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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Happy New Year and welcome to the new decade!

I want to start this communication to the members of AAiPS by expressing my sincere gratitude to you all for electing me president of AAiPS for the 2020-2021 term. A big thank you to Vijai Kumar our immediate past president and his team for their hard work and relentless perseverance over the last two years.

As many of you know, I have been associated with AAiPS in various capacities over the last several years and have been impressed by the deep commitment and strong volunteer spirit of its executive committee members. In fact, through their efforts over the years, AAiPS has become synonymous with regional and annual scientific meetings, student awards and scientific recognitions, as well as a platform for networking.

While we will continue with these signature initiatives in 2020-21, going forward we want to be in tune with the changing needs and aspirations of our diverse membership. Our membership development and programming committees will explore and spearhead outreach efforts to increase membership and develop new and novel programs. One of our goals is to enhance communications with the membership via our website and newsletter and to provide you with information of interest from India and the US. We will also explore collaborations and joint meetings with sister organizations.

At the 2019 annual meeting in San Antonio, I met several of you and listened to your many ideas and suggestions and was very heartened by the interest and

support offered. The executive committee is always looking for additional volunteers to help in several AAiPS committees. Please feel free to contact me at Rudoshi10@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer or if you would like to share any suggestions and ideas.

Sincerely,

Rupa Doshi, Ph.D.

President, AAiPS

QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.”

[Benjamin Franklin](#)

2019 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE**AAiPS 34th. Annual Meeting, San Antonio TX.**

On Nov 5 2019, 34th AAiP S Annual Meeting was held at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio Texas. The Chief Guest of Honor was Dr. Praveen Tyle, Ph.D., Executive Vice President of Research and Development, Lexicon Pharmaceuticals.



Dr. Praveen Tyle (Chief Guest of Honor) delivering his speech at the AAiPS annual meeting 2019.

Dr. Praveen gave an exceptional presentation regarding “A Prospective on the Recent Trends and Future of Pharmaceutical Industry”. This was followed by AAiPS Awards.



Dr. Umesh Gupta (Right) receiving Young Educator and Researcher Award at AAiPS annual meeting 2019.

For the year 2019 Dr. Desh Bandhu Gupta AAiPS Award, formerly known as the AAiPS Distinguished Young Educator and Researcher Award was awarded to Dr. Umesh Gupta, Assistant professor, Central University of Rajasthan for his significant and consistent contribution to teaching and research in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology.



Winners of the Student Scholar Award for the Year 2019.

The winners of this year’s Student Scholar Awards are: Srinivas Ajjarapu from University of Mississippi, Mibin Kuruvilla Joseph from South Dakota State University, Ipshita J Menon from Mercer University, Lotika Bajaj from Mercer University Sharmila Das from University of Maryland, Honghe Wang from University of Mississippi.

The students were awarded a certificate of recognition and a \$ 500 cheque.



Dr. Uday Doshi (right) receiving Outstanding Achievement Award from Dr. Sampat Singhvi at AAiPS annual meeting 2019.

The Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Uday Doshi, and the Distinguished Scientist Award was presented to Dr. (Sanni Raju) Kalidindi of Natreon, Inc, Dr. Joseph W. Polli, PhD, FAAPS of ViiV Healthcare care and Mr. Ketan Mehta President & CEO Tris Pharma, Inc. Each recipient was recognized and presented with a plaque.



Dr. Joseph W. Polli (right) receiving distinguished Scientist Award from Dr. Sampat Singhvi at AAiPS annual meeting 2019

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
NEXT REGIONAL MEETING ON
April, 2020.***

Venue:

Crown of India Restaurant.

Address: 660 Plainsboro Rd,

Plainsboro Township, NJ 08536

Speaker: TBD

Topic: TBD

Time;

Social hour 5:30 - 6:15PM

Presentation by Guest speaker 6:15 – 700 PM

Dinner 7:00 – 8: 30 PM

**AAiPS Networking Event at
INTERPHEX**

April 17-19, 2018

Javits Center, New York City, New York

Pharmaceutical News:

Strides buys soft gel capsule facility in U.S.

Strides Pharma has picked up a soft gel manufacturing facility in the U.S. from Micelle BioPharma for very little but intends to invest in it. The Indian drug maker said that it bought the Riviera Beach, Florida facility for \$500,000 but will invest another \$10 million to add other capabilities. It said it is one of the very few manufacturing plants in the U.S. with a soft gel capsule suite for formulations with containment. It also said it has the only FDA approved integrated manufacturing-packaging SGC facility in the U.S.

<https://www.fiercepharma.com/>

Sun Pharma shuts down two R&D units in Vadodara; lays off some employees.

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries said that it would be discontinuing operations at research and development centers in Vadodara - Tandalja and Akota. The company has also laid off some employees working at the two units. A Sun Pharma spokesperson said, "While we continue to make investments in our R&D operations, we also constantly evaluate our resources and future capacity requirements to bring in efficiencies in cost and processes."

<https://www.business-standard.com/>

Sun Pharma's future brightens considerably with FDA plant upgrade and China drug deal.

After five years of struggles, Sun Pharmaceutical has put the problems at its key plant in Halol, India, behind it. The FDA has indicated that Sun's improvements have reached a point where it sees no action from the agency

Mylan and Upjohn, a Division of Pfizer, to Combine, creating a New Champion for Global Health Uniquely Positioned to Fulfill the World's Need for Medicine

Pfizer announced a definitive agreement to combine Mylan with Upjohn, Pfizer's off-patent branded and generic established medicines business, creating a new global pharmaceutical company. Under the terms of the agreement, which is structured as an all-stock, Reverse Morris Trust transaction, each Mylan share would be converted into one share of the new company. Pfizer shareholders would own 57% of the combined new company, and Mylan shareholders would own 43%. The Boards of Directors of both Mylan and Pfizer have unanimously approved the transaction.

<https://www.pfizer.com/>

Lupin divests its Japanese injectables business to Abu Dhabi company

Lupin announced an agreement to sell its Japanese injectables business to neo ALA Co. Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Abu Dhabi-based Neopharma group.

The company said that the move will help to streamline its Japanese operations and enhance focus on branded generics business in Japan. The deal value was not disclosed. Japan contributes 14 per cent of Lupin's revenues and it ranks number five in that market.

<https://www.business-standard.com/>

Dr. R. S. Baichwal Pharmaceutical Seminar

Endowment:

AAiPS/ DR. R.S. BAICHWAL SEMINAR

On TECHNOLOGICAL TRENDS IN DRUG DELIVERY

Monday, 17th. February, 2020

DELIVERY OF DRUGS TARGETED TO SKIN

- **Dr. Kailas D. Thakker, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer of Tergus Pharma**

PARTICULATE SYSTEMS FOR INHALATION DRUG DELIVERY APPROACHES AND APPLICATIONS

- **Prof. Mala D. Menon, Adjunct Professor of Pharmaceutics, Bombay College of Pharmacy, Mumbai**

Professor Padma V. Devarajan, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology will preside over the seminar.

Obituary

Mr. Andy Honeycheck,

We regret to inform you of the sad demise of Mr. Andy Honeycheck, who was associated with Evonik Corporation for many years passed away on Jan 30 2020 at New Jersey.

He was very instrumental in supporting AAiPS with generous financial sponsorship at annual meetings.

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TBA: To be announced