



From Apollo 8 to Bioanalysis today

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12th EBF Open Symposium Imagine! A new bioanalytical Earthrise



Going back in time...the bigger perspective

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Regulations

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Taking a few steps back...The bigger perspective

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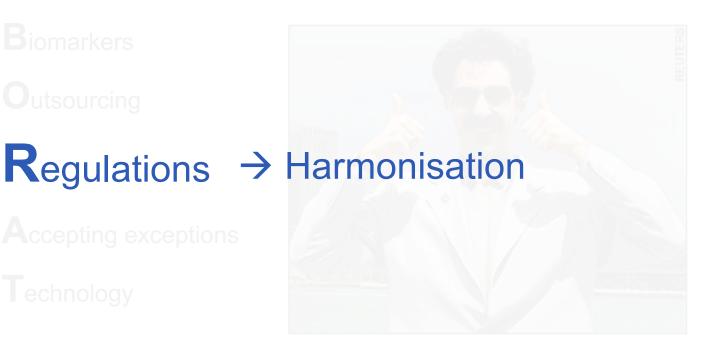
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In 2020, there was a lot of focus on:









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Not immediately applauded as thought to be impossible



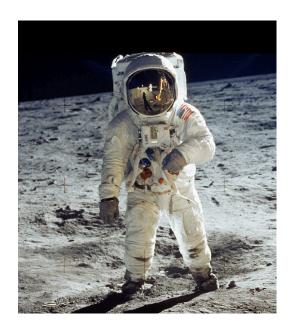
What could timelines look like for impossible projects?

An example from another industry



May 1961: I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, **before the decade** is out, of landing a man on the **moon** and returning him safely to Earth









So, we have 1y and 48 days left

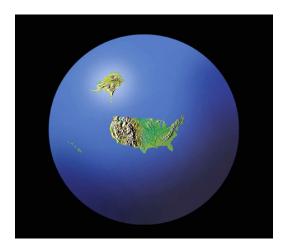
 $1961 \rightarrow 1969$

 $2012 \rightarrow 08 \text{ Jan. } 2021$



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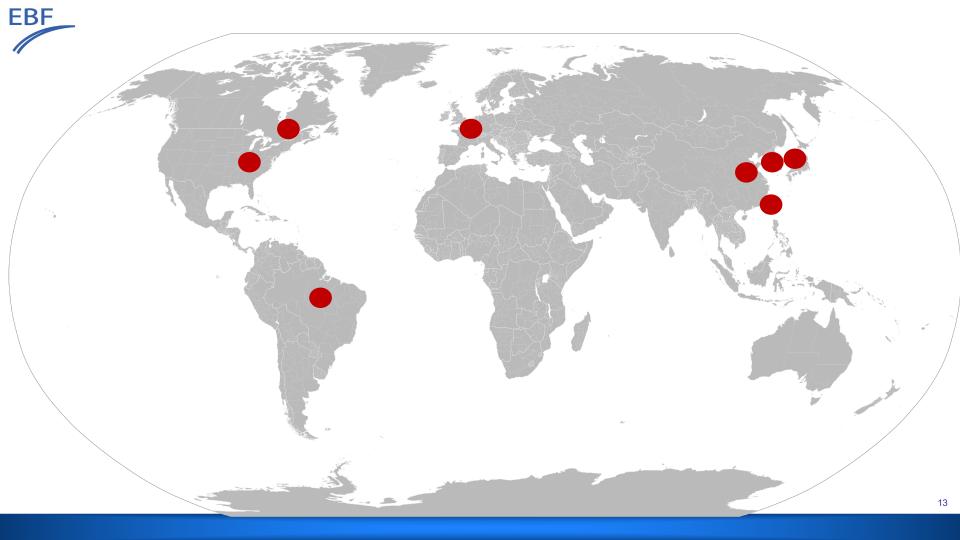
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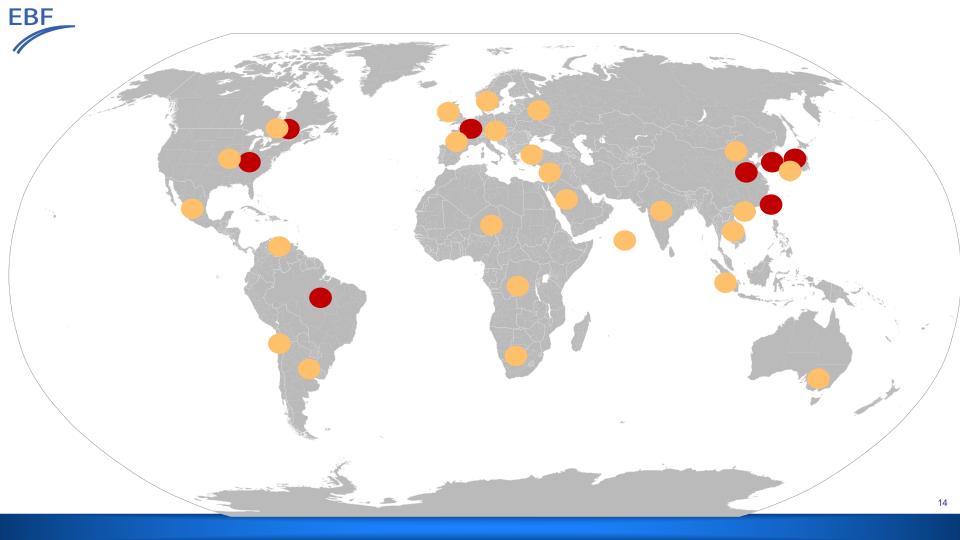


2016

- > 8 regional BA BMV guidelines
- > ICH M10 approved
- > And of course GLPs
- ➤ And many more additional guidelines, guidance on a variety of peripheral requirements













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Harmonisation

> Rocket science?



The future looks bright...ICH M10

From the 2010 Request for Harmonisation:

>therefore, the undersigned would like to ask health authorities worldwide to consider a collaboration and work towards a global harmonization of the guidelines on bioanalytical method validation and sample analysis for preclinical and clinical studies...



Yes, it's happening, and we are landing



Let's make the landing smooth!

ICH M10 public consultation:

- EBF and EFPIA: 60+ pages of comments back to EWG
- Similar trend from other industry organisations like AAPS, JBF

....on a document which, in essence, is a harmonisation of current guidelines/guidance and based on principles which are in practice since the last 2 or 3 decades....

Did we really comment on the ICH M10?

Or did we take the opportunity to comment on disagreements with FDA, EMA, HC, ANVISA, MHLW...



Rough Terrain?

- Industry is certainly not aligned in their day to day practices/message
 - some want everything to be regulated and prescribed
 - many want more scientific freedom, especially in early development, but are hesitant (internal or external push bask) or don't know how to apply it.
- ➤ Regulators around the world are increasingly aware but at the same time unclear/differ on support for alternatives to strict BMV
- Company Due Diligence, ignorance of valid alternatives by Stakeholders (poor communication from us?) and/or increased outsourcing pushes labs into full blown BMV for studies never really intended to be in scope



We share the same pain

We seem to be unanimous on some of the major areas of ambiguity or concern

- Scope, incl. non-clinical vs. clinical
- Stability (FDC, LT…)
- Method development
- Documentation
- ISR

And need to grab the opportunities

Decision-based acceptance criteria

Tackling also immunocapture assays or new technologies
 Ethical considerations (3Rs)



From the EWG meeting in Singapore

- > EWG received a lot of comments
- > EWG is working hard to evaluate all comments
 - Singapore (Saturday) Sunday → (Monday) → Wednesday
 - Next F2F planned End of May 2020
- > EWG is making very good progress on many of the important chapters of the guideline
- > Our comments will contribute/are contributing to increase quality and interpretation and remove ambiguity in many areas



Apollo 13

Some things we are not looking forward to



What would a Bioanalytical earth set look like...e.g.

- > The exception as the basis for the guideline
 - '483' for regulatory "non compliances" but within scientific excellence
- $ightharpoonup \Delta$ interpretation by Δ inspectors of the same or Δ region on a given requirement
- \triangleright complex and \triangle guidelines by \triangle organisations on the same themes
 - Data integrity expectations in different regions, GCP/GcLP/GLP
- > Requirements unique in 1 region
- ➤ (Us) Abandoning or stifling new technology because fitting them into a regulatory straight jacket (too soon or at all)
- ➤ No opportunity to interact with HA



Let's plan for Mars

- > What will EBF's focus on in the near future?
 - Interactions and collaborations
 - Scientific vs. regulatory requirements for Biomarkers (CoU)
 - The lovely worlds of ADA
 - Manageable requirements for DI and e-environment
 - New technologies / new modalities (e.g. automation, qPCR, C>)
 - Common understanding of GXPs for Bioanalysis
 - Microsampling
 - Continued discussions on harmonised decision based criteria for PK assays
 - On all of above: opportunity to interact with HA in our meetings



The bioanalytical King Midas touch...

MIST

CSV

PPB

DI

Turning everything we touch into gold...

BIOMARKERS

AMS

Early
Development

GxP



But first ICH M10

For the next generations of bioanalytical scientist

let's get it right





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