

Minutes for ASPET Drug Metabolism Division Business Meeting  
April 4, 2006; 6:00-7:00 P.M., San Francisco, CA

Attendees: Wayne Backes, Almira Correia, Xinxin Ding, Jim Halpert, Ron Hines, Paul Hollenberg, Larry Kaminsky, Dennis Koop, Qiang Ma, Eddie Morgan, Dick Okita, Peter Preusch, Alan Rettie, Dave Riddick, Emily Scott, Jeff Stevens, Hollie Swanson, David Williams, Yan Weng, Xiuling Zhang, and Xiaoliang Zhuo

Chaired by David Riddick

1. The winner of the Brodie Award (Frank Gonzalez) was announced. The chair thanked Jim Halpert and Ron Hines for their seminal fund-raising efforts that made the award possible.
2. The chair announced the two Gillete Best Paper Award (DMD) winning papers, and the winners of the graduate student best abstract awards and postdoctoral scientist awards. The chair indicated that the newly instituted breakfast for student and postdoctoral award applicants was highly successful, and the tradition will be continued. Award posters and presentations were exhibited later in the evening during the joint mixer with the TOX division.
3. Xiuling Zhang gave her perspective on her experience as “councilor-in-training” for the past year. She indicated that it was a very good experience.
4. The chair announced the establishment of the ASPET Division for DM Early Career Achievement Award. The first Award will be given out at EB’07. The chair urged everyone to be actively involved in the nomination process.
5. The accepted proposals for EB’07 symposia were announced. Three of our six proposed symposia were selected. We will also co-sponsor three other symposia. The procedure for selecting proposals was discussed. The merits of having the division pre-review and change the content of proposals were debated, and the practice was endorsed by the attendees.
6. The chair reviewed the divisional budget, which is in good shape. The divisional membership has increased sharply, now with 296 primary and 392 secondary members.
7. EB’08, San Diego ASPET centennial programming was discussed. Various symposium ideas were discussed, including
  - phase I and II regulation by receptors;
  - discovery of the induction phenomenon;
  - pharmacogenetics/genomics;
  - interindividual differences in drug response;
  - first purification of enzymes for drug metabolism;
  - identification that drugs are metabolized;
  - changes of the faces of scientists;
  - co-develop symposium with Clinical Pharmacology division;
  - interdisciplinary nature of drug metabolism;
  - proteolysis of drug-metabolizing enzymes;
  - predictive in-silico approaches;
  - Japan infusion – transporters.

Prepared by Xinxin Ding, Secretary/Treasurer, April 10, 2006