

# CROSS-INDUSTRY Organizations

## A review of RDD® 2022 and look ahead to RDD Europe 2023

The Organizers of the Respiratory Drug Delivery Conference Series

### Reviewing RDD 2022

Respiratory Drug Delivery (RDD®) 2022, held in May in Orlando, Florida, US, set a high bar for conferences focused on nasal and pulmonary drug delivery. RDD 2022 attracted approximately 500 participants from 26 countries, many working in corporate R&D, business development and management. They were joined by academics, regulators, clinicians and consultants active across all facets of drug delivery to the respiratory system. Notably, a significant number of companies participated for the first time. Most delegates attended in-person, but approximately 100 participated virtually, either by choice or due to personal circumstances.

Excellent sessions included:

- Focus on Therapeutics.
- Nasal Spotlight: New Tools to Streamline Nasal Product Approval.
- Project Green MDI: Next Generation Metered Dose Inhalers: Promise for Our Patients and the Planet.
- Aqueous Advances: Renewed Interest in Nebulizer Therapy.
- Designing DPIs—Perfecting Powders.
- Regulatory, Science and Technology Innovation: Enabling Novel and Improved OINDP Design, Development and Manufacturing, which was co-organized with the International Pharmaceutical Aerosol Consortium on Regulation & Science (IPAC-RS).



The program was augmented with a superb presentation by keynote speaker John Pritchard, who addressed, “Is the Climate Right for a New pMDI Propellant?”, a theme that continued during a lively Explore with Experts panel discussion that generated many audience questions.

In coordination with IPAC-RS, a second Explore with Experts session delved into the scientific, regulatory and legal issues arising as new respiratory products are commercialized. IPAC-RS intends to host future roundtables to facilitate additional discussion on these important topics including patient centric design and sustainability.

Twelve in-person workshops, 75 posters and 60 exhibits added to the program, as did the ability of in-person delegates to review any content they missed, by joining their virtual counterparts on the conference website to view on-demand recordings.

Günther Hochhaus of the University of Florida was selected as the recipient of the 2022 Charles G. Thiel Award for Outstanding Research and Discovery in Respiratory Drug Delivery. Jeffry Weers also received his Thiel award,

which had been announced at Digital RDD 2020. Both winners presented exceptional talks in Orlando, as did Nicholas Bunnert of Kiel University, who was awarded the VCU RDD Peter R. Byron Graduate Student Award.

All work presented at the conference remains available as peer-reviewed publications in the RDD Database, which now exceeds 2,700 papers available free to RDD 2022 delegates for a year.

All this science and knowhow was made possible by generous sponsors from the pharmaceutical industry and their suppliers, media partners, numerous volunteers, and most importantly, conference attendees. The conference organizers extend sincere thanks to each of these groups.

### Anticipated highlights of RDD Europe 2023

RDD Europe 2023: Bringing The Respiratory World Together will be held May 2-5, at the Palais des Congrès Antipolis in Nice (Antibes), France.

It promises to be an even better event, as it will build on these popular features:

- Top-notch presenters covering timely topics that matter to RDD delegates.
- Knowledge Spaces that integrate speakers, workshops, poster presenters and exhibitors active in specific areas of inhalation drug delivery science and business.
- Live streaming and recording of presentations to provide additional viewing options.
- Seamless access to on-demand content including peer-reviewed scientific publications, beginning before the in-person conference and lasting for several weeks after the conference closes.
- Conference design that respects the networking needs of all delegates.
- Submit Poster Abstracts by January 24, 2023.
- Exhibitors, Workshop Presenters and Conference Supporters should sign up now to enjoy maximum Company Profile visibility on the conference website before the conference opens.

RDD Europe 2023 will feature a must-see Program arranged around Knowledge Spaces; Posters on the Podium; Poster and Exhibition sessions, Workshops, an Opening Reception and a Gala Dinner. Co-organizers RDD Online and Aptar Pharma cordially invite the respiratory drug delivery community to come together for this renowned conference in France next May.

COVID-19 has caused delegate and sponsor expectations to evolve, and RDD Online and Aptar Pharma, who will jointly organize RDD Europe 2023, will work hard to meet these expectations both online and on-site in Antibes, France. The co-organizers are committed to both quality science and connecting delegates to information, collaborators and companies that will help enhance their skills and capabilities.

It is impossible to know the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2, or how employers will view international travel in Spring 2023. The organizers of RDD Europe 2023 hope to welcome as many delegates as possible face-to-face, but will ensure flexibility in case some delegates decide to participate virtually.

To ensure maximum value from RDD Europe 2023, delegates are invited to:

- Add the conference dates to their calendars now. In-person: May 2-5, 2023 and Extended Access: April 25-June 30, 2023.
- Bookmark and visit [www.rddonline.com/rddeurope2023](http://www.rddonline.com/rddeurope2023) to obtain the latest conference participation and sponsorship information.
- Plan for active participation to enjoy the best possible networking experience.