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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The new 2011 year's theme is "Globalization and impact of emerging markets on the pharmaceutical industry", and goal is for continuing improvements in AAiPS organization by venturing into areas beyond formulations and technologies. We had another outstanding presentation by Dr. Doug Mendenhall on "Changing CMC Landscape: Opportunities for Pharmaceutical Scientists" at our first regional meeting in April (more details later). In the same meeting, the vision committee led by Rajesh Krishna requested participants to provide feedback on AAiPS core mission, recommendation on new areas of growth, etc. (more details later). The AAiPS Washington DC Chapter, headed by Praveen Hiremath had also successful meeting in April, 2011 with presentations by 2 excellent FDA speakers. We want to thank **Shaffer Products, MG America, DMV Fonterra** and **GlobePharma** for sponsoring our regional meetings as well as Barry Fox, the head of sponsoring committee.

Later in the month, we are also looking forward to our next presentation on June 24th by Dr. Rakhi Shah on 'Scientific Advances and Challenges of Nanopharmaceuticals: An FDA Perspective' in a joint meeting with The New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association for Science and Technology (NJPHAST). We want to thank **Patheon** for sponsoring the meeting. The new AAiPS web-site development is in the final stages. You will see in the near future a much improved AAiPS Web site offering greater range, including links to other sites as well as the ability for sponsors to register and pay

online. Please take a moment to register and update your contact information on the web (www.aaips.org). We will update the membership directory and will also notify you of upcoming meetings through the e-mail system. You can register and pay online through the pay pal system.

Planning for the Annual Meeting in November has been initiated and will be led by Rupa Doshi with help from Praveen Hiremath and Mike Yelvigi. More information on the next Newsletter from Rashmi Thakur. Our scholarship and Awards committee lead by Vjiay Naringrekar is busy with 11 new applications for visiting profession for evaluation by the team. Dr. Bhargawa will assist Vijay in student awards (see details in the newsletter). We plan to implement changes for the Distinguished Scientist and Outstanding Achievement awards to include committee review of expanded list of potential candidates. Also the nomination committee is seeking nominations of office bearers for years 2012-13 (see details in the newsletter)

AAiPS is your organization and I encourage all members to participate at the regional meetings and get involved in any way you can. Please take active role and network at our regional and national meetings.

Best wishes.

Mohan Kabadi

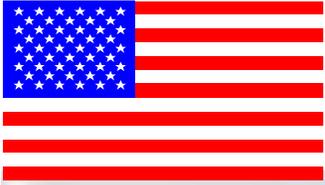
Mohan Kabadi
President

QUOTES

"A champion is someone who gets up when he can't"

"Successful people are not gifted; they just work hard — then succeed on purpose."

AAiPS Annual Gala Dinner Wednesday Oct.26, 2011



Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel

999 Ninth Street NW · Washington, DC 20001 USA

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This is a great opportunity to meet friends, network with colleagues from industry and academia, enjoy good Indian cuisine and celebrate Diwali - The Indian Festival of Lights!

<u>Agenda:</u>	SOCIAL HOUR	5:30 - 6:45 pm
	KEY NOTE ADDRESS	
	And AWARDS CEREMONY	6:45 - 8:00 pm
	DINNER	8:00 - 9:00 pm
	ENTERTAINMENT	9:00 pm onwards

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Register early and pay online with Paypal at the AAiPS website www.aaips.org

Online Registration closes Saturday Oct 22 (midnight).

register@aaips.org

Registration Date	Members	Non-Members	Students*
By Oct 22 (Sat)	\$ 45	\$ 55	\$ 30
Walk-ins (limited seating)	\$ 60	\$70	\$ 35

*Student id required

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HIGHLIGHTS OF AAIPS REGIONAL MEETING, NEW JERSEY, APR 1, 2010

- *By Rajesh Krishna and Rashmi Pai-Thakur*

Our last regional meeting for the year was a very busy one where we were able to successfully achieve multiple goals. The speaker session with Dr Doug Mendenhall on “Changing CMC Landscape: Opportunities for Pharmaceutical Scientists” was an eye-opener for scientists looking to make a career in this industry. Dr Mendenhall gave an excellent overview of the shift occurring in the industry in terms of business opportunities – from traditional pharmaceutical to contract outsourcing and biotechs. He then coupled it with pointers for making the best use of these trends to suit personal career growth. The talk also touched upon the risks associated the decisions for outsourcing and opened up a very informative discussion on the topic. The presentation is available at <http://www.aaips.org/pdf/11-4--1%20AAiPS%20presentation.pdf>

Followed by this highly engaged talk was the brainstorming session held by the AAiPS vision committee.

The Vision Committee, composed of Tony Hickey, Rupa Doshi, Laura Yelvigi, Sanjeev Gupta, and Rajesh Krishna, is pleased to provide an update to the membership. The committee was charged by AAiPS leadership to assess the association's target audience and core mission, to critically assess whether we are meeting current and anticipated future needs of our membership and to recommend expansion, if necessary, as well as to provide a recommendation to the EC on new areas of growth. Four themes were identified in our initial assessment, namely, scope, membership, outreach, and connectivity. Broad input from our membership was obtained at the

April 1st regional meeting; we are highly appreciative to those who participated at this event and provided invaluable input. Accordingly, the committee has completed its assessment and is in the process of developing a plan of action and a recommendation for implementation. Some of the preliminary recommendations of the committee include the following:

- Enhance opportunities for students and post-doctoral fellows in the society (leadership, career development, jobs, networking, mentoring, student chapters, etc)
- Strengthen NJ member base (social networking, interactive forums) through subject matter focus groups
- Expand membership base (broad engagement with pharmaceutical engineers, regulatory scientists, entrepreneurs, and business owners)
- Expand geographical base within the US. We are considering forming a West Coast chapter within 3 years. India remains of significant strategic interest, hence, themes that focus on India as an emerging market will be the focus for our US based programming

We hope to share with our membership specific implementation plans over the course of the next several weeks. This remains an exciting time for our association and we are fortunate in receiving productive actionable feedback from our membership. If you are considering volunteering for our expansion plans, please contact any one of our EC members for further information.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AAiPS REGIONAL MEETING, NEW JERSEY, JUNE 24, 2011

- By Mohan Kabadi and Rashmi Pai-Thakur

Our most recent joint regional meeting between AAiPS and NJPhAST was a very exciting one with attendance by significant number of people from industry, vendors and especially many students who attended and participated at the new location: Hyatt in Morristown. Dr. Rakhi Shah, Pharmacologist - Division of Product Quality Research, US FDA delivered an excellent, educational and comprehensive presentation on “Scientific Advances and Challenges of Nanopharmaceuticals: An FDA Perspective.” Noteworthy was the fact that her talk was simplified, yet effective in communicating expectations from FDA. She started with detailed definitions and types and challenges, manufacturing and characterization of Nanopharmaceuticals (Nano). And then she went onto discuss the safety considerations via various routes of administration, as well as pre-clinical safety tests. Scientific advancements were highlighted, including the application of QbD, risk identifications, Design of Experiments, as well as PAT sensor studies. She provided a perspective on FDA’s review of the NDA process, generic drugs and OTC monographs. Finally, she highlighted the FDA’s guidance on Nanopharmaceuticals. Some key take-away points from the presentation were: (1) Several technologies and drug delivery systems are in use and new platforms continue to emerge (2) Manufacturing, characterization as well as safety pose challenges to nano containing products; (3) Further research is needed with respect to determining the CQA, test methods to evaluate those attributes, linking product quality attributes to safety and efficacy; and (4) A systematic QbD approach with PAT Technologies might

enhance the product and process understanding. The presentation is available at <http://www.aaips.org/pdf/Rakhi-%20Nano-NJPhast-Jun24-final.pdf>



AAiPS Vice-President Dr Uday Doshi presenting a plaque to Dr Rakhi Shah in recognition of her talk at the AAiPS and NJPhAST joint meeting on June 24, 2011



Our AAiPS LIU student chapter initiated under the guidance of Dr Rutesh Dave (right)

At the same meeting, we also welcomed our new student chapter at LIU (Long Island University) under the guidance of Dr Rutesh Dave, Assistant Professor, Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. We hope to see active participation from our new chapter!

AAiPS SPECIAL BULLETIN

CALL FOR NOMINATION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR YEARS 2012-2013

In accordance with the constitution (see italicized material below), the Nominating Committee are seeking nominations from AAiPS membership for the following posts for the two years term starting January 2012:

PRESIDENT
VICE-PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER

A three (3) member Nomination Committee shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee for starting the election process before the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the General Membership. The President, the Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary shall be elected by the entire membership of the Association. The President and the Vice President will serve for a term of two years. The Treasurer and the Secretary shall serve for a period of four years. The Officers of the Association, i.e. the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer should be members of the association in good standing. The President shall be an individual of Indian origin.

Please send your nomination or intention to run for the office in writing by October 10, 2011 to Dr. Mike Yelvigi Chair, Nominating Committee at AAiPS, P.O. Box 7244 Colonia, NJ. 07067



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RESEARCH AWARDS 2011

The American Association of Indian Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAiPS) is pleased to announce the availability of FOUR Research Awards for the graduate students in Pharmaceutical Sciences. The applicants must present their research findings at 2011 Annual meeting of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) in WASHINGTON DC. Three awards will be given to the students of Indian heritage and one is open to all graduate students.

Interested graduate students should submit a two page summary of their research findings. The format should include Title, Author, Affiliation, Objective, Methodologies and Results and Discussions. Please include your Telephone #, Fax #, and email address with your submission.

Please send your submissions to:

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The awards will be presented at the AAiPS banquet during the AAPS annual meeting in Washington DC.

EVENTS FROM OUR STUDENT CHAPTER

On September 23rd (Friday), SANGAM (Indian Student Association) will be organizing it's 3rd annual "Navratri Dance Program" at Long Island University. Tickets will be \$ 5.00 and includes refreshments and dinner. What a wonderful opportunity to enjoy and support our students!

OBITUARY

Dr Alvaro Afonso, a former principal of Goa college Of Pharmacy passed away on August 31, 2011.

Dr. Afonso was the first student to earn his Ph.D. Tech in Pharmaceutics from the Department of Chemical Technology at Bombay University in India. He went on to work for different pharmaceutical companies, including Hoechst Pharm., Ltd in Mulund, Mumbai. There he attained the first position of Works Manager.

Dr. Afonso was also the first Principal of the Goa College of Pharmacy in Goa, India. He served as principal for approximately 20 years. He had a prominent role in developing the academic curriculum and setting up the College of Pharmacy. As the first principal, he created a strong foundation for the college for years to come. After a successful career as principal he moved to Germany and settled with his wife Karen, son Stephan and daughter Bettina.

As an alumnus of Goa College of Pharmacy, I had the privilege of earning my M.Pharm under his guidance.

Ramesh Raikar

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.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

This forum is a great platform for informing every one of recent changes in your professional life. If you have moved to a new job or need to update contact information, email us and we will post it.

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One year (four issues): \$1000 full page, \$500 half a page, \$250 quarter page

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