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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

AAiPS had an exciting year in 2010, as we held our twenty second AAIIPS annual dinner meeting on November 16 in New Orleans, well coordinated locally by Burde Kamath and welcomed by Anthony Hickey (Master of Ceremony). The meeting was a grand success with 200 members in attendance. Truly outstanding presentations were made by our chief guest, Pratibha Pilgaonkar, CEO of Rubicon and our guest of honor, Roger Williams, MD, CEO of USP. The Distinguished Scientist, Outstanding Achievement, Distinguished Education and Research as well as 4 Student Scholarship Awards were presented at the meeting. See featured article in this Newsletter from Rashmi Thakur. We want to also thank Mukund Yelvigi (chairman), Rupa Doshi (coordinator), Suggy Chrai (brochure), Vijay Naringrekar (awards), Ramesh Raikar (registration) and the 5 volunteers at the tables for their efforts, during the annual meeting.

We would like to especially thank the 19 generous sponsors for their continued support and making the annual event a success. These include, the Platinum Sponsors, Associated Capsule Group USA, Chrai Associates, FMC, PII, the Gold Sponsors, BASF, Capsugel, Dow, Evonik, Globe Pharma, Mutchler Chemicals, Taro, and the Silver Sponsors, Aqualon, Colorcon, Drug Delivery Technology, DMV, Gattefosse, ISP, Ruger, Trispharma, Universal Capsules (AIG). Barry Fox, chairperson of the sponsorship committee was instrumental in gaining sponsor's support.

We also held our exciting first ever combined meeting with NJPHAST and

EPTM on September 16th and it turned out to be truly an extraordinary event with over 100 members in attendance.

We are forging ahead and now looking forward to an exciting new year in 2011. A new AAIIPS web-site (committee chaired by Uday Doshi) will be rolled out in the first quarter, which will be enhanced and broadened. It will provide opportunity for the members to interact more effectively, streamline the registration process, and provide access for sponsors and link to other organizations, etc. Our newsletters (Editor: Rashmi Pai-Thakur) will continue to be published on the Web, to allow significantly enhanced communications among our valued members.

The "Vision" committee team will be led by Rupa Doshi and continue to brainstorm several global ideas and selecting top 3 for implementation, including the value we provide to our members. Our DC Chapter in Washington DC will be continued to be led by Praveen Hiremath. Laura Yelvigi, our secretary is developing programs for new students. She is also inviting AAIIPS members to add AAIIPS to their LinkedIn group.

AAiPS is your organization and I encourage all members to continue to participate at the meetings, offer comments, suggestions and get involved in any way you can. In the coming year, our Executive Committee is looking forward to working with you all. On behalf of AAIIPS, I wish all our members, sponsors and well-wishers, a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Best wishes.

Mohan Kabadi
President, AAIIPS

HIGHLIGHTS OF AAIPS ANNUAL MEETING, NEW ORLEANS

Review by: Rashmi Pai-Thakur

What an incredible event it was! The 22nd Annual meeting was a great success filled with opportunities, information and fun. We started with the social hour in the Hilton Riverside hotel. We had an overwhelming response with more than 200 registrants. Regretfully, we had to turn away quite a few last minute walk-ins and I find it imperative to stress the importance of registering early. It helps us plan much better and avoid disappointments.

The social hour proved to be exactly what we had hoped it would be. It was a great networking forum between our speakers, sponsors, award winners and attendees. The hour-long mingling session was followed by our main session in the adjoining ballroom. We had key note address from Dr. Anthony Hickey. This was followed by address from Dr. Mohan Kabadi, President AAiPS and introduction of speakers Dr. Rupa Doshi, Program Committee Chair. Our first guest speaker, Dr. Pratibha Pilgaonkar, gave us an interesting presentation of the CRO business models while drawing attention to the fact that conducting business with India is inevitable, challenging and profitable. The opportunities to collaborate in this emerging market are immense. She outlined strategies to combat cultural differences during the course of conducting business and also touched upon the different technologies her venture, Rubicon Research Pvt Ltd, offers and the value it could bring to the pharmaceutical businesses.

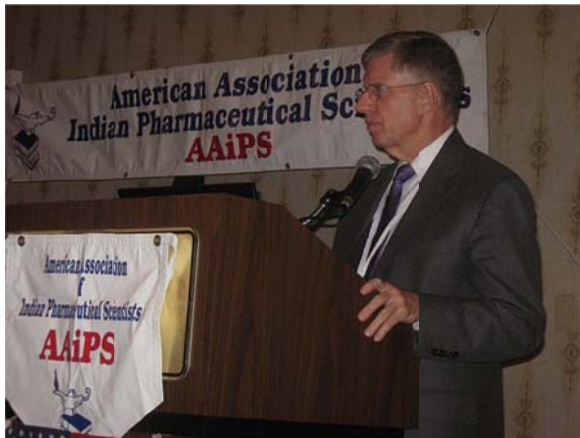
Our second speaker, Dr Roger Williams, CEO USP, spoke about international harmonization of standards and the implications for emerging markets. After providing a brief overview of the structure and demographics of the USP expert

committees, he informed the audience about the USP-India expansion and the status of the PDG harmonization as of June 2010. To summarize, both the presentations complemented each other to convey the importance of the rising importance of India as a supplier as well as a consumer in the global pharmaceutical industry.

The awards ceremony that ensued presented by Dr. Vijay Naringrekar aptly outlined each award as the awardee was presented with a plaque and gift from AAiPS. Our faculty winner, Dr Suneela Dhaneshwar visited us from India for the event. Our student winners were Hetal N. Prajapati, St. John's University, Queens, New York, NY, Prakash Sundaramurthi, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, Terrick A. Andey, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL and Shardool Jain, Northeastern University, Boston, MA. Congratulations to our proud winners! The event was concluded with a note of thanks to the volunteers, sponsors and attendees by Dr. Uday Doshi, Vice President and a delicious Indian dinner and a great fusion music program. It was a wonderful relaxing way to end a successful annual meeting!

A special thanks to our sponsors and volunteers including Dr. Burde Kamath, who played a pivotal role in arranging for everything from the food to entertainment for the event.

Please view the pictures from the event on the following pages.



Roger Williams



Sanjeev Gupta, Mohan Kabadi and Anthony Hickey



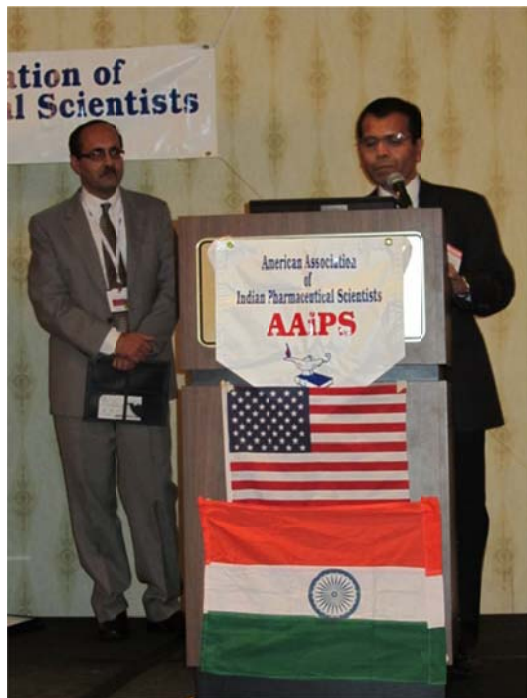
Suneela Dhaneshwar



Rupa Doshi, Harsha Jain, Uday Doshi, Mike Yelvigi and Nemi Jain



Pratibha Pilgaonkar and Mohan Kabadi



Vijay Naringrekar announcing the awards



Burde Kamath with Mohan Kabadi



Graduate Student Award Winners

Hetal N. Prajapati, St. John's University, Queens, New York, NY; Prakash Sundaramurthi, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN; Terrick A. Andey, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL and Shardool Jain, Northeastern University, Boston, MA.



*Delicious Indian Dinner was enjoyed by all
Michael Repka and Dave Waleck*



AAiPS team with Pratibha Pilgaonkar and Roger Williams



At the reception



During the speaker sessions



Ramesh Raikar and Rupa Doshi with Pratibha and Sudhir Pilgaonkar



Vinod Shah, Roger Williams and Manju Shah



Suneela Dhaneshwar with Praveen Hiremath and Rashmi Pai-Thakur

FAMOUS QUOTES

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.” **Thomas A. Edison (1847 - 1931) Inventor and businessman**

“It is a good morning exercise for a research scientist to discard a pet hypothesis every day before breakfast. It keeps him young.”

Konrad Lorenz (1903-1989) Nobel Prize winner, zoologist and animal psychologist.

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