

Single-Use BioProcessing Automation committee

Overview statement

Single-use bioprocessing automation is specific and increasingly more used, good practices and education should help to adopt single-use technologies more broadly and would provide insight where the industry should go related to this matter.

Team Members



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- Genara Andrade, DuPont
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Active recruiting in-progress

BPSA

- Jeanette McCool, Senior Director
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BPSA Automation Survey



- 1. Selected 5 pain points from Brainstorm sessions on top pain points related to single-use automation
 - Based on committee members experience.
- 2. Decided to verify pain points through industry survey.
- 3. Several channels used to increase the reach of the survey
 - BPSA & company mailing list
 - Aspen Alert mailing thanks to Bürkert
- 4. Response rate 99 ppl, but only 43 responded to pain points questions
 - Selected pain points confirmed by responders.
 - Only 13 end-users. Did we reach the right audience?
 - Limited data to draw conclusions.
- 5. Confirmation/Identification of pain points from KOL:
 - Webinars Q1 2023.
 - BPSA 2023 Summit Committee Meeting & Automation Session

Surveyed Pain Points



1. Communication protocols/ decentralized vs centralized control.

• Difficult to connect automation structures (no direct communication between systems), different integration/interfaces scenarios and options for local to supervisory control.

2. Integration into quality records

Integration of automation data into quality records. Regulatory compliance of automated systems.

3. Integrity, leak or CQA testing single-use setup

As single-use design complexity increases, also the integrity of these designs needs to be controlled/tested. Manual effort no automated solution.

4. Sensing performance & duration in single-use solutions

 Poor sensing and actuator performance for single-use offering, precision and accuracy is needed for long processes and control of these parameters.

5. Lack of automation in single-use process

• Only a limited amount of single-use process is automated, majority still requires manual intervention.

6. ~open input for additional pain point~