

General Assembly 2026

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Country Report and Position

*AFTI (Associazione Farmaceutici
Ticinese)*

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Association Insight

- AFTI was founded in 1982 and is the leading association of professionals working in the pharmaceutical and allied industries of the Canton Ticino, the largest Italian speaking part of Switzerland.
- The affiliates to AFTI are doctors in the scientific disciplines (Chemistry, Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technology, Pharmacy, Biological and Medical Science, or others playing a significant role in the pharmaceutical industry) or technicians operating since at least three years in the pharmaceutical industry.
- AFTI main goals
 - Promotion of the scientific and professional development of the affiliates
 - Encouraging high standards of education at undergraduate and postgraduate level
 - Organisation of courses, symposia, and events on scientific and technical aspects regarding the pharmaceutical field
 - Support initiatives for the promotion of the knowledge in the pharmaceutical environment
 - Maintenance of strict contacts with the Health Authorities, being one of the reference bodies representing the affiliates on legislation matters
- In 2024 the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between FDA and SwissMedic, the health regulatory agency of Switzerland, was approved
- In 2025 the MRA went practically into force and works excellently. Inspection reports by SwissMedic are shared with FDA and EMA
- From June 2025 to May 2026 AFTI organised conferences, courses, and presentations for the continuous professional development of the affiliates, in agreement with the objectives of the Association

My Association Activities Plan 2026-2027

- Basic GMP Course-Introduction to the cGMP – 25 March 2026
- Webinar; PFAS: European Framework, Swiss Limits and Solutions for Businesses – 27 March 2026
- Swiss Biotech Days 2026, organised by the Swiss Biotech Association – Basel, Switzerland, 4-5 May 2026 – Sponsored by AFTI
- Industry 5.0 in Pharma: Shaping the Human-Centric Future; In collaboration with SUPSI (University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland) – Lugano, Switzerland, 28 April 2026
- Webinar; Deviations and Root Cause Analysis – 6 May 2026
- Webinar in collaboration with Farmaceutica Younger (Italy); Risk Analysis in the Qualification of Third Parties in the Supply Chain: Criteria for Supplier Assessment, Mitigation and Quality Control – 15 May 2026
- 2026 AFI Symposium, organised by AFI with the participation of AFTI – Rimini, Italy, 10-12 June 2026
- Webinar in collaboration with Farmaceutica Younger (Italy); Validation of Processes and Equipment-Basic Concepts – 19 June 2026
- Course on Pharmaceutical Regulations for Non-Specialists – Lugano, October 2026
- Swiss Biotech Days 2027, organised by the Swiss Biotech Association – Basel, Switzerland, 26-27 April 2027 – Sponsored by AFTI
- 2027 AFI Symposium, organised by AFI with the participation of AFTI – Rimini, Italy, 11-13 June 2027
- Summer School: AI, Data Science, Biotech, Industrial Sustainability; In collaboration with SUPSI (University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland) and USI (University of Southern Switzerland) – Lugano, Switzerland, July-September 2027

How could EIPG contribute to your activities

- EIPG could contribute to AFTI activities by distributing within EIPG associates the events organised, or co-organised, by AFTI
- Webinar hosted by AFTI could be of interest to EIPG affiliates

How could my association contribute to the EIPG activities

- AFTI could contribute to the EIPG activities by disseminating information about EIPG events and webinars
- AFTI could distribute EIPG journal and newsletter to AFTI affiliates
- AFTI could participate to events organised by EIPG
- AFTI could contribute to the search for potential sponsorships for EIPG initiatives