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The 19 April and 20 April Annual Meeting held at the Edogawa Civic Center, Tokyo, marked the 5th anniversary of the inauguration of the Affiliate. Registrants listened to, and interfaced with, a distinguished cast of overseas (including U.S. FDA) and domestic speakers covering topical items crucial to the industry. Moreover, attendees were able to enjoy an elaborate networking reception during the first evening, complete with Japanese cultural flavor and a “sake” barrel breaking ceremony, as well as other special attractions. The Annual Meeting was attended by approximately 300 ISPE members from Japan and overseas.

On 9 June, ISPE co-sponsored with Japan’s Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) the “5th Pharmaceutical Quality Forum Symposium”, in collaboration with Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA), as a post-ICH event. The welcome remarks for the occasion were given by Charles Hoiberg of ISPE. Importantly, this successful event enabled representatives of each of the three principal organizations involved, MHLW, JPMA and ISPE, to work closely with one other through the Symposium’s planning and execution phases, with the Affiliate providing logistical support for the event.

Meanwhile, in accordance with the “Communities of Practice” (COPs) concept as developed and defined by ISPE Headquarters, the Affiliate has been reorganizing itself. As a result, the Affiliate now has Containment, Biopharma, Engineering Management, PAT, GAMP and C&Q COPs, among many others.

In parallel with this effort, the Affiliate’s Secretariat and staff are working hand-in-hand with Officers, Board Members and members to organize multiple additional meetings scheduled for the second half of the calendar year. These include the 2nd GAMP Computer Validation Seminar, SAM & GMP, PAT Seminars in Tokyo and Osaka, Regional Meetings, C&Q Seminar, and the Winter Meeting.

Furthermore, the Affiliate’s volunteers are energetically proceeding with the translation of key documents from the English original into the Japanese language, such as Baseline and Good Practice Guides. At the same time, priority is also being placed on reinforcing education and training opportunities for our members, an outstanding feature of the global ISPE organization.

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