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Dear WMSHP Members,

Springtime is in the air, and what an exciting month it has been! Before we begin to turn our attention towards cook-outs, family, friends, and fun, I would be remiss if I didn't pause and make note of the wonderful work we've accomplished this month together.



WMSHP Spring Meeting Recap

This year's Spring 2017 Event "Breaking Ground: Enhancing Clinical Knowledge in Pharmacotherapeutics", held at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, was a total success! This event featured 6 CE topics in Infectious Diseases, Cardiology, Critical Care, Alternative Medicine, Compounding, and Advanced Heart Failure/Transplant. Turn out of membership was amazing with 100+ members in attendance. Industry representation was at an all-time high, numbering in the double digits. In addition, we were able to attract representation from the "Financial Planning" sector for the first time (a new and burgeoning source of support for the society). Finally, we were able to sign up new and returning members, including students, pharmacists, and technicians.

In this light, I want to say "thank you" to all our wonderful and thought provoking speakers:

- Dr. Glenn Wortmann
- Dr. Pia Puatrakul
- Dr. Harish Jarrett
- Dr. Vaiyapuri Subramaniam
- Dr. Bryan LeBude
- Dr. Lisa Peters

Finally, I wish to say "thank you" to those behind the scenes who made this amazing event a reality: Dr. Ivan Cephas, Dr. Sharika Johnson, Dr. Joanne Woskov, Dr. Vicki Ly, Dr. Beatrix Lam, Dr. DeAngelo Price, Dr. Vaiyapuri Subramaniam, Dr. Gayle Unhjem, Dr. John Quinn, Dr. Shannon Morrow, Dr. Carla Darling, Dr. Laura Zendel, and many more. Thank you, and let's continue the great work and legacy that is the Washington Metropolitan Society of Health-System Pharmacists!

Warm regards and best wishes,
Justin Sebakijje, PharmD, BCPS
President, WMSHP

University of Maryland Students Visit FDA

By Sadhna Khatri, Shannon Morrow, John Quinn, and
Vaiyapuri Subramaniam

On April 14th, students from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy visited the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) White Oak Campus for a half day visit. The students attended two lectures, took a tour of the White Oak campus, and had lunch in the FDA cafeteria.

Many of you know Shannon Morrow, our University of Maryland student liaison. Shannon has been a key person in helping secure the Universities at Shady Grove space that we have used in recent seminars, and in connecting our group more strongly with University of Maryland pharmacy students. Shannon suggested that pharmacy students might benefit from a tour of the FDA. This idea expanded into a lecture by John Swann, the FDA historian, on the history of drug regulation. A second lecture on alternative pharmacy careers was given jointly by LCDR Sadhna Khatri, USPHS of the FDA's Office of the Center Director at Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), and Dr. Vaiyapuri Subramaniam, of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Pharmacy Benefits Management Services. Sadhna is currently serving on the WMSHP Board of Directors and Vaiyapuri (Puri) is the Immediate Past President. After the lectures, the students took a tour of the White Oak campus. Elaine Pranski, a University of Maryland pharmacy student, and CDR Quocbao (Bao) Pham, USPHS of FDA, helped with student questions on internships at the FDA and how pharmacy practice at the FDA compares to other typical hospital and retail practice settings.

During lunch in the FDA cafeteria, other University of Maryland pharmacy students currently involved in FDA rotations happened to stop by. Students exchanged ideas on different career opportunities and rotations.

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Upcoming Events

Monoclonal Antibodies: an overview with consideration for Biosimilars

(NON-CE Event)

Location:

Busboys and Poets
234 Carroll St NW
Washington DC 20012

Thursday, June 8, 2017
6:30 PM

RSVP: webwmsHP@gmail.com

WMSHP Outreach



John Swann, Shannon Marrow, Dr. Vaiyapuri (Puri) Subramaniam, Sadhna Khatri
at FDA lecture for University of Maryland Pharmacy Students



Students and WMSHP members at the FDA White Oak Campus April 14, 2017

Breaking Ground: Enhancing Clinical Knowledge in Pharmacotherapeutics
Sunday, May 21, 2017



Glenn Wortmann, MD
Update on HIV



Lisa Peters, PharmD
Heart Transplant: Management of Pharmacotherapy



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