

Trainers' Biography

1) Donald L. Bjerke



Dr. Don Bjerke is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology. He is currently Senior Director and Research Fellow at the Procter & Gamble Company (P&G) and has spent more than 30 years providing global safety support for drug products, medical devices, dietary supplements, and cosmetics. Don is also an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati, James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences teaching cosmetic and topical OTC drug product safety while mentoring and serving on committees for graduate students.

Don is a Diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology and is a member of the Society of Toxicology, the Society of Cosmetic Chemists, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, and the American Association of the Advancement of Science. He is widely recognized as a technical expert in the field of toxicology and has a long record of partnering with Regulatory Authorities around the globe. Don is the Chair of the Cosmetic Ingredient Review Science and Support Committee and a member of the Cosmetic Ingredient Review Steering Committee. At P&G, Don has provided key litigation support, led the Risk Assessment expert team, and took immense pride in recruiting and developing the next generation of safety scientists.

Consumers all over the world, including ourselves and our families, use cosmetic and personal care products daily. Ensuring the safety of those who use our products, and the safety of the world we live in, is the cornerstone of what we do. The risk assessment process is quite complex, integrating numerous factors including any potential effects, potency considerations, exposure, and human relevance. Further, rapid advances in the development of non-animal testing alternatives including computational models further challenges the risk assessor to assure the most current and relevant data are used appropriately. Together we will continue to maintain the trust granted in us by our family of consumers.

2) Angela Bearth



Dr. Angela Bearth has a degree in Social and Health Psychology from the University of Zurich and has a PhD in Risk Research. For several years, she worked as senior scientist at the Consumer Behavior group at the Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH Zurich) and at the Swiss Centre for Applied Human Toxicology (SCAHT) at the University of Basel. In her current position, she acts as Co-CEO and partner in her own consulting and R&D company HF Partners. Angela's areas of expertise are stakeholder engagement, risk communication and judgment and

decision-making regarding chemical and technological risks (e.g., new genomic techniques in plant breeding, trace chemicals in consumer products, pesticide use in agriculture). She is president-elect of the Society for Risk Analysis Europe (SRA-E), vice-president of the Forum for Genetic Research and member of the Scientific Committee of the European Food Safety Authority 2024-2029 (EFSA).

3) Jeff Li



Dr. Jeff Li is an esteemed Principal Scientist with nearly two decades of invaluable expertise in P&G. His focus lies in the realm of Asia chemical regulations and China sustainability policies. Jeff has played a crucial role as a technical advisor for P&G Asia, shaping and guiding the company's chemical compliance strategies. His contribution extends to monitoring and influencing the development of both established and emerging Asia chemical legislations, as well as China sustainability regulations.

Jeff's extensive involvement in various industry associations, such as the Singapore Chemical Industry Council (SCIC), American Chemical Council (ACC), and China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation (CPCIF), demonstrates his commitment to chemical control and sustainability legislations. He leverages these partnerships to provide comprehensive training sessions to industry professionals and government authorities on topics such as the global chemical legislation system, chemical risk assessment, and GHS compliance for consumer goods.

With a solid educational foundation in chemistry, Jeff holds a bachelor's degree and Ph.D. from Tsinghua University in China. His academic background further enhances his ability to tackle complex challenges in the field.

4) Willy Chin



Dr. Willy Chin is a Senior Scientist in the Global Product Stewardship Department of Procter & Gamble and based in P&G Singapore Innovation Center. He has close to 7.5 years of professional experience in Asia-Pacific regulatory compliance management and provides regional regulatory consulting and expertise to support end-to-end innovation in beauty care, with a focus on skin and hair care brands. He is an executive committee member of The Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association of Singapore (CTFAS) and in July 2023, was appointed as a committee member of the ASEAN Cosmetics Association (Safety & Toxicology Working

Group). He is currently also an adjunct lecturer at Singapore Polytechnic for the Advanced Diploma in Specialty Chemicals programme where he teaches on cosmetic products regulations in Asia. Willy obtained his Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours) in Applied Chemistry from NUS in 2011 and was subsequently awarded NUS Graduate School for Integrative Sciences & Engineering (NGS) Scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. in Polymer Science and Engineering. He has culminated 5 years of multidisciplinary academic and international industrial research experience in the design and development of synthetic polymers for anti-microbial, water purification and drug delivery applications.

5) Bhashkar Mukerji



Dr. Bhashkar Mukerji, a seasoned professional with over 3 decades of experience in product safety and regulatory affairs within the cosmetic industry, holds a PhD in Biomedical Sciences. His career has spanned across prominent multinational corporations, including Unilever and J&J, and he presently holds the position of Head of Regulatory Affairs and Product Safety at Givaudan Fragrances in the APAC region. Bhashkar's expertise encompasses Toxicology Hazard Evaluation, Risk Assessment, In-vitro Animal Alternatives, Cosmetic Product Clinical Safety, Product Stewardship, and Regulatory Analysis. He possesses extensive

knowledge in safety assessments of botanical ingredients used in cosmetics. Moreover, he has actively engaged with various industry associations such as ACA, IFRA, and Cosmetic Europe, and is at the forefront of influential initiatives within the APAC region. His involvement in regulatory negotiations and discussions with ASEAN authorities highlight his significant contributions to the field.

6) Sanghee Park



Dr. Sanghee Park received her BSc in Chemistry and MSc in Physical Chemistry in 1994 and 1996 respectively at Ewha Woman's University, South Korea. She then obtained her PhD in 2005 in Environmental Health (QSAR) at Yonsei University, South Korea. She previously was a Senior Researcher at the New Chemical Notification Division of the National Institute of Environmental Research (NIER) in the Ministry of Environment (MoE). She has served as an expert advisor for the Korean national GHS implementation and in the Task Force for K-REACH and K-BPR legislation. She has been involved in many MoE projects on K-REACH, K-BPR and GHS implementation. She is a Board Member of the Korea Chemical Management Association (KCMA). Dr Park is currently the CEO of Chemtopia Co., Ltd, one of the top environmental and chemical regulatory consulting firms in Korea.

7) Sanghyeon Yeon



Dr. Sanghyeon Yeon received her BSc in Biotechnology and Environmental Engineering and MSc in Life Sciences in 2010 and 2013 at Catholic University and Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology respectively, South Korea. Then he obtained his PhD in 2017 in Pharmacy at Catholic University. He started his career as a Researcher and Toxicologist at Chemtopia in 2017. Currently, he and his team lead a couple of national projects sponsored by the Korean authorities including the National Information Society Agency (NIA) to develop AI-based hazard analysis and assessment technology to support hazard verification for chemical safety management.

8) Seok (Soga) Kwon



Dr. Seok (Soga) Kwon serves as an Associate Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Yong Yoo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore. Before he joined the National University of Singapore, Soga dedicated 24 years of his career to working as an industrial toxicologist at Procter & Gamble (P&G), specializing in Global Product Stewardship within the Research & Development division. Soga has played a pivotal role in organizing the annual Asia safety expert workshop, a critical platform for risk communication and collaboration among safety and regulatory experts across Asia. Additionally, Soga serves the advisory board for a project titled "Collaboration to Harmonise the Assessment of Next Generation Evidence" led by the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment. He also chairs the Read-Across Work Group at the Korean Society of Toxicology, facilitating scientific collaboration among safety and regulatory experts from both public and private sectors. This group acts as a think tank, providing scientific consultation to stakeholders, including regulatory authorities. He also served on safety advisory committees at the National Institute of Food and Drug Safety Evaluation and the National Institute of Environmental Research in the Republic of Korea. Soga completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Endocrine, Reproductive & Developmental Toxicology Program at the Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology (CIIT) in North Carolina, USA, and a visiting fellowship in the Laboratory of Reproductive & Developmental Toxicology at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in North Carolina, USA. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, at Urbana-Champaign, USA.