



# SECOND ANNUAL M-CERSI DAY

SEPT. 5, 2013 • 8:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.

## OPEN PROGRAM

8:30-9 a.m.

Breakfast and Registration

9-9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

**JAMES POLLI, PHD**

Shangraw/Noxell Endowed  
Chair in Industrial Pharmacy  
and Pharmaceutics  
University of Maryland  
School of Pharmacy

**WILLIAM BENTLEY, PHD**

Robert E. Fischell Distinguished  
Professor and Chair  
Fischell Department  
of Bioengineering  
University of Maryland,  
College Park

**FRANK WEICHOLD, MD, PHD**

Director of Regulatory Science  
and Innovation  
Food and Drug Administration

**NATALIE D. EDDINGTON,  
PHD, FAAPS, FCP**

Dean and Professor  
University of Maryland  
School of Pharmacy

9:15-9:40 a.m.

*A Bayesian Adaptive Trial  
for CER: Case Study in  
Status Epilepticus*

**JASON CONNOR, PHD**

Statistical Scientist  
Berry Consultants

9:40-10:05 a.m.

*Improving Consistency  
through Product  
Review Modernization*

**CHARLES "CHUCK" COOPER, MD**

Deputy Director, Office  
of Computational  
Science in the Office  
of Translational Science  
Food and Drug  
Administration (FDA)

10:05-10:30 a.m.

*Biomarker as a Drug  
Development Tool and  
Biomarker Qualification  
at FDA/CDER*

**SHASHI AMUR, PHD**

Biomarker Qualification  
Scientific Coordinator  
Food and Drug Administration

10:30-11 a.m.

Break

11-11:25 a.m.

*Streamlining the Development and  
Approval Processes for 505(B)(2)  
NDA Applications*

**SANJAY SEHGAL, PHD**

Managing Director  
Aexelar Regulatory Experts, Inc.

11:25-11:50 a.m.

*Research Initiatives in the  
FDA's Office of Generic Drugs*

**ROBERT LIONBERGER, PHD**

Acting Deputy Director for Science  
Office of Generic Drugs  
Food and Drug Administration

11:50 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lunch and Poster Session

## CLOSED SESSIONS

***Afternoon meetings are open only  
to FDA and University of Maryland  
content experts, Steering  
Committee members, Advisory  
Panel members, and CERSI  
Industrial Consortia members.***

1-2:30 p.m.

Project 1:  
Improving Pre-Clinical  
Assessments of Safety  
and Efficacy  
*Location: Room N208*

1-2:30 p.m.

Project 2:  
Ensuring Readiness  
*Location: Room S410*

1-2:30 p.m.

Project 3:  
Harnessing Diverse Data  
*Location: Room N310*

1-2:30 p.m.

Project 4:  
Minority Health  
*Location: Room S103*

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Feedback from and  
wrap-up with M-CERSI  
Advisory Panel and  
Industrial Consortia members  
*Location: Room N203*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## SPEAKER BIOS

**JASON CONNOR, PHD**, works for Berry Consultants designing Bayesian adaptive clinical trials. He is also an assistant professor of medicine at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine and a visiting professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. Dr. Connor earned his BS in biomedical engineering from Texas A&M University and his PhD in statistics and in public policy from Carnegie Mellon University.

**CHARLES "CHUCK" COOPER, MD**, is a board-certified infectious disease specialist who for several years served as a clinical reviewer in the Division of Anti-Infective Products in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at the FDA. He then spent three years in the FDA's Quantitative Safety and Pharmacoepidemiology Division in the Office of Biostatistics. He currently is deputy director in CDER's Office of Computational Science in the Office of Translational Science and is focused on initiatives aimed at modernizing the drug review process. This work includes review software/tool/service development and deployment, as well as development of the associated underlying data standards. He practices at Greater Baden Medical Services where he provides care to HIV patients. Dr. Cooper is a graduate of Georgetown Medical School and did his residency training at Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester, and a fellowship at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

**SANJAY SEHGAL, PHD**, serves as the managing director at Aexelar Regulatory Experts, Inc., in Exton, Pa. Dr. Sehgal has strategized, guided, and authored multiple global registration dossiers and has negotiated approvals for eight New Drug Applications (NDAs) including a 505(B)(2) drug-device combination. Recently, he led the review and approval processes for a resubmitted 505(B)(2) NDA along with the associated labels (PI, carton, co-package), advertising and promotional materials, and adverse event reporting to the FDA.

**SHASHI AMUR, PHD**, received her doctoral degree in biochemistry from the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, India, and completed postdoctoral fellowships at Temple University and the University of California, Los Angeles. She then gained experience in diagnostic and biotech sectors at Specialty Laboratories in Santa Monica, Calif., at Applied Biosystems in Foster City, Calif., and at Neotropix Inc. in Malvern, Pa., before joining the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at the FDA as a senior genomics reviewer in the Office of Clinical Pharmacology (OCP). Dr. Amur has been an invited speaker at national and international conferences and is the author of several scientific publications. Her current research interest areas include pharmacogenomics, HLA-associated adverse events, and biomarkers in autoimmune diseases and in Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Amur has served as chair of the Pharmacogenomics Science Interest Group and the OCP Science Day Committee at OCP/CDER/FDA and has organized seminars and workshops in CDER/FDA. She is currently the chair of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists' Pharmacogenomics Focus Group.

**ROBERT LIONBERGER, PHD**, is acting deputy director for science in the Office of Generic Drugs (OGD) at the FDA. He received his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Stanford University and a PhD in chemical engineering from Princeton University, working on modeling the rheology of colloidal suspensions. After his PhD, he completed two years of postdoctoral research in Australia in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Melbourne. Prior to joining the FDA, he was an assistant professor of chemical engineering at the University of Michigan, where he was involved in the development of a new pharmaceutical engineering program. At the FDA, his accomplishments include the development of bioequivalence methods for locally acting drugs, mathematical modeling of drug dissolution and absorption, and incorporation of product and process development information into the Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA)-Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls (CMC) review process. He is currently leading OGD's implementation of the Generic Drug User Fee Amendments regulatory science commitments.

