

AAPS PharmSciTech Volume 8, Issue 4 – Editorial

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AAPS PharmSciTech is in the final issue of volume 8 for 2007. In 2006, volume 7, 105 papers were published. The publishing goal for 2007 was set at 100 papers although submissions had increased substantially. In 2007, 247 papers were submitted in the first nine months, and 93 were rejected. By this writing the journal has published 79 articles in the first three issues and currently has 56 accepted papers in the production queue. We anticipate publishing 100–120 papers in the 2007 calendar year.

Two themed issues are currently underway: *Transforming Pharmaceutical Manufacturing: Benefits and Challenges*, guest edited by Robin Bogner (robin.bogner@uconn.edu) and Ajaz Hussain (ajaz.hussain@sandoz.com), and *Oral Controlled Release Development and Technology*, guest edited by Stephen Howard (jshoward.1@sbcglobal.net) and David Wallick (dewallick@dow.com). A themed issue is also being considered on the work of the Product Quality Research Institute (PQRI) on *Leachables and Extractibles from Medicinal Polymers*. Anyone interested in contributing to these outstanding themed issues can contact me or the guest editors directly.

In 2004, Thompson Scientific began indexing *AAPS PharmSciTech*. Thompson Scientific released an impact factor for the Journal as part of the 2006 Journal Citation Report. This initial impact factor was 0.857. Despite this lower-than-desired value, the assigning of an impact factor is a positive indication that the journal is maturing and providing useful and quality research to the scientific community.

The Graduate Student Manuscript Award paper is a yearly highlight that appears in that volume's Issue 4, and this year is no exception. One student, whose manuscript of their dissertation was selected by the Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award in Pharmaceutical Technologies Selection Committee, will receive the 2007 AAPS Graduate Student Award in Pharmaceutical Technology, sponsored by Solvay Pharmaceuticals, Inc, and this manuscript is being published in Issue 4, prior to the annual meeting. This year's recipient is:

Robert Garmise, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

Novel Dry Powder Preparations of Whole Inactivated Influenza Virus for Nasal Vaccination

Mentor: Anthony Hickey, PhD, University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy

This research describes an effective dry powder influenza vaccine for nasal delivery that would eliminate the need for product cold chain storage and the use of needles and syringes. The vaccine would be accessible to global populations and, in an international outbreak, would make rapid distribution, supply and immunization possible.

PhD graduates who completed their programs during the July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 academic year, and who submitted both an abstract for presentation at the AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition and a research manuscript for publication in an AAPS online journal, were eligible for the competition. The Award consists of a \$500 honorarium, a plaque, and travel expenses to attend the Annual Meeting. The mentor receives a plaque and \$500 toward their research program. For more information on the Graduate Student Manuscript Competition for 2008 please contact Me'Gesha Portlock at portlockm@aaps.org, or me at ppdelu1@uky.edu or by phone at (859) 257-1831.

This year AAPS entered into an agreement with Springer Science+Business Media, LLC, to publish the AAPS online journals, *The AAPS Journal* and *AAPS PharmSciTech*, effective January 1, 2008.

The *AAPS PharmSciTech* Editorial Advisory Board will meet on Sunday, November 11, 2007, 7:30–8:30 am at the AAPS Annual Meeting in San Diego. An agenda will be sent to the Advisory Board members prior to the meeting. If you wish to bring an item to the attention of the Journal please contact me or one of the Editorial Advisory Board members.

Respectfully Submitted,

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