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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Greetings and Best Wishes for 2013. I am sure everyone has made some important resolutions for the new year- my resolution is to keep the 3H's in everything I do. The 3H's stand for Hand (action), Head (thoughtful) and Heart (kind).

Back in November 2012, we had the opportunity to meet several of our members both at the AAPS meeting and also at the AAiPS annual dinner in Chicago. Highlights from this meeting have been captured in this newsletter both in words and images. If you attended the meeting you will appreciate the pictures and if you did not, I am sure it will motivate you to commit to attending the next annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

As we kick-off 2013, we continue to work on the recommendations of the Vision Committee from 2011, and will bring interesting and innovative speakers/sessions at our regional and annual meetings. Also, as of last year we increased the number of student awards from 4 to 6, Vijai Kumar is

taking over the leadership of awards committee in 2013 and will have more information for you by mid-year. Dilip Parikh has been nominated as the as the DC Chapter chair for 2013. We look forward to some interesting events for our members in the Washington DC area.

In 2013 I urge you to make the choice to be more engaged in everything you do but in particular to please come forward and volunteer on the various AAiPS committees, write an article for the newsletter, help with managing the website, organizing the regional and annual meetings, or just send us your suggestions and ideas.

Please feel free to contact me either by email at udaydoshi@aol.com

Best wishes.

Uday Doshi

President

QUOTES

"I think of my son and the others every day. I also can see the sunshine and hear the birds sing and live with the people who are around me again. But, it is a process. The only way I got to where I am today is with God's help."- Phyllis Velasquez, mother of Kyle who died at Columbine.

"There is a time to speak out and a time to say nothing. The difference in timing can be life changing" - A. D. Williams

HIGHLIGHTS OF AAIPS REGIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 2012, NEW JERSEY

The AAiPS annual meeting was held in the State Ballroom of the Palmer House Hilton – a historic hotel with 150 year history Chicago on Oct 17, 2012. Despite the heavy downpour that evening, the reception and subsequent meet was a great success with approximately 200 attendees.



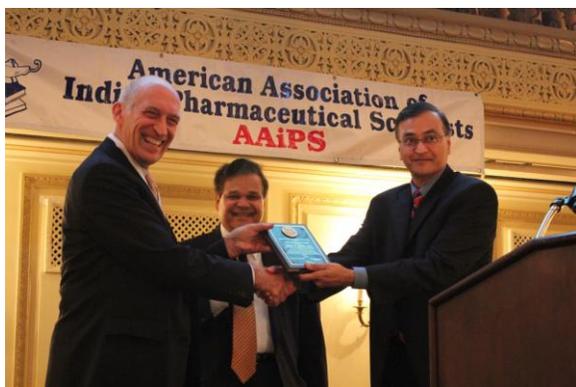
The attendees at Chicago AAiPS annual meeting

The meeting in the ballroom started off with Rupa Doshi (Program Committee Chair) and Laura Yelvigi (Chair Local Org Committee) welcoming the attendees to the annual meeting and to the wonderful city of Chicago. Uday Doshi, president of AAiPS, then mentioned the highlights of 2012, the continuation of the work from the Vision Committee – creating a diverse palette of speakers and topics at our regional meeting. He captured our meetings through the year, our collaborations with NHPHAST and our efforts at Long Island University to help establish first ever AAiPS student Chapter at LIU. He then provided a peek at the AAiPS Distinguished Scientist Award Winners.



President Uday Doshi's inaugural address

Our chief guest for the event was Prof. Leslie Benet (Univ. Of California), who was the founder and the first president of the prestigious AAPS organization, author of numerous scientific articles, book chapters and patents. Dr. Benet captivated the audience with a wonderful presentation on the state of Pharmaceutical Research and Challenges for the Pharmaceutical Scientist. He discussed the changing scenario and impact of the Biopharmaceutical Classification System (BCS). He also introduced his latest developments of in silico models in this area. His talk was motivating to the aspiring graduate students and industry scientists. Mike Yelvigi thanked him for his talk and he was presented with the AAiPS recognition plaque. Dr. Benet is also the holder of AAIPS Fellowship award.



Leslie Benet, Mike Yelvigi and Uday Doshi

Our next speaker, Dr. Patrick DeLuca, Professor at the University of Kentucky, School of Pharmacy and Past President of AAPS also addressed the audience about his experiences with AAPS and AAiPS. Dr Deluca fondly highlighted his participation in the AAIPS Annual reception for nearly 20 years! He mentioned how proud he is of AAIPS in bringing out the best in Indian Scientists in US and abroad. He said that today Indian Pharmaceutical scientists are an integral part of AAPS and acknowledged their contribution. Mike Yelvigi thanked him for his extemporaneous speech and involvement and guidance for the growth of AAIPS all these years, he was also presented with an AAIPS recognition plaque.



Patrick Deluca addressing the annual meeting

Vijai Kumar was the master of ceremonies for the award presentation. 4 student award winners, were felicitated for their research efforts. The three distinguished Scientists Dr. Ajay Banga, Dr. Deepak Thassu and Dr. Tom Sam were also recognized for their contributions to the industry.



Student Award Winners of 2012: Amit Wani, Dipti Deshpande, Gitanjali Sharma, Apurva Patel,



Distinguished Scientist Award Winners: Dr. Deepak Thassu, Dr. Ajay Banga and Dr. Tom Sam

After the awards ceremony, Barry Fox introduced Andy Honeychuck from Evonik and presented him with a plaque recognizing him for his support of AAiPS over many years. Andy has now retired but continues as a link between Evonik, AAiPS and NJPHAST.



Barry Fox and Andy Honeychuck

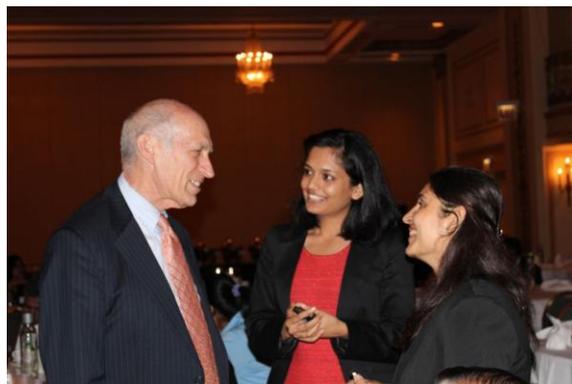
To conclude the ceremonies, past president Mohan Kabadi gave the vote of thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, student volunteers from LIU, the EC committee members and the support staff at the hotel.



Mohan Kabadi

The attendees were appreciative and thankful of AAiPS for organizing the event which gave them the opportunity for networking, making new friends and listening to one of the giants of Pharmaceutical Sciences. This year there were many students attending the meeting from colleges in New York, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Colorado, Texas, and they were very excited wanted to know if they could be more involved with the organization or even open a student chapter in their colleges. We will provide them with the details for opening the chapters. Going forward we will have to create some opportunities and

organize events to engage with the younger/student members of AAiPS.



The meeting was the fruit of hard work of the AAiPS team like Ramesh Raikar (VP and Treasurer, Rupa Doshi (program committee chair), Barry Fox (Sponsor committee), Sonia Raikar (Web committee), Meena Yelvi at the Reception Registration Desk, and special thanks to Dr Rutesh Dave of Long Island University, AAiPS student chapter and his team of graduate students who very enthusiastically helped at the reception.



*Mike and Meera Yelvi and Dr & Mrs
Walter and Diane Chambliss*



Laura Joglekar, Mike Yelvigi, Deepak Thassu, Ajay Banga, Tom Sam, Leslie Benet, Uday Doshi, Rupa Doshi, Mohan Kabadi (from left to right)

We would specially like to thank Laura Joglekar who was our point person in Chicago and helped manage many of the details including the hotel, food, brochures, posters registration leading to this well organized, highly successful meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

AAiPS extends its heartiest congratulations to Dr Vinod Shah for this award

-Excerpt from USP convention

Distinguished Pharmaceutical Scientist Awarded Honorary Doctorate

Vinod Shah Recognized by 240-Year-Old Hungarian Institution

Recognizing a career dedicated to contributing to the improvement of the quality of medicines, Semmelweis University, one of the most prestigious institutions in Hungary, has awarded an honorary doctorate degree to Vinod P. Shah, Ph.D., who currently acts as a consultant for the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP).

Prior to his work with USP, Dr. Shah served for 30 years with the U.S. FDA and has been with the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) for over 15 years. For the past ten years, Dr. Shah has collaborated with Semmelweis University's school of

pharmacy in organizing international regulatory workshops in bioequivalence and dissolution requirements, biowaivers and ways to improve and maintain drug product quality. These workshops are attended by an average of 250 scientists from 25 to 35 countries. It is in recognition of this service that the University awarded its honorary doctorate to Dr. Shah. Semmelweis University is home to the oldest medical school in Hungary and is considered a major European center of knowledge and excellence in biomedical sciences.

Dr. Shah's consulting roles at USP include advising and assisting USP's General Chapters—Dosage Forms Expert Committee, associated Expert Panels and the USP Dosage Form Performance Group as USP evolves its performance and quality tests for various routes of drug administration.

“Dr. Shah has been justly rewarded for his expertise and dedication,” said Roger L. Williams, M.D., USP's chief executive officer. “It has been my privilege to know and work with him over the span of his nearly 40-year career. I'm very pleased that he has been awarded this honorary degree.”

JOB OPENINGS

If you are looking for a job or want to advertise a job, send the editor an email at thakurrashmi@gmail.com and we will post your requirements/credentials in the career section we intend to create on our website.

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