9 March, 2016. This is actually my great opportunities.

I need to say that our services which have been quickly change and keep the number blood donation increasing rapidly every year, improving quality through volunteer blood donors from paid donors, screening tests by EIA/CLIA and NAT tests, ... But improvement of human resources is always the biggest challenge for us.

During the workshop I get a lot of the information shared by regional and international experts which is so useful for us. It seems I have been refreshing my mind, as well as my knowledge. I came to the workshop with the aim of understanding how to implement of GMP in our services, and I realize that I were so happy. I not only get to access the resources of documents, but met the people including auditor's, regulators and blood bankers. From well-known experts, I received many explanations and answers to let me clear a lot of things.

I had chance to meet with the colleagues in the area and global. We have shared our experiences, which should be useful for our work. In the workshop I was offered a lot of the information which satisfied my needs.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Executive Board of IFPA, especially to Dr Paul Strengers, Dr Françoise Rossi, Mrs Mariska Mooijekind and Mrs Linda Heil.

I hope that the information I have acquired during the workshop and with the help of IPFA, as well as members of IPFA, we continue to improve our services to meet the need of patients.

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