The German Quality Management Association (GQMA) is Germany’s largest and Europe’s second largest association dedicated to quality management in research and development of medicinal products, medical devices and plant protection products. Our work focuses on assuring optimum quality with regard to research and development of chemical, pharmaceutical and agrochemical substances. This includes meeting statutory regulations, as well as adapting to the requirements of industrial change. Good research practice helps to ensure high standards of quality and safety through to the finished product – and therefore benefits both people and the environment.

GQMA - formerly known as the German Society for Good Research Practice (DGGF) - was registered as a nonprofit association in 1995. Our mission is to facilitate the exchange of information and experience between our members, to broaden our members’ professional knowledge, to help develop and promote quality management standards, to cooperate with other Quality Assurance Societies throughout the world, to liaise with regulatory agencies in the development and interpretation of regulations and guidance.

Our members include quality assurance professionals, study directors, study physicians, study monitors, technical staff, archivists and other practitioners. They work in industrial enterprises and contract research organizations, in laboratories and hospitals, in government agencies, or freelance. All of them share the same interest in high standards of quality management in their particular field.

The main contributions to the Society’s activities come from the GQMA working groups. Here, interested members exchange experience and information and contribute to conferences, seminars, publications and legal commentaries.

The working groups operate within the major fields of:
- Good Laboratory Practice (GLP)
- Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
- Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)
- Good Pharmacovigilance Practice (GPvP)
- Good Distribution Practice (GDP).

Additional groups focus on cross-cutting topics such as: Computing, Archiving, Quality Risk Management, Field Studies and Analytics.

GQMA is in constant touch with quality management associations throughout the world. Moreover, our association collaborates with German and international regulatory agencies where necessary.

GQMA’s most prominent event is the “International Meeting”. This annual conference on Quality Management attracts experts from around the world. The International Meeting is preceded by the “Pre-conference training” - an advanced education event.

Working to the high standards of GxP is challenging. The legislative framework conditions and the actual working environments are subject to constant change. To master these challenges, it is essential to continuously broaden one’s professional knowledge and to interact with people who have similar concerns.

Our members benefit from
- Exchange of experience and acquisition of know-how within the GQMA working groups
- Valuable networking opportunities
- Substantial discount on the GQMA International Meeting and GQMA training program
- A wealth of quality related information (from our working groups and beyond) in the member area of the GQMA website.
GQMA membership is open to all those working in the areas of quality assurance and quality management, worldwide.

The annual subscription amounts to 60 € (direct debit within Germany) or 75 € (bank transfer from abroad) respectively. The one-time membership initiation fee is 25 €.

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