

AAPS/FDA SPONSOR GUIDELINE

Introduction

The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) is a nonprofit organization founded in February 1986. Its mission is to serve the pharmaceutical sciences, promote the economic vitality of the pharmaceutical sciences and scientists, and to represent scientific interests within academia, industry, government, and other private and public institutions.

The purpose of AAPS is to serve its membership, the pharmaceutical sciences, biomedical and biotechnological communities, the health professions, and the interest of the public health by:

- Providing a forum for open interchange and dissemination of scientific knowledge;
- Influencing the formation of public policy relevant to health and related issues of public concern;
- Promoting the pharmaceutical sciences and providing for recognition of individual achievement; and,
- Fostering education, career growth, and the personal development of its members.

Background

AAPS is committed to providing its members with excellent programming which includes FDA speakers. It is important for both industry and FDA to have a mutual understanding relating to issues that may have an impact on regulatory decisions.

AAPS, being a nonprofit organization, relies on sponsor dollars and grants to fund various scientific meetings. In return for this support, AAPS will announce and advertise the company's generosity.

Guideline for Sponsorships/Grants

1. To avoid any conflicts of interest for FDA speakers, AAPS will not accept sponsor dollars for specific sessions which include an FDA speaker.
2. AAPS will continue to solicit sponsor and grant dollars for meetings as this is source of income for the organization. The sponsors will be recognized as a group in the printed programs and through other mechanisms as appropriate.
3. AAPS may solicit sponsor dollars and grants for the Keynote Address at the AAPS Annual Meeting & Exposition and other events, as long as the Keynote Speaker is not an FDA employee.
4. AAPS may solicit sponsor dollars and grants for the Plenary Session for the AAPS Annual Meeting & Exposition and the AAPS National Biotechnology Conference as long as the speakers are not FDA employees.

Conclusions

The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists will continue to provide the very best educational programming at workshops, seminars, conferences and special forums and will invite speakers from the Food and Drug Administration whenever appropriate. Sponsorships and grants, which are given to the Association to support such programs, will not be identified at the individual sessions where Food and Drug Administration employees are speaking. AAPS greatly values the intellectual contributions that the FDA provides to scientists within the pharmaceutical community.