

PSCI News Update - April 2021

Message from the Chair

Dear all,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021 and my first as PSCI Chair. It continues to be a challenging time for the pharmaceutical industry. The Covid-19 pandemic is still having a significant effect on all aspects of our lives, including the personal and professional, but it is clear that our members and suppliers continue to adapt, innovate, and move forward regardless.

At the PSCI, we too have been moving forward over the past few months in line with our new strategy. As you'll read below, we recently published the results of our popular [Member Benchmarking Survey](#), continued to develop our remote audit program, and are planning for our Virtual Spring meeting in May. I am also happy to share that we launched our commitment to support the State Government of Telangana's [Musi River Revitalization Initiative](#) on World Water Day (22 March).

Whilst we cannot meet in person at the Spring Meeting, I do hope to see many of you there virtually to continue and share in our successes together, despite these challenging times.

Best wishes,

Manjit Singh

PSCI Chair and Associate Director of Corporate Sustainability at Centrient Pharmaceuticals

Manjit Singh (Centrient)



Recent Events

[PSCI Virtual Auditor Training](#)

24 November-3 December 2020

[PSCI Webinar: New PSCI Capability-Building Vision & Strategy](#)

4 February 2021

[PSCI Webinar: Emerging Business & Human Rights Legislation](#)

25 February 2021

[PSCI Webinar: Preparing for a remote audit](#)

3 March 2021

[PSCI Audit Partner Annual Meeting](#)

25 March 2021

Upcoming Events

[PSCI Webinar: Safety Leadership](#) (delivered in Mandarin)

8 April 2021

[PSCI Webinar: PSCI Environmental Survey for suppliers on the Link \(version for members\)](#)

12 April 2021

[PSCI Webinar: PSCI Environmental Survey for suppliers on the Link \(version for suppliers\)](#)

15 April 2021

[PSCI Virtual Spring Meeting](#)

10-12 May 2021

PSCI Virtual Spring Meeting

The PSCI Spring Meeting will take place virtually on 10-12 May 2021 (9:00am-12:45pm U.S. Eastern time). Members will get to hear about the PSCI's most recent progress, (virtually) network with peers, and get the latest insights on several industry topics such as biosafety, Scope 3 emissions, and responsible procurement programs.

To register, please click on [this link](#). Registration is open until 5 May 2021.



Supporting Members on Remote Audits

In the context of the Covid-19 crisis, many PSCI member companies are (at least partially) reliant on remote supplier auditing. It was therefore decided in January 2021 that remote audits would count as much as onsite audits for the purpose of the PSCI audit sharing program. In order to help members understand the recent updates to the PSCI [audit guidance](#) (now covering the option of conducting a full or partial remote audit) and [SAQ templates](#), a training webinar was organized on 3 March. Members had the opportunity to share their remote auditing experience on the webinar, and questions from the audience (and relevant answers) have since been turned into an FAQ document for members (available [here](#)). The recording and slides are available to members [here](#).

In order to further build capacity and learn from best practice within the industry, members are invited to keep on sharing their experience with the rest of the PSCI membership. To support this, a remote audit checklist will be compiled in the coming weeks and shared with members and suppliers through The Link.



Musi River Position Statement Now Public

On [World Water Day](#) (22 March), the PSCI announced its formal commitment to support the Musi River Revitalization Initiative. The Initiative supports the efforts of the State of Telangana to reduce pollution of the Musi River, specifically in the immediate vicinity of the two drainage canals that flow into the world-heritage Hussain Sagar lake where a number of PSCI member suppliers' operations are situated. The full statement is available [here](#).

As part of our collaboration with CPhI, PSCI Chair Manjit Singh has penned an article about the Initiative and the PSCI's involvement. The article is available on CPhI's online platform [here](#).



PiE/AMR Media Outreach Campaign

In March 2020, the PSCI published a [Position Statement](#) on our approach to Pharmaceutical in the Environment and Anti-microbial resistance (PiE/AMR). We continue to demonstrate our support for combating PiE/AMR through the work of our dedicated Topic Team and resources available for members and suppliers.

For [World Health Day](#) (7 April), we launched an infographic explaining our position and how we are playing a role in combating this growing threat. Check out our [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) for more.

Drug-resistant diseases could cause 10 million deaths each year by 2050, and push 24 million people into extreme poverty by 2030, according to the WHO.

Learn more about how PSCI members work together fight this growing public health threat.

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Supplier Updates and Resources

Where to start if you're new to the PSCI

If you're new to the PSCI, you'll find all our news, key resources, and training materials on our website (available [here](#)). As a start, here are our key resources:

- The [PSCI Principles for Responsible Supply Chain Management](#) set the standard for human rights, ethics, labor, health and safety, environment and related management systems. The Principles may be voluntarily supported by any business in the pharmaceutical industry. The [PSCI Principles e-learning tool](#) will help you understand and implement the Principles.
- This [introductory video to the PSCI](#) and the [PSCI Overview Presentation](#) summarizes what the PSCI is and does, and covers other useful information including our membership structure and application process.
- The [PSCI Annual Report 2019](#) provides an overview of the PSCI's activities and progress in 2020. Our 2020 Annual Report will be launched in April.

As a supplier to PSCI member companies, you may also wish to join '[The Link for Suppliers](#),' our community platform dedicated to suppliers. Launched back in the Spring 2020, it offers easy access to resources and audit sharing, plus the chance to engage in dialogue with and hear latest news from the PSCI. Suppliers of PSCI member companies are encouraged to sign up. You can find out more [here](#).

We also offer two annual conferences for suppliers in India and China to learn from industry experts on key topics. These conferences will take place in September 2021. The full agenda and registration will be shared shortly. Watch this space!

We also have a WeChat channel used by 550+ suppliers – scan the QR code below or use the ID ‘制药供应链组织PSCI’ to join.



Member Updates and Resources

Current Openings for Leads and Members for Topic Teams

We're looking for volunteers to join and lead recently created specialist teams! If you or one of your PSCI colleagues has an interest in Management Systems, Biosafety, or in measuring the PSCI's impact on members and suppliers, and would like to contribute, please reach out to the Secretariat (info@pscinitiative.org).



Welcome to our New Members

We've welcomed five new members since December 2020: CSL, Eisai Co. Limited, Vetoquinol, Reckitt Benckiser, and UCB. We welcome their genuine commitment to responsible supply chain practices. This brings our total membership to 49.

CSL is an Australian biotechnology company with operations in more than 35 countries that researches, develops, manufactures, and markets products to treat and prevent serious human medical conditions. For more details, see [here](#).



Eisai Co Limited is a Japanese pharmaceutical company headquartered in Tokyo, Japan operating globally in terms of R&D, manufacturing, distribution and marketing, with a strong focus on prescription medicines. For more details, see [here](#).



Vetoquinol is one of the largest veterinary pharmaceutical businesses. Headquartered in France, it operates in 24 countries across the globe. For more details, see [here](#).



UCB is a multinational biopharmaceutical company headquartered in Belgium. For more details, see [here](#).



RB (Reckitt Benckiser) is a British multinational consumer goods company with a significant healthcare division. For more details, see [here](#).



Member Benchmarking Survey Report

In 2020, PSCI members were invited to participate in the third formal PSCI Member Benchmarking Survey. The results are available in our recently published [Insights Report](#), providing year-on-year trends and a snapshot from 2020. Key take-aways from the report are:

- The PSCI's profile is growing within companies
- Collaboration between members and suppliers is expanding
- We are seeing higher uptake of the PSCI audit and wider communication of the PSCI Principles
- The importance of responsible procurement is increasing
- Risk-based approaches to responsible procurement have gained traction
- Supply chain resilience and human rights have risen up corporate agendas



Raw Materials Guides - All 14 Guides Now Available

The guides for 14 raw materials (natural rubber, aluminium, shellac, glass, fish oil, castor oil, sugar, talc, cellulose, palm oil, corn, ethanol, soy, carnaúba wax) are available to PSCI members [here](#). This desk-based assessment identifies potential human rights and environmental impacts of a set of materials agreed by the PSCI due to their importance to the pharmaceutical industry. Each guide details the production process (and countries of production) of the relevant material and the associated potential impacts, as well as existing sustainability initiatives.



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