OCS Life Sciences and SAS® deliver their first joint training programme for Clinical Programming.

In October 2018 SAS and OCS Consulting, with its specialised business unit OCS Life Sciences, launched their joint training programme SAS Academy for Clinical Programming in Europe. With a combination of e-learning courses, instructor-led classroom sessions and two certification exams, the full training programme prepares participants for the world of clinical and statistical programming in the life sciences industry. Customers can choose to embrace either the complete training programme or can select specific modules that are of immediate relevance to their audience.

Biotronik AG in Switzerland is the first organisation to take delivery of the SAS Academy for Clinical Programming. Hosted by SAS in Zürich, six delegates from Biotronik, data managers, clinical and statistical programmers, and clinical system managers, attended the courses from the Applied Clinical Data Management & Analysis track of the programme. This track starts with an introduction to the fundamentals of clinical trials and an overview of CDISC data standards. A deep-dive into the CDISC SDTM, ADaM, and Define-XML standards followed by an introduction to the various SAS programming environments and concepts of validation completes this part of the programme.

The three-day classroom training for CDISC SDTM was led by OCS Life Sciences’ instructor Lieke Gijsbers, who received praise from the attendees. “We’re extremely pleased with the training that Lieke provided, she really did a fantastic job”, says Johan Kwaaitaal, Manager Clinical Data Operations at Biotronik. Recently, instructor Marion Kaspers of OCS Life Sciences provided the second classroom training session on the topic of CDISC ADaM — and truly enjoyed doing so: “It was very rewarding to provide this training to such an interactive group.”

If you want to learn more about the SAS Academy for Clinical Programming please visit the website or view a recording of the webinar in which the various topics comprising this training programme are detailed.