DIA Nonprofit Status Statement

DIA (Drug Information Association) is a global, nonprofit, neutral, multi-stakeholder (including regulators, academia, industry and patients) and member-driven organization, dedicated to meeting the information and educational needs of individuals involved in the development, regulation, and life-cycle management of pharmaceuticals and medical products. Our vision and mission is as follows:

Vision: DIA is the global forum for knowledge exchange that fosters innovation to raise the level of health and well-being worldwide.

Mission: DIA fosters innovation to improve health and well-being by:

- *Providing invaluable forums to exchange vital information and discuss current issues related to medical products, technologies and services:*
- *Delivering customized learning experiences;*
- *Building, maintaining and facilitating trusted relationships with and among individuals and organizations that drive and share DIA values and mandates; and*
- *Offering a multi-disciplinary neutral environment, respected globally for integrity and relevancy.*

DIA is funded by program and membership fees and is independent from support by industry or any stakeholder group. DIA's role is not to advocate, but to serve as a platform for exchange.

DIA is led by a volunteer Board of Directors and each region is similarly supported by a regional advisory council. DIA is also home to 30 global Special Interest Area Communities (SIACs). These are "virtual" communities that represent disciplines involved in medical product development, regulation and life cycle management.

In its programming, DIA maintains certain standards that assure its neutrality and scientific integrity. Specifically, it means:

- DIA does not lobby in any way or take positions on any issues.
- DIA's presenters are not paid – nor does DIA accept any sponsorship for our programming – and our presenters do not lobby in our fora.
- DIA does not promote specific professionals or individual agendas.
- DIA program chairs and speakers participate as volunteers to share best practices.
- DIA maintains the highest standards for disclosure for program committees and speakers.

Through its regional offices, DIA organizes approximately 200 conferences and training programs annually. These venues serve as neutral fora for regulatory agencies to inform about new and important reporting, compliance and other requirements and developments. DIA strives to coordinate its activities with regulatory agencies from around the world as well as global organizations such as the ICH, the WHO, World Bank, and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Agencies will participate in planning and provide speakers, based on the needs of the specific programs.

DIA publishes a bimonthly, scientific, peer-reviewed journal, *Therapeutic Innovation and Regulatory Science*, and a bimonthly association magazine, *Global Forum.* DIA's website, www.diahome.org, provides access to information about DIA, its structure, leadership, and staff; upcoming training and events; its publications; and reports from meetings and workgroups.

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