



Pictured from left to right: Gabriele Calizzani, Paolo Marcucci and Jan M. Bult

▲ KEDRION AWARDED QSEAL CERTIFICATION

PPTA President and CEO Jan M. Bult awarded Kedrion CEO Paolo Marcucci certification of the international Quality Standards of Excellence, Assurance, and Leadership (QSEAL) Program at a ceremony that took place April 7 at the Lucca, Italy-based headquarters of the company. On hand for the ceremony was a patient representative, Gabriele Calizzani, the president of Federazione delle Associazioni Emofilici, the Italian hemophilia association along with members of the Kedrion staff who made QSEAL certification a reality. “Ke-

dron has successfully met the criteria of the voluntary program, which goes beyond established government regulatory requirements and is designed to demonstrate the leadership of this industry through the development of initiatives that enhance the continued safety and quality of lifesaving plasma protein therapeutics,” Bult said in brief remarks during the ceremony. Kedrion is the sixth company to be QSEAL certified and joins Baxter BioScience, CSL Behring, Biotest, Grifols and Talecris Biotherapeutics.

▶ ON WEDNESDAY MAY 5, PPTA HELD ITS ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL FLY-IN

This event provided an opportunity for PPTA staff, member company representatives and patient organization representatives to advocate with concerted



Congressman John Shimkus (R-IL) spoke with participants at the 2010 PPTA Fly-In about his take on the new health care bill.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ABRA	American Blood Resources Association
BSE	Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy
CER	Comparative Effectiveness Research
CJD	Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
CPMP	Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products
CVID	Common Variable Immune Deficiency Disease
EHC	European Haemophilia Consortium
EID	Emerging Infectious Diseases
EPPOSI	European Platform for Patient Organisations, Science and Industry
EU	European Union
FDA	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
FDAAA	Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007
FR	Federal Register
HAEI	Hereditary Angiodema International
IDF	Immune Deficiency Foundation
IPOPI	International Patient Organization for Primary Immunodeficiencies

IPPC	International Plasma Protein Congress
ISBT	International Society Blood Transfusion
ITP	Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura
IVIG	Intravenous Immune Globulin
NDC	National Drug Code
PDSA	Platelet Disorder Support Association
PIDD	Primary Immune Deficiency Disease
PLUS	Platform of Plasma Protein Users
PPACA	Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
PSSC	Pathogen Safety Steering Committee
QSEAL	Quality Standards of Excellence, Assurance and Leadership
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SNDC	Serialized National Drug Code
SNI	Standardized Numerical Identifier
vCJD	variant Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease
WFH	World Hemophilia Federation
WHO	World Health Organization
WNV	West Nile Virus

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messages on legislative issues regarding access to plasma protein therapies. More than 35 participants met with nearly 60 congressional offices to advocate on important consumer initiatives such as improved home access to immune globulin for Medicare beneficiaries suffering with primary immune deficiencies, bleeding disorders awareness and screening, and improving beneficiary access to respiratory care under Medicare Part B.

► PLASMA COLLECTION INDUSTRY MEETS WITH STATE LEGISLATORS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF LIFESAVING PLASMA DONATION

Employees from Minnesota's 12 plasma collection centers met with key state legislators in the Spring to inform them of the importance of lifesaving plasma used to treat rare, chronic diseases and of the thriving business that plasma collection centers

contribute to the state.

"The importance of plasma donation and the plasma donor cannot be overemphasized," said Joshua Penrod, PPTA's vice president, Source.

"The plasma collection centers in Minnesota not only contribute to saving lives, they represent a valuable business in the state." Plasma centers in Minnesota employ hundreds of people with annual payrolls of millions of dollars. In addition, collectively these centers provide an economic benefit to the state through millions of dollars in compensation to plasma donors each year



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