

CPSA 2006

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Dear Colleague:

Welcome to the ninth annual Symposium on Chemical and Pharmaceutical Structure Analysis (CPSA 2006). CPSA is dedicated to promoting awareness and understanding of the issues and needs associated with pharmaceutical R&D in hopes of inspiring significant advances in the field. This unique event features highly interactive discussions on industry-related initiatives. The combination of interesting topics and an interactive, collegial setting enables the open and candid sharing of real-world experiences.

This year's program chair, Jing-Tao Wu of Millennium Pharmaceuticals, has developed an outstanding program based on the theme "Shaping the Pharmaceutical Landscape with Engaged Analytical Sciences." A diverse ensemble of industry thought leaders will lead provocative discussions on drug discovery, ADME-TOX, clinical development, and new technologies and strategies in the pharmaceutical sciences. A discussion of issues, needs, and benchmarks for analytical performance will be featured throughout each session.

We welcome Dr. Mark L. Powell, Senior Vice President and World Wide head of Pharmaceutical Development at Bristol-Myers Squibb, who will lead the symposium on Tuesday with a plenary lecture on "Analytical Chemistry: A Changing Paradigm of Advanced Process Models, Tools and Technologies in R&D." Dr. Powell has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for over 27 years with responsibilities that encompass all aspects of R&D from discovery lead compound optimization and selection through final regulatory submission and successful product launches of both new compounds and life cycle management projects. We very much look forward to his lecture and his insights into the future.

New for this year's annual meeting are the joint session and evening event held in conjunction with the North Jersey ACS Chromatography Group (NJCG). The Tuesday afternoon session on Pharmaceutical Sciences – New Analytical Strategies and the Sponsor Hospitality Workshop activities (Agilent Technologies, Applied Biosystems/MDS Sciex, and Phenomenex) will be held with the NJCG. Welcome NJCG!

We are once again pleased to feature the popular vendor session along with a dinner and keynote lectures on Wednesday evening in conjunction with the North Jersey ACS Mass Spectrometry Discussion Group. Our keynote speakers are Dr. Rick King of Merck Research Laboratories, this year's recipient of the Distinguished Analytical Scientist Award, and Dr. David Lubman, the Maud T. Lane Professor of Surgical Immunology at the University of Michigan. Dr. King will present a lecture on "Ion Formation from Complex Solutions: Understanding Matrix Effects and Ionization Suppression" and Dr. Lubman will present a lecture on his innovative research "Markers of Cancer Using a Liquid Proteomics Approach."

It is hoped that you will actively participate, interact, and share ideas that will positively impact (engage!) your analytical productivity and enhance your laboratory. As always, creativity and imagination are central to making this meeting a memorable experience.

Finally, special thanks go to our sponsors of this unique event. Each sponsor shares the passion and commitment for the analytical sciences. CPSA sponsors and participants are dedicated to the spirit of cooperation and work together to achieve common goals. Thus, the culture at CPSA goes beyond the scope of traditional scientific meeting; it is a mindset, it is a belief.

Best wishes for a most productive meeting.

Sincerely,



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