

AAPS STUDENT CHAPTER CHAIRS MEETING: *REGION 3*

Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2005
2:00 pm EST

Participants:

- The Ohio State University (Xiaobin Zhao, Kerry Williams, Heather Miller)
- University of Cincinnati (Niresh Hariparsad, Fang Li)
- University of Illinois, Chicago (Eunjung Jeon)
- University of Manitoba (Sreeneeranj Kasichaynula)
- University of Missouri, Kansas City (Balasubrahmanyam Budda)
- University of Nebraska Medical Center (Aaron Mayo)
- University of Wisconsin (Anuj Kuldipkumar, Jose Restituyo)
- University of Kentucky (Joseph Medendorp)

Regrets:

- Purdue University
- University of Iowa
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota

1. *Welcome*

- Stacey called the meeting to order. Roll was taken mid-call to record participants.

2. *Introduction*

- **The Ohio State University** – Have recruited additional undergraduate and graduate students and postdocs as members. Organized seminar on employment opportunities and a monthly journal club. Would like to host speakers on research advances in the pharmaceutical sciences. Chapter members plan to attend PGSRM 2005 and Great Lakes PharmSci Grad Student Retreat (helped to organize).
- **University of Cincinnati** – Working to recruit new members – mentioned that Cardinal Health-sponsored AAPS Student Memberships were very helpful for undergraduate recruitment. Hosted Dr. Richard Kim from Vanderbilt University for a seminar on pharmacogenomics and will host Dr. James Graham from Amgen. Hope to host AAPS President Dr. Jerome Skelly in the fall semester. Chapter members plan to attend 2005 AACP Annual Meeting and PGSRM 2005.
- **University of Illinois, Chicago** – Hosting Dr. Russ Weiner from Bristol-Myers Squibb, Inc. Holding end-of-summer meeting and planning seminar on career options in industry and preparing for industry careers.
- **University of Manitoba** – Have recruited several new members, including a graduate student from the department of animal sciences and a graduate student from the department of health sciences. Organized a journal club. Hosting Dr. K. Sandy Pang from the University of Toronto and Dr. Kishor Ratan. Will attend the university's summer research program to recruit undergraduate students to the chapter.
- **University of Missouri, Kansas City** – Held a welcome party in collaboration with the UMKC Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Student Association. Hosted Dr. Michael Washburn for a seminar on proteins. Held elections. Set up a booth at the

UMKC Student Association Fair for outreach and recruitment purposes. Plan to set up a display booth at the School of Pharmacy. Want to recruit chemistry students.

- **University of Nebraska Medical Center** – Hosted Dr. Jerry Skelly, AAPS President, in March. Organized intellectual property open forum in March. Creating chapter website. Will hold summer elections.
- **University of Wisconsin** – Hold a monthly journal club. Went bowling and held other social events. Hosted a human resources person from Abbott Labs; Dr. David Med from Incogen; Dr. Jerry Skelly, AAPS President, and Stacey May; Dr. Edmund Elder from The Dow Chemical Company; and Dr. Jeff Zont from Abbott Labs for a seminar about career trends. Toured Invitrogen-Drug Discovery Solutions and plan to visit Abbott Labs and Fujisawa. Chapter members plan to attend PGSRM 2005. Hope to hold end-of-semester social event at Six Flags Great America.
- **University of Kentucky** – Organized Young Scientists Seminar Series where one speaker per month discusses issues important to developing scientists, such as how to write a paper, how to review a paper and careers in industry versus academia. Organizing a UK Post-Graduate Conference for current students, postdocs and faculty to mix with alumni. Received a donation from Pfizer Corporation and plan to use the funds for a seminar in collaboration with the Cincinnati chapter and Dr. Gerald Casting of Pfizer, Cincinnati office.

3. Announcements

- a. 2005 National Biotechnology Conference, San Francisco, California:
 - Mentoring Breakfast on Tuesday, June 7, 7:30- 9 am
 - Deadline for travelships (available for eligible students presenting papers) is **May 9**. Information:
<http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/meetings/biotec/bt05/imagespdfs/05NBCTravelship.pdf>
- b. 2005 Annual Meeting and Exposition, Nashville, Tennessee:
 - Deadline for abstract submission is **May 5**. Information:
<http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/meetings/annualmeet/am05/imagespdfs/callforpapers.pdf>
- c. Upcoming Student-Initiated Events
 - The AAPS Student/Post-doc Outreach and Development (SPOD) Committee provides Student Initiated Program Funding for multi-day, multi-university events. For more information, visit
http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/careercenter/student_center/spodcom.asp or contact Stacey at MayS@aaps.org.
 - Watch the Friday, April 15 Student/Postdoc Email for information on the following upcoming SPOD Committee-funded events:

April 13-15

JUMP, Host: University of Michigan

May 23-24

PharmForum, Host: University of Mississippi

June 10-12

GRASP, Host: Long Island University

June 16-18

PGSRM, Host: University of Kansas

July 15-17

Great Lakes PharmSci Grad Student Retreat, Host: University of Toronto

August 4

Moving Targets, Host: University of Southern California

- d. Student Reps to Sections
 - All eight AAPS Sections now have graduate student representatives. These students are working with their respective sections to create programming customized to students' interests and to create a "virtual classroom"-type web conference for student education. If interested in becoming involved with a section, contact Stacey at MayS@aaps.org.
- e. Public Outreach Staff Visits
 - If you are interested in hosting Stacey (MayS@aaps.org) or Meghan (GossM@aaps.org), please email them. We are available to discuss AAPS and the benefits of AAPS student membership.
- f. Visiting Scientist Program (VSP)
 - The AAPS Visiting Scientist Program provides a forum for pharmaceutical scientists to visit colleges and share their knowledge, experiences and ideas with students. If you would like to locate a speaker to visit your school, contact Meghan (GossM@aaps.org). For a program overview and guidelines, visit:
http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/careercenter/visiting_scientist/index.asp.
- g. PDD Web Conference
 - "Challenges in Solid-State Characterization of Pharmaceuticals," Friday, **April 29**, 12:30-2 pm EST. Watch the Friday, April 15 Student/Postdoc Email for more information. To register for this free event and submit advance questions for the experts, visit:
<http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/inside/sections/pdd/sciexch/forum.asp>.

4. Discussion

- a. AAPS Student Center
 - This summer, look forward to the unveiling of a new and improved AAPS Student Center. The revamped website will provide a more straightforward approach to accessing information. Your feedback is welcome.
- b. Action items:
 - Sree Kasichaynula (Manitoba) will send Stacey information on the Merck Summer Program.
 - Add Aaron Mayo (UNMC, on Member Strategic Oversight Committee (MSOC)) to student reps listserv and then send email to student reps introducing him.

- Move Manitoba up on the Graduate Focus schedule for *AAPS Newsmagazine*
– they will send materials shortly.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.