



Thank You, Mary Straub!

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MARY STRAUB, SENIOR MANAGER,
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Mary Staub joined the Association in 1991 when the Source Division of PPTA was known as ABRA (American Blood Resources Association). Mary was brought on board to provide administrative support and it was during this time when ABRA developed the first voluntary standards programs for industry—the Quality Plasma Program (QPP)—which became the International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) shortly after ABRA’s assimilation into PPTA in 2000.

This past January, Mary celebrated 26 years with the Association, and at the end of July, she bid PPTA farewell as

she entered her retirement. Throughout her time with the Association, Mary’s industry knowledge and responsibilities grew. After the QPP transitioned into an international program, Mary undertook the responsibility of managing the IQPP and all of its components, which included oversight of the independent auditors, setting audit schedules, tracking certification fees, and issuing the IQPP certifications. In addition, Mary reviewed all IQPP audit findings, sent observation letters to industry contacts for IQPP, facilitated IQPP auditor training, and reviewed all corrective action responses. Mary has been invaluable in her role focusing on the safety and quality of plasma-derived medicines that many rare disease patients rely on. ●



We wish Mary all the best in retirement!

PPTA WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR UTMOST APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO MARY STRAUB FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE ASSOCIATION.

"I've had the pleasure of working with Mary S. for quite a number of years and I know I will miss her. She was a go-to person for help with IQPP questions and concerns and always had a smile on her face as she provided an answer or solution. Her knowledge of the programs and her corporate memory of where we came from will be sorely missed. I wish her the very best, and as I said at the [Plasma Protein] Forum, there will be some large shoes to fill!"

Charles Auger, Vice President, Quality and Regulatory Compliance, Grifols Plasma Operations

"Mary has always been so helpful, kind, and responsive! Wishing her much happiness and good health in her retirement! It has been a supreme pleasure to work with Mary over the years, and I know that what I'm expressing is just an example of what others in the industry are also feeling. She has touched so many lives in such a positive way every day, with all of the big and little extras done with a smile, and a wave of her wand. She will be greatly missed!

I appreciate all that Mary has done for the plasma industry in her many roles through the years. Although she will be missed, I wish her well in her new adventure.

Mary has played a significant and valuable part with the industry in her role with the certification

programs at PPTA. She has always been responsive, usually on very short notice, and has provided the necessary guidance, information, or certificates with a smile on her face and a cheerful response. We will miss her dearly and definitely wish her the best."

Roger Brinser, Head of Regulatory Affairs, BioLife Plasma Services L.P., Shire

"Mary has been instrumental in building and maintaining an aligned team of international IQPP Auditors. Her positive and supportive personality with continued support over the years has been very appreciated.

Mary will be dearly missed as a friend and in her professional capacity at PPTA!

Göte Carlebjörk, PPTA IQPP and QSEAL Auditor

"I appreciate Mary for all she has done for me personally and professionally, and all that she has done for her Source teammates and, indeed, all of her colleagues throughout PPTA.

We have been very fortunate to have a colleague so dedicated, focused, and downright friendly for so very long. We wish Mary nothing but the best as she enters the next phase of her life."

Joshua Penrod, PPTA Vice President, Source & International Affairs