

PDA Visual Inspection Forum 2026

Inspect to Protect: Safeguarding Sterile Products Through Visual Inspection

Dublin, Ireland
19-20 May 2026
Agenda Preview

Tuesday, 19 May 2026		
9:00	Welcome and Introduction	Falk Klar, <i>PDA Europe</i>
	Welcome from the Co-Chairs	Andrea Sardella, <i>Brevetti & Antonio Burazer, Takeda</i>
Opening Session: Particle Management from Development to Application		Moderator: Andrea Sardella, <i>Brevetti & Antonio Burazer, Takeda</i>
	Opening Keynote: Title to be announced	<i>Astria Therapeutics</i>
	The Top 10 Problems and Solutions Often Observed in Visual Inspection Programs	<i>Insight Pharma Consulting</i>
	Title to be announced	<i>Invited Speaker</i>
	Q&A, Discussion	
11:20	Coffee Break, Poster Session & Exhibition	
Session 1: Lifecycle of Particulate Matter Control		Moderator: Atanas Koulov, <i>Clear Solutions Laboratories</i>

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	The Knapp Method and Its Current Industry Application	CSL Behring
	Ensuring Particle Control in Complex CGT Products: Tailored Visual Inspection Standards for Enhanced Quality and Compliance	University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland
	Global Particulate Matter Strategy	Eli Lilly & Company
	Q&A, Discussion	
13:05	Lunch Break, Poster Session & Exhibition	
	LIVE Guided Poster Walk Engage with our Poster Presenters in our Exhibition Hall	
Session 2: Sustainable Inspection Practices		Moderator: Rick Watson, Merck
	Interactive Questionnaire Session	
	Case Study for Overcoming High False Reject Rate and Trending Analysis From AVI. (Defect Detection Rate & False Reject Rate)	GC Biopharma
	Artificial Intelligence Synthetic Defect Perspectives	GSK
	Technological Advancements for Reduction of False Reject Rate in PFS Automated Inspection	Eli Lilly & Company
	Q&A, Discussion	
15:50	Coffee Break, Poster Session & Exhibition	

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Session 3: Smart Inspection and Particle Detection		Moderator: Elisabeth Wagner, CSL Behring
	Ensuring Pharmaceutical Particle Characterization: A Multi-Phased Approach to Supporting Particle Investigations	Takeda
	Seeing the Unseen: Innovative Inspection Methods for Challenging, Opaque Products. Overcoming Visibility Barriers in Quality Control of Dark Liquids and Milky Substances	Syntegon
	Q&A, Discussion	
17:30	End of Conference Day 1 & Networking Event	
Wednesday, 20 May 2026		
9:00	Welcome to Day 2	Andrea Sardella, Brevetti & Antonio Burazer, Takeda
Speed Session 4: Foundations and Advancements in Inspection Process		Moderator: Romain Veillon, GSK
	Recent Trends and Discussion Topics at the PDA Visual Inspection Interest Group	Merck
	Manufacturing Austria AG, Efficient MVI Operator Training: A Structured 4-Week Program	Takeda
	Risk-Based Design of VI Qualification Test Sets: Data-Driven Justifications for Bracketing Approaches	Clear Solutions Laboratories

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	Enhancing Pharmaceutical Visual Inspection: A Case Study on Molded vs Tubular Vials in the Era of AI and Automation	<i>SGD Pharma</i>
	Q&A, Discussion	
10:30	Coffee Break, Poster Session & Exhibition	
Session 5: Automated and Intelligent Inspection Technologies		Moderator: John Shabushnig, <i>Insight Pharma</i>
	Rethinking Visual Inspection – From Today’s Challenges to a Fully Digital Future	<i>Körber Pharma Inspection</i>
	Implementation of a Hybrid Semi-Automatic Visual Inspection (H-SAVI) Process Employing Deep Learning for Pre-Filled Syringe Inspection	<i>Sanofi</i>
	Q&A, Discussion	
12:20	Lunch Break, Poster Session & Exhibition	
Closing Plenary: Managing Risk and Regulatory Expectations		Moderator: Andrea Sardella, <i>Brevetti & Antonio Burazer, Takeda</i>
	Visible Particulate Control for Injectable Pharmaceutical Products – Scientific and Regulatory Considerations	<i>U.S. Food and Drug Administration</i>
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	From Detection to Decision: Navigating Particle Risks in Parenteral Development	<i>Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma</i>

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	Plenary Discussion	
14:45	Coffee Break, Poster Session & Exhibition	
	Passport Raffle via PDA Europe	
	Best Poster Presentation	
	Interactive Session Join our Interactive Session – Engage directly with experts, industry professionals, regulators, and academic leaders in a lively and thought-provoking discussion.	
	Co-Chairs Conference Summary	Andrea Sardella, <i>Brevetti</i> & Antonio Burazer, <i>Takeda</i>
	Closing Remarks & Farewell	Falk Klar, <i>PDA Europe</i>
16:35	End of Conference	

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