Candidates Selected for Fall Elections

Division elections will be held during October, 2004 to select an Academic Vice-Chair and Academic Councilor, each of whom will serve a 3 year term beginning in January, 2005. Candidates for Vice Chair are Rick Wagner (University of Minnesota) and Richard Gibbs (Purdue University), while Kenneth Kirk (NIH) and Jeff Aube (University of Kansas) will run for councilor. All members are encouraged to vote, since the response rate has been <10% in the past 3 elections. Current Executive Committee members are:

2004 Chair: Kenneth A. Jacobson
2004 Program Chair: Dan Flynn
2004 Vice-Chair: David P. Rotella
Industrial Councilor 2003-05: Ruth Wexler
Industrial Councilor 2004-06: James Monn
Alternate Councilor 2003-05: Thomas Perun
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Treasurer: B.K. Trivedi
2004 Past Chair: William Greenlee

Division Homepage Gets New Address

The Division has purchased a domain name for the ACSMEDI Webpage – remember to update your bookmark:

http://www.acsmedchem.org/

Final Program Set for the San Diego ACS Meeting (March 13–17, 2005)

OASYS System Opens August 30, Closes November 26th

SUN AM  Cannabinoid Receptors
SUN AM  General Oral Session I
SUN PM  First Time Disclosures
SUN EVE  Poster Session I and Social Hour
MON AM  EFMC Session – P Glycoprotein
MON AM  Biological Tools in Drug Discovery
MON PM  Druggable Targets - Lipidomics
MON PM  Gene Expression in Med. Chem.
TUES AM  Award Symposium
TUES PM  General Oral Session II
TUES PM  5HTC2/High Order 5HT Receptors
WED AM  Kinase Inhibitors – Antiinflammm.
WED AM  Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors
WED PM  Kinase Inhibitors - Anticancer
WED PM  Drug Resistant TB
WED EVE  Poster Session II
THURS AM  General Oral Session III
THURS AM  From Bench to Pilot Plant


SUN AM  Pain Therapy
SUN AM  General Oral Session I
SUN PM  Predictive Discovery Methods
SUN PM  CRF Antag/AntiAnxiety/Depression
SUN EVE  Posters and Social Hour
MON AM  Grad Fellows/Robertson Symp.
MON PM  Neurodegenerative Diseases
MON PM  Nuclear Hormone Receptors
TUES AM  Hirschberg Award Symposium
TUES PM  General Oral Session II
TUES PM  Biomarkers and PET Imaging
WED AM  Murray Goodman Symposium
WED AM  Co-program: Div of Chem. Tox
WED PM  Cysteine Protease Inhibitors
WED PM  MC4R Agonists and Antagonists
WED EVE  Poster Session II
THURS AM  General Oral Session III
THURS AM  Fragment-Based Discovery
Division On-Line Services

For the latest Division news and information, log on to the Division homepage located at:

http://www.acsmedchem.org/

This page is intended to serve as a resource, a means of communication with the membership, an employment clearing house, and a gateway to other organizations that partner with the Division. The WWW page will also be used as the publication site for this and all future Newsletters.

Division Employment Services

Advertise your postdoctoral, academic, industrial or government positions in the MedChem Employment section of the Division Homepage at:

http://www.acsmedchem.org/employ.html

Send requests and position ads to Pat Woster at pwoster@wayne.edu

Division Travel Grants

The Division of Medicinal Chemistry makes 14 grants available annually of $600 each to aid young chemists in presenting papers at the ACS National Meetings. Applicants must be ACS members (student or affiliate) and not have previously been the recipient of this award. Each university department can have only one awardee. Application deadlines are the same as the abstract deadline for each meeting. In order of priority, the following criteria will be used for selection of awards: Graduate Student, Postdoctoral Fellow, individual with less than five years post-Ph.D. experience. Scientific merit of the paper to be presented will also be considered. Send applications to:

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Awardees will be notified of the granting of such an award in sufficient time so that the awardee can pre-register for the meeting. The awards will be made at the Division business meeting, which is held at each national meeting immediately before the Sunday night poster session and mixer. Address info and a complete application for the award appear on page 3.

CALL FOR PAPERS

229th NATIONAL ACS MEETING
San Diego, CA
(March 13-17, 2005)


You are invited to submit an abstract for a research presentation at the 229th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, to be held March 13-17, 2005 in San Diego. All abstracts should be submitted online using the OASYS system, which is now available for the San Diego meeting. The deadline for submission of abstracts will be November 26, 2004. This date will also be the deadline for submission of travel grant applications, as outlined above and on page 4 of this Newsletter. Please watch the Division Homepage, located at:

http://www.acsmedchem.org/

for additional information and online abstracts prior to the meeting. For more information on programming or abstract submission, contact the Program Chair, Dan Flynn at dflynn@deciphera.com.
ACS Division of Medicinal Chemistry Student Travel Grants

APPLICATION FORM TO BE SUBMITTED WITH ABSTRACT

* Name of Applicant for Travel Grant ____________________________________________

* Degree: ___________________________ Year Obtained ______________________________

* Present Institution: _______________________________________________________________

* Department: _____________________________________________________

* Work to be reported was (check one or more):
  a. Ph.D. Thesis
  b. M.S. Thesis
  c. Postdoctoral Fellowship

*Supported by (indicate source of support for this work):
  a. Grant
  b. Department
  c. Other

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Division of Medicinal Chemistry Moves to On-Line Abstract Booklets

The costs associated with printing and mailing the Abstract Booklets for National ACS meetings continue to rise. In 2003, the Division spent more than $31,000.00 on abstracts for the Spring and Fall ACS meetings. In order to keep Division dues as low as possible, the Executive Committee has voted to discontinue hard copy abstract booklets as of the Fall, 2005 meeting. Abstracts will be available in both hard copy and online format for the San Diego meeting, but beginning with the Washington meeting in August of 2005, abstracts will only be available online. These abstracts, as well as archived copies from recent previous meetings, will be available using the following procedure:

1. Point your browser to the ACS web site at http://www.chemistry.org
2. Log on using the login window on the upper left portion of the page. If you do not have a logon, you must create on by clicking the New User link. Enter a login and password, then follow the directions to complete your registration.
3. Your Division affiliations will be listed – select the Division of Medicinal Chemistry link.
4. You will see a link for Abstract Separates – you may download the abstract booklet in the same format as the printed version as a .pdf file. You will need a PDF reader such as Acrobat Reader to view the file.

31st National Medicinal Chemistry Symposium to be Held in Seattle in 2006

The 31st National Medicinal Chemistry Symposium is tentatively scheduled for July 9-13, 2006, and will be held on the University of Washington campus in Seattle, Washington. The UW campus (http://www.washington.edu/uwin/) is located about 3.5 miles north of downtown Seattle. Facilities and costs are now being examined, and the organizers will be using a group that manages conferences and continuing education programs that has 15+ years experience doing meetings for scientific groups in the area. A program committee is also being formed. For further information, contact Wendel Nelson in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry at wlnelson@u.washington.edu. More information will be provided on the Division homepage as it becomes available.

David W. Robertson Award for Excellence in Medicinal Chemistry Sponsored by Pfizer Endowed Fund.

The David W. Robertson award has been established in the memory of Dave Robertson, and is intended to recognize young talent in the field of medicinal chemistry. The annual award will recognize significant contributions by a young investigator who has made a significant impact toward the design and development of a novel therapeutic agent, or who has made a significant scientific breakthrough that further enhances the basic principles of medicinal chemistry. Nominees for this award could be from industry or an academic institution. The awardee will be under the age of 40 at the time of nomination for this award, which will consist of a plaque in recognition of the scientific contribution, and a check for $1000. Awardees will be required to present an award address at the Fall national ACS meeting following the award, with travel expenses covered by the endowed fund. The Division of Medicinal Chemistry will administer this award, which will be underwritten by the Pfizer Endowed Fund. Awardees will be selected by a committee appointed by the Division Executive Committee, and their names and will be published in C & E News. Look for additional information on the Division website (http://www.acsmedchem.org).
Chris Lipinski Wins ACS Division of Medicinal Chemistry Award

Dr. Chris Lipinski, recently retired from the Pfizer Global Research and Development Groton Laboratories, has been selected as the 2005 recipient of the E. B. Hershberg Award for Important Discoveries in Medicinally Active Substances sponsored by Schering-Plough Research Institute and has selected the Division of Medicinal Chemistry to present the required award address. The award will be presented at the 229th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society to be held March 13–17, 2005 in San Diego, CA. The award is given biennially in odd-numbered years to a scientist whose research has directly or indirectly had a significant effect on Medicinal Chemistry. A full biography outlining Dr. Lipinski’s achievements in medicinal chemistry appeared in the Winter, 2004 newsletter in conjunction with his receipt of the Division of Medicinal Chemistry award. This newsletter is available at http://www.acsmedchem.org.

Division Announces 2004-2005 Predoctoral Fellowship Winners

The MEDI Predoctoral Fellowship Awards Selection Committee has recommended six outstanding graduate students to receive Predoctoral Fellowship awards for 2004-2005. The recommended awardees are:

Jeremy Baryza  
Stanford University  
Mentor: Paul Wender  
Sponsor: Eli Lilly and Co.

Steven L. Warner  
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Kristin Meagher  
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Mentor: Heather A. Carlson  
Sponsor: Bristol-Myers Squibb

David Colby  
University of California, Irvine  
Mentor: Richard Chamberlin  
Sponsor: Pfizer Global Research and Development

Evan Krygowski  
Harvard University  
Mentor: Matthew Shair  
Sponsor: Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Christina S. Stauffer  
University of Kansas  
Mentor: Apurba Dutta  
Sponsor: Aventis

Congratulations to all of the predoctoral fellowship winners!

Amgen Agrees to Fund 7th Division Predoctoral Fellowship

Amgen has generously agreed to fund a predoctoral fellowship through the Division of Medicinal Chemistry during 2005-2006 and in subsequent years. The Division will now offer seven predoctoral fellowships each year, awarded to graduate students on a competitive basis for one academic year. Amgen joins Bristol-Myers Squibb, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Eli Lilly and Co., Pfizer Global Research and Development, Novartis and Aventis Pharmaceuticals as annual sponsors of these fellowships. The Division is grateful to Amgen, and to all fellowship sponsors, for their generous contributions to graduate education in medicinal chemistry.
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