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## **2007 AABPS ANNUAL MEETING SAN DIEGO, CA**

The American Association of Bangladeshi Pharmaceutical Scientists (AABPS) held their Annual Lunch Meeting in San Diego on Tuesday November 13 from 11:30- 2:00 pm in conjunction with the AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition. The chief guest at the luncheon was the Past-President of the American Association of Indian Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAiPS) Dr. Suggy Chrai.

Dr. Anisul Quadir welcomed all the attendees and introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Suggy Chrai (photo below).



The annual lunch meeting was attended by 32 members and guests who enjoyed the event over good Asian food and an inspiring presentation by Dr. Suggy Chrai (below).



Dr. Delwar Hussain provided the introduction discussing the mission and membership of AABPS (photo below). Currently, the membership stands at 114.



Dr. Mohammad Hossain provided a general update on the organization activities in 2007 which includes official registration of the organization, a formal mailing address, creation of a website and a fund-drive to generate a contingency fund (photo below).



All members actively participated at the meeting and provided valuable comments and suggestions to guide future AABPS activities. The AABPS Annual Lunch meeting was a tremendous success. Thanks to Dr. Anisul Quadir for being instrumental in getting BASF Corporation's Pharma Solutions Business to sponsor the AABPS Annual Luncheon in San Diego.

**NEWS RELEASE**

Pharmacy Graduates Association (PGA), Bangladesh and Bangladesh-American Pharmacists Association (BAPA) jointly organized a workshop in Dhaka, Bangladesh on Modernization and Updating of Pharmacy Curriculum on December 29, 2007. The workshop was attended by Deans, Professors, Students of private and public universities and other stakeholders of pharmacy profession from all over Bangladesh. The following three AABPS members were the keynote speakers in the workshop:

Dr. Muhammad J. Habib delivered two presentations, one on Global Trends in Pharmacy Education and the other on Tools and Techniques of Modernizing the Pharmacy Curriculum in Bangladesh. Dr. Delwar Hussain gave presentations on Current Standards of Pharmacy Curriculum in USA and also discussed the Pharmacy Curriculum Development and Recommendations during the Rounds. Dr. Saleh Hussain stressed the need for clinical pharmacy profession for the global Clinical research outsourcing market.

The workshop was a great success. Speakers were able to convey the message that Global Pharmacy curriculum has come a long way since the formal education for pharmacists started. It was also conveyed that global pharmacy profession is experiencing a trend to competency-based practice and patient-centered care. The academic institutions in Bangladesh must therefore bring their curriculum up to today's standard. It would create a true profession of pharmacy in Bangladesh and also enhance the professional standard and expertise in Bangladesh which can be exploited in the ever-increasing trend of globalization of drug development.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**AABPS Annual Meeting 2008:** *November 17 (Monday) evening at Atlanta, GA.* Details will be available in the next AABPS Newsletter. AABPS actively encourages sponsorship of the Annual meeting by individuals or private companies. Sponsors will be recognized in the AABPS Newsletter as well as in the website.

**35<sup>th</sup> CRS Annual Meeting and Exposition 2008:** *July 12-16 at New York.* AABPS members attending this event are requested to contact Dr. Anisul Quadir so that he could arrange a get-together at a convenient time and place.

**BAPA Annual Convention 2008:** *August 8-10 at Hudson Valley Resort and Spa.* For information about the convention please contact Murad Husain (President, BAPA) at 908-790-8862 (e-mail: [Mhusain402@aol.com](mailto:Mhusain402@aol.com)) or visit the BAPA website (<http://www.bapainfo.org>).

**PEOPLE ON THE MOVE**

Please send any professional announcements (e.g., job change, promotions, awards, etc) to any member of the AABPS Core Working group for publication in the newsletter.

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All AABPS members are invited to contribute to the AABPS Newsletter by writing short articles on topics related to Pharmaceutical Sciences for academia, industry or regulatory agency. Please contact any member of the AABPS Core Working Group to provide your ideas for future newsletter.

**SPONSOR RECOGNITION**

AABPS thanks BASF Corporation's Pharma Solutions Business for their support of this organization.

**NEWS FROM BANGLADESH**

The English daily newspaper from Dhaka – NEWAGE recently published an article titled, *“Pharmaceutical exports: poised for a takeoff”* which may be of interest to AABPS members. It discusses the significant new opportunities that can lead to massive gains in pharmaceutical export and the challenges Bangladesh must overcome to do so. The link to the article is provided below.

[http://www.newagebd.com/2008/jun/06/jun06/xtra\\_cover.html](http://www.newagebd.com/2008/jun/06/jun06/xtra_cover.html)

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