



## DERMATOPHARMACEUTICS FOCUS GROUP

Dear Dermatopharmaceutics Focus Group (DFG),

We have several items of interest to share with you that were generated at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at our annual business meeting and to those of you who were not able to attend, I hope our newsletter will bring you up to date on the pertinent issues.

The DFG annual membership meeting was held at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta on Wednesday, 19 November, from 12:00 – 1:00. The points covered in the meeting included an introduction of the Steering Committee, a discussion of the topics to be submitted for programming for future Annual Meetings and the election of a Chair-Elect.

Philip Wertz, the immediate past-Chair, opened the 2008 membership meeting in lieu of Chair Juergen Lademann. Carryn Purdon assumed the role of Chair and conducted the business meeting. Dr. Wertz will remain as acting immediate past-Chair. During the past year, the DFG Steering Committee was expanded and now includes two student representatives as well as additional industrial representation.

As of 1 July 2008, our former section, Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery, no longer exists. The Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery and Pharmaceutical Technology sections were replaced by three new sections – MSE (Manufacturing Science and Engineering), PPB (Physical Pharmacy and Biopharmaceutics) and FDD (Formulation Design and Development). The DFG currently has its primary affiliation with Physical Pharmacy and Biopharmaceutics (PPB), and secondary affiliations with Formulation Design and Development (FDD) and Clinical Pharmacology and Translational Research (CPTR).

The topics submitted for the 2009 Annual Meeting by the December 2, 2008 deadline include:

**Microdialysis Role in the Development and Optimization of Drug Topical Delivery** (Jointly developed and co-submitted with the Microdialysis Focus Group)

Chemical Agents and the Skin  
Ungual Delivery

**Cosmeceuticals – Active Ingredients in Cosmetic Formulations**

Current & Future Skin Permeation Technologies for Drug Delivery

The election for Chair-elect (a two year term) resulted in a tie between Steven Giannos and Narasimha Murthy. Please remember to go to [http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/inside/Focus\\_Groups/Dermat/Vote.asp](http://www.aapspharmaceutica.com/inside/Focus_Groups/Dermat/Vote.asp) to select the candidate you feel the DFG would be best served by. Biosketches of each of the two candidates may be found on the linked page.

Kind Regards,

Carryn Purdon (Chair)  
Phil Wertz (Past-Chair)