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AAPS Student Chapter: University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) AAPS Student Chapter was established in July 2003 with the primary objective of fostering the professional advancement of its members and the pharmaceutical sciences. UTHSC has a strong tradition of great leaders and well-attended events. Past chapter chairs, Dr. Ajit Narang, Dr. Lisa Tang and Murali Divi, have set very high standards of achievement and challenged the current chapter members to add to the continued success.

This year, UTHSC's chapter members have maintained these standards by successfully hosting a variety of events, including seminars, workshops and guest speakers. Dr. Anisul Qadir of BASF, Inc. and Dr. Ajmal Khan of Schering Plough Healthcare Products began the spring semester by presenting a seminar on high func-

tionality excipients for modulation of release properties of the solid dosage forms and troubleshooting strategies in sterile manufacturing. This event was especially insightful for the chapter members because of the real world experiences each speaker shared at the informal roundtable lunch that followed the presentations.

Another workshop conducted by our chapter this year was on "In vitro in vivo correlations (IVIVC): Deconvolution of plasma profiles to predict the dissolution profiles of the solid dosage forms." The workshop benefited the students' with "hands-on" experience of IVIVC using Microsoft Excel and Pharsight WinNonlin software.

The most recent speakers to visit our campus were Stacey May, AAPS director of Public Outreach and Jeb Harter, AAPS Public Outreach specialist. They

provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn more about AAPS student member benefits and career opportunities. The visit also provided additional insight for our PharmForum 2007 preparations, which will be hosted by the student chapter in association with SRDG on May 30-31, 2007. (For more information about submitting abstracts and registration for PharmForum 2007 please visit our website at <http://cop.utm.edu/PharmForum2007> or email PharmForum07@gmail.com.)

In months to come, the chapter has set goals to revitalize the newsletter and outreach committees in order to increase recruitment and promote awareness of AAPS and the pharmaceutical sciences in nonpharmacy programs.

Through the completion of these goals, we hope to add to the great tradition that has been

instilled in our chapter since the beginning. Faculty advisor, Dr. Meibohm reflected on the great program that has been established at UTHSC by saying, "Since the student chapter's inception in 2003, the AAPS student chapter at UTHSC has rapidly grown and matured into an integral entity in our graduate program that enriches the learning experience and professional development of our students. I would like to congratulate the chapter for establishing a diverse and highly appealing program that thrives from the enthusiasm, creativity and dedication of its leadership and members."

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