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## Respiratory Drug Delivery 2022: Bringing the respiratory world together in person and virtually

The Organizers of the Respiratory Drug Delivery Conference Series

Some readers may still be accessing the excellent, peer-reviewed papers presented at (virtual) RDD<sup>®</sup> 2021, while others may already have moved on to planning their participation in RDD 2022. Whichever group you fall into, it's likely you're asking the same question, "Will RDD 2022 be held in person?" The answer is "yes," and we invite you to join us at the Omni Orlando ChampionsGate, in Orlando, Florida, May 1-5, 2022. Of course, the COVID-19 pandemic has proven unpredictable so if an in-person conference becomes impractical for any reason, we are well equipped to revert to a virtual event.

Many of us yearned for the creative boost that in-person conferences have historically provided, but it's undeniable that the pandemic forced us to explore new ways of interacting and innovating, and it seems sensible to retain the best of these. Doing so will also allow RDD 2022 delegates who are not yet ready, willing or able to travel to the United States to participate in one of the world's premier, international gatherings focused exclusively on pulmonary and nasal drug delivery.

During RDD 2021, lively, real-time, Zoom "Explore with Experts" discussion sessions attracted a large number of delegates, and clearly showed the hunger to keep pace with scientific, commercial and regulatory developments. Knowledge Spaces respected everyone's time by making it easy to find presentations and companies working in the same area. Extended viewing times for on-demand presen-

tations and corporate displays maximized worldwide access and allowed for better balancing of work and life commitments.

### Combining the best in-person and online features

RDD 2022 will extend these successes into an in-person conference experience that provides value to both hand-shakers and online likers! Here's how:

- Knowledge Spaces will be created in the physical space in Florida as well as online. Organizing scientific content by theme will make related expert presentations, posters and company exhibits easy to find.
- All delegates will be able to view presentations, posters and exhibits, although on-demand access to some content may not be available until several days after it is presented live. Electronic access to published conference articles will be available prior to the event, allowing review of presentations before, as well as after, the live conference ends.
- RDD 2022 will afford conference sponsors maximum visibility and companies will benefit from an expanded virtual presence when they commit to running an in-person exhibit table. This will include a Meeting Scheduler tool to arrange discussions with clients.

As scientists, regulators, clinicians, solution providers and business professionals come together in Florida next Spring, the RDD organizers remain committed to

following national and local pandemic precautions for ensuring everyone's safety. We will also update the conference website to show steps that the Omni Orlando ChampionsGate is taking and expectations for in-person delegates. The auditorium and exhibition spaces may look different than you have experienced at past RDD conferences, but you can count on the fabulous science, inclusive social events, and great service for which RDD is known.

### RDD 2022 will feature:

- Knowledge Spaces making information tailored to your areas of interest easy to find.
- Prominent researchers and key opinion leaders from diverse backgrounds providing actionable insights relevant to science, regulation, business and clinical practice.
- Explore with Experts discussion sessions.
- Posters highlighting the latest developments from the aerosol community, with particularly innovative posters selected for presentation in the main auditorium during Posters on the Podium.
- Delegate-selectable workshops providing practical and interactive demonstrations of innovative technologies, products and services.
- Exhibit tables and online company profiles that highlight resources, solutions and connections.

- Networking events geared towards finding your next collaborator, customer or job.
- The Charles G. Thiel Award given to a scientist who has pioneered significant developments in the area of respiratory drug delivery. (Nominations will be accepted until November 30, 2021.)
- The RDD VCU Peter R. Byron Graduate Student Award given to a student who presents the highest quality research at the conference. (All accepted student poster abstract presenters are automatically eligible.)
- Sunday evening reception, Wednesday evening dinner and dancing and many included breakfasts, lunches and refreshment breaks for in-person delegates.

### **Preliminary Knowledge Space themes for RDD 2022 are:**

- New Therapeutics and Clinical Innovations
- Early-Stage Product Innovations
- Advancing Regulatory Science (Innovator and Generic)
- Pulmonary and Nasal Devices, including Connectivity and Sustainability
- Pulmonary and Nasal Formulations (including MDI, DPI, Nebulizer and Soft Mist)
- Instrumentation, Testing and Modeling

As Knowledge Spaces and other features of RDD 2022 evolve, updates will be posted at <https://www.rddonline.com/rdd2022>. The same conference website will be expanded later this year to allow for poster abstract submissions (deadline is January 21, 2022), registration and sponsorship sign-up at the Exhibitor, Workshop or Conference Supporter level.

For those who really like to plan ahead, RDD Europe 2023 will be held in Antibes (Nice), France, May 2-5, 2023. It too will be in-person at the very popular Palais

des Congrès d'Antibes. Details will be posted at [www.rddonline.com/rddeurope2023](http://www.rddonline.com/rddeurope2023).

We invite your participation in both of these RDD conferences in whatever way you feel most comfortable, and welcome feedback and questions at [info@rddonline.com](mailto:info@rddonline.com). You have a choice of conferences and trade shows to attend, but we hope a proven record of leading presenters, influential delegates and exhibitors, quality peer-reviewed papers and more than 30 years of conference excellence and innovation makes you confident to participate in Respiratory Drug Delivery now and in the future.