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AAPS Launches Online Literature Review

AAPS introduces a new information service, in conjunction with Doody Publishing, called AAPS' Online Literature Review. This unique web-based service, accessible at www.aapspharmaceutica.com, utilizes "expert filter" technology to provide information customized to the individual interests of AAPS members.

Simply by establishing a personal interest profile, which takes only seconds to do at the site, subscribers can automatically access citations and article abstracts matched to their topical interest areas. It's a quick and easy way to stay up-to-date in just minutes per week.

Users will also receive a weekly e-bulletin featuring details of the latest articles added to the database in their profiled interest areas. From the bulletin, users can jump right into the site and instantly review concise abstracts of the article. A host of other search features are also available at the site.

"Today, all of us are juggling numerous work and family priorities while we struggle to keep up with new developments in our field," said Victor Van Beuren, director of Publishing at AAPS. "This new service is like having a team of experts save you the time by identifying the information you want to know about as it is reported in the literature."

AAPS members can now visit AAPS' site, www.aapspharmaceutica.com, and automatically receive a free 60-day trial subscription to sample all the features and benefits of this timesaving service. Simply click on the link to "Online Library" under the Products and Services section of AAPS Pharmaceutica, which brings you to the service where you can set up your personalized profile for Online Literature Review.

Following the trial period, an annual subscription can be activated at the special AAPS member price of \$49.95 per year.

AAPS Presents Workshop on Drug Substance and Drug Product Specifications

AAPS will feature a workshop on drug substance and drug product specifications, March 18-20, 2002 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. The event is co-sponsored by the FDA.

Workshop participants will

- Discuss how the principles outlined in the guidance *International Conference on Harmonization; Guidance on Q6A Specifications: Test Procedures and Acceptance Criteria for New Drug Substances and New Drug Products: Chemical Substances* should be used to establish appropriate tests and acceptance criteria for new drug substances and products
- Evaluate various approaches for setting specifications
- Prepare a summary report for consideration by FDA in developing additional policy/guides for NDAs

Workshop topics include:

- Overview of the ICH Guidances Q6A and Q3A, Q3B, and Q3C
- Philosophy behind setting specifications
- Industry perspective on what data sets are available and when
- Case studies on setting specifications
- Utilization of toxicology/clinical and stability data
- Evolution of specifications through IND and NDA approval

For further information or registration details, visit www.aapspharmaceutica.com/specifications or call 703-243-2800.

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AAPS Offers Distance Learning Opportunities

AAPS offers a series of distance learning programs that innovate and manage distance learning opportunities for AAPS members and the scientific community.

The latest offerings include

Nutraceuticals: Issues and Opportunities

Presenters: Jian-Hwa Guo, Ph.D., Robert L. Chapman, Ph.D., Thilo Messerschmitt, Ph.D., Philip N. Anderson, Ph.D., Richard Kingston, Pharm.D., Larry Augsburger, Ph.D.

A comprehensive course covering validation and harmonization of botanical preparations, arteriosclerosis and nutrient intake, emerging technologies for the characterization of nutraceuticals, challenges in monitoring and evaluating interactions and toxicity, and regulation of the nutraceuticals industry, internal and external issues.

Members: \$225; Non-members: \$337

Small Pharma Approach for Predicting Human Pharmacokinetics

Rene Braeckman, Ph.D.

This 45-minute course outlines a practical strategy for the implementation and integration of *in vitro* and *in vivo* preclinical testing for pharmacologic, pharmaceutical, PK, and toxicologic drug characteristics, for a young, small pharmaceutical company. As resources may be limited and most activities are outsourced, the "Small Pharma" implementation uses a tiered approach where fast, cheap, *in vitro* tests are done first, and more expensive, elaborate experiments (mostly *in vivo*) are done later. Therefore, particular attention is given to the sequence and the costs of experiments. To optimize decision-making, selection characteristics of the ideal drug candidate and go/no-go criteria are well defined at each stage.

Members: \$100; Non-Members: \$150

Copyright Law for Scientists

Jeff Glassie, Esq., Partner, Shaw Pittman

This CD-ROM is aimed at scientists who write books, contribute to journals, teach, and conduct workshops, seminars, and other presentations. It provides an excellent overview of current U.S. copyright laws pertaining to the creation and use of intellectual property.

Members: \$125; Non-Members: \$187.50

Available Soon: the CD-ROM version of AAPS' Web-Enhanced Tele-Seminar entitled "Understanding Patent Law."

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2002 AAPS Meetings Calendar

February 28-March 1, 2002

AAPS Workshop on Critical Issues in the Design and Applications of Polymeric Biomaterials in Drug Delivery (Co-Sponsored with the New Jersey Center for Biomaterials)

Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

March 18-20, 2002

AAPS Workshop on Drug Product and Drug Substance Specifications (Co-Sponsored with FDA)

Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

April 22-24, 2002

AAPS Pharmaceuticals and Drug Delivery Conference

Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

April 25-26, 2002

AAPS Workshop on Chemical and Physical Form Selection of Drug Candidates: Principles,

Considerations and Case Studies

Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

April 25-26, 2002

AAPS Management Seminar
Pharmaceutical Scientists—From Bench to Management

Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA

June 24-26, 2002

AAPS National Biotechnology Conference

Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, San Diego, CA

November 10-14, 2002

2002 AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Visit www.aapspharmaceutica.com/meetings for registration details.