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Country Report and Position

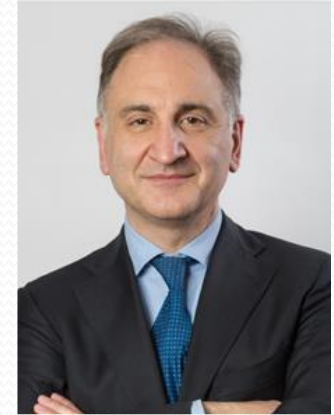
AFI – Associazione Farmaceutici Industria
Delegate: Toni Valente

AFI DELEGATE

Biography

Toni Valente
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MD in PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY and Postgraduate as EXPERT IN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE.

More than thirty years of experience in international pharmaceutical regulation for the development, the production and control of pharmaceutical specialties, especially injectables, as well as for the design, authorization, start-up and run-up of production suites and laboratories.

Member of several professional associations in which he has been a chairman and speaker at various conferences.

Vice-President of the CDMO interesting group at FARMINDUSTRIA and Member of the PRODUCTION working group at the same Association

University lecturer in Masters on Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Technologies, Risk Management and Computer integrated manufacturing systems.

Association Insight

- AFI is the Italian scientific association of industrial pharmacists, founded in 1960 and officially recognised by the Italian Ministry of Health as a Scientific Society
 - ❑ AFI promotes professional development and technical competence of industrial pharmacists.
 - ❑ AFI acts as a qualified technical interlocutor with national institutions through specialised working groups.

My Association Activities Plan 2026-2027

Support implementation of EU pharmaceutical legislation

- In-depth analysis and technical support on the new EU pharmaceutical legislation, focusing on regulatory impact, implementation timelines and implications for industrial pharmacists.
- Dedicated initiatives on sustainability in the pharmaceutical sector, aligned with the EIPG Environmental Position Paper and with the requirements related to Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA).
- Assessment of Artificial Intelligence implementation across the pharmaceutical lifecycle, in compliance with GMP requirements and the EU AI Act.
- Promotion of digitalisation of quality systems, manufacturing processes and supply chain traceability.
- Strengthening professional training initiatives for industrial pharmacists and Qualified Persons.

How could EIPG contribute to your activities

Provide coordinated European monitoring of regulatory developments.

- Facilitate consolidated EIPG input to EMA and European Commission consultations.
- Offer platforms for scientific exchange, webinars and best practice sharing.
- Strengthen cooperation with key European stakeholders.

How could my association contribute to the EIPG activities

Provide technical expertise through AFI specialised working groups.

- Actively participate in EIPG working groups and consultations.
- Share national regulatory experience and best practices.
- Support initiatives enhancing the visibility of industrial pharmacists in Europe.