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2008 AABPS ANNUAL MEETING ATLANTA, GA

The American Association of Bangladeshi Pharmaceutical Scientists (AABPS) held their 3rd Annual Dinner Meeting at the OMNI Hotel at CNN Center in Atlanta, Georgia on Monday November 17 from 5:30- 8:00 pm in conjunction with the AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition. The meeting was a great success with two excellent professional presentations by fellow Bangladeshi pharmaceutical scientists. The invited guest speakers were Dr. Abu T.M. Serajuddin, Professor, College of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions, St. John's University and Dr. Saleh Hussain, Director, Bioanalytical Operations, Anapharm.

Dr. Anisul Quadir welcomed all the attendees and introduced the first speaker, Dr. Abu T. M. Serajuddin who gave a very thought provoking presentation titled, "Decline in New Molecular Entities in the Pharmaceutical Industry: Can Drug Delivery Systems Come to the Rescue" (photo below).



Dr. Delwar Hussain introduced the next speaker, Dr. Saleh Hussain, who gave an inspiring presentation titled, "Clinical Research Opportunities in Bangladesh" (photo below).



The annual meeting was well-attended by members and guests who actively participated in the discussion that followed each of the presentations (see photos below). A heartfelt thanks to all the attendees for their active participation and contribution/pledges.





Dr. Mohammad Hossain provided a general update on the organization activities in 2008 –

- Inclusion of AABPS meeting in the AAPS program brochure
- Issuance of First AABPS Newsletter in 2008
- First Research Award presentations
- Annual expenses and funding to support future activities

All members actively participated at the meeting and provided valuable comments and suggestions to guide future AABPS activities. The 3rd AABPS Annual Dinner meeting was a tremendous success. Thanks to Dr. Mohammad Hossain and Dr. Anisul Quadir for being instrumental in getting GlaxoSmithKline to sponsor the Annual meeting and BASF Corporation's Pharma Solutions Business to sponsor the Dinner Reception for the AABPS Annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia (see photos).



RESEARCH AWARDS

For the first time, AABPS awarded best research presentations at the 3rd AABPS Annual meeting in Atlanta. Dr. Rahmat Talukder, Assistant Professor, Southwestern Oklahoma State University was awarded a plaque for his research presentation titled, "Asymmetric press-coated matrix system for near zero-order sustained drug release" (photo below).



Dr. Mohammed Ali, Assistant Professor, Jackson State University was awarded a plaque for his research presentation titled, "Electrical Polarity Effects on Liposome Endocytosis by Alveolar Epithelial Cells" (photo below).



UPCOMING EVENTS

AABPS Annual Meeting 2009: *November 9 (Monday) 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm, San Gabriel B, Westin Bonaventure Hotel at Los Angeles, CA.* 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. All AABPS members planning to attend the meeting are requested to confirm their attendance as soon as possible.

AABPS members who may have submitted abstracts for poster/podium presentation at the AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition are requested to submit the abstracts to any of the Executive Committee members of AABPS by October 21st. AABPS is planning to award best poster/podium presentation from the abstracts submitted to the AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition. The awards will be distributed at the AABPS Annual meeting.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

In the Opening Session of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists' (AAPS) 2008 Annual Meeting and Exposition, Dr. Sabiruddin Mirza received the 2008 Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award in pharmaceutical Technologies (see photo below). His PhD thesis have been especially acknowledged due to the development of crystallization approaches for tableting performance enhancement of pharmaceutical solids (photo below).



Dr. Mirza was recently granted a three-year postdoctoral fellowship award from the Academy of Finland for the research project entitled 'Pharmaceutical (nano)cocrystals as a novel approach for enhanced cancer therapy'. The grant amount is 333,630 euro and funding period is Jan 2010 – Dec 2012. Part of this research project is planned to be performed in the lab of Dr. Fakhru Ahsan, Assistant Professor at School of Pharmacy, Texas Tech University.

CONTRIBUTE TO NEWSLETTER

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. Contributions to the Newsletter may include job changes, promotions, awards, publications, presentations, employment opportunities, summer student internship, educational accomplishment by family members, etc. and can be sent to any of the Executive Committee member of AABPS or via e-mail to info@aabps.org.

SPONSOR RECOGNITION

AABPS thanks GlaxoSmithKline for sponsoring the 3rd AABPS Annual Meeting and BASF

Corporation's Pharma Solutions Business for the Dinner Reception.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY

PhD Studentship in Environmental Science with high possibility of funding as Research Assistant. Background: MS in atmospheric science, meteorology, environmental science or engineering, aerosol science & technology, mechanical engineering or closely related field. Also requires GPA = 3.0, TOEFL = 80 in CBT, GRE = 1000; Very good exposure to computational modeling; May require to write programming in MATLAB and C++; Strong motivation toward success; Need to start from Fall 2010. Contact: Mohammed Ali, PhD, MBA; Assistant Professor, Department of Technology, JSU Box 18480, Jackson, State University, Jackson, MS 39217, USA. Phone: (601) 979-0327; mohammed.ali@jsums.edu.

NEWS FROM BANGLADESH

Please find some links to recent news on Bangladeshi pharmaceuticals.

<http://www.amadershomoy.com/content/2009/10/04/print0394.htm>
<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/news-details.php?nid=105557>
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<http://www.thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=102696>

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