



## WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND

This one day meeting is designed to be an introduction to the topic of the electronic Common Technical Document (eCTD). The day is a mix of presentations on the subject, including detail about the specification itself and practical considerations for implementing the eCTD in your organisation.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The course is primarily aimed at those involved in the creation and submission of eCTDs, from both a business/regulatory background and IT/support aspect. However, the course content will also be of interest to managers in these groups or to the creators of submission content or anyone else who wants to understand the eCTD better.

## DOCUMENTATION

Delegates will receive a course material folder containing comprehensive documentation provided by the speaker, which will be a valuable source of reference for the future.

## ATTENDANCE LIMITED – EARLY REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

This limitation, a unique feature of all MANAGEMENT FORUM seminars, will give participants the opportunity for a thorough discussion of the complex issues to be covered by the programme.

**A Certificate of Attendance for Professional Development will be given to each participant who completes the course.**

## COURSE LEADER

**Dr Geoff Williams** is currently e-Regulatory Liaison in the Global Regulatory Operations group at Roche. In this role Geoff is responsible for working in a number of areas in the wider pharma industry and bringing this information into Roche to use in their regulatory strategy and individual projects. In particular, this includes the work that Geoff undertakes as the EFPIA Deputy Topic Leader in ICH M2 (Electronic Standards for the Transmission of Regulatory Information) on the eCTD. Geoff also has input to global reg ops initiatives within Roche, such as the data and systems strategy and PIM, and is leader of their Regulatory Electronic Submissions Initiative.

Before joining Roche in April 2005, Geoff held regulatory operations positions at Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, GlaxoSmithKline and SmithKline Beecham.

Along with his membership of ICH, Geoff is also currently the chairman EFPIA eCTD Topic Group and is a member of the EFPIA Product and Regulatory Information Management Ad hoc Group (PRIMAG).

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## PROGRAMME

### 09.30 ▶ **Welcome and Introduction Introduction and Overview of the eCTD**

- Overview of the eCTD
- Relationship to the CTD
- e-submissions and the eCTD
- Overview of the business case for the eCTD
- Short history of the eCTD
- Current status

### 10.45 ▶ **Coffee**

### 11.00 ▶ **The eCTD in More Detail**

This session will focus on the main components of the eCTD and provide a more detailed review of the key requirements in both the global Modules 2-5, covered by the ICH specification, and also the regional parts covered by EU and US specifications

- The ICH eCTD specification
- Files: Leaf files and their main characteristics
- Folders: The structure for storing the files
- The XML backbone: Attributes and metadata and how this information is used in the eCTD
- Utility files: DTDs and stylesheets, what they are and how they are used
- The Regional specifications
- Additional considerations for the creation of the regional components of the eCTD

### 12.30 ▶ **Lunch**

### 13.30 ▶ **Getting Started with the eCTD**

The eCTD specification is quite clear about the technical requirements for a valid eCTD submission. In this session you will learn more about the areas that you will need to consider to successfully implement the eCTD in your organisation. As a result, the presentations will be a mix of information and questions that you will need to answer based on your vision for the eCTD within your organisation. We will cover a range of topics that will help you prepare to make you an eCTD submission, as well as some considerations about what happens after your first eCTD

- Transitioning to the eCTD
- Where to start
- What might make a good initial submission
- What you may need to continue to prepare alongside your eCTD eg paper volumes
- eCTD Tools and Efficient Processes
- eCTD Lifecycle Management – next steps to consider after you have completed your first eCTD

### 15.15 ▶ **Tea**

### 15.30 ▶ **The eCTD: A Case Study**

Practical experience gained from implementing the eCTD and submitting their first dossier.

### 17.00 ▶ **Close of Meeting**