

## ASPET Drug Metabolism Division

Minutes for Business Meeting of April 5, 2005; San Diego, CA

The meeting was opened at 6 pm by Tim Tracy, Chair of the Drug Metabolism Division.

### 1. Announcements

Attendees were reminded of the joint DMD/TOX mixer to follow the business meeting and the Best Paper presentation at the platform session tomorrow morning.

### 2. Budget

Craig Svensson provided a summary of the budget for the Division. The total revenue for the Division for 2005 is expected to be \$18,353.24, which includes the NIH grant to support the PharmGKB Workshop. The expected expenses are \$14,281.00. We anticipate that \$4,072.24 will be available to carry over to 2006. It was noted that the number of primary members in the Division (236) had decreased from the previous year (282), while the number of secondary members (208) had increased (from 167).

### 3. Programming

The Division received 5 proposals for symposia for EB 06. Three of these were selected by Council for ASPET support: (1) Allan Okey/David Riddick: What regulates the regulators? Factors that alter expression of the nuclear receptors which regulate drug-metabolizing enzymes, (2) Xinxin Ding: Function, regulation, and genetic polymorphisms of the cytochrome P450 reductase, and (3) Thomas Chang: Metabolic considerations in the action of herbal medicines. In addition, the EC elected to support one additional proposal for Division Programming: Laurence Kaminsky: Metabolomic/metabonomic probes of drug metabolism consequences.

Ideas for symposia for 2007 should be sent to Larry Kaminsky. It was suggested that a symposium be considered where grad students or postdoc, rather than mentors, be required to present the work going on in noted labs.

### 4. Brainstorming for future symposia

The attendees participated in a brainstorming session of potential topics for future symposia. Suggestions included:

- Novel methods for predicting ADME/Toxicity
- Develop a joint symposia with Clinical Pharmacology
- Genetic variation in regulator factors affecting metabolism/disposition
- Link between proteomics/metabolomics/genomics
- Biomarkers
- PK/PD modeling
- Transporters
- Inflammation and drug metabolism
- Nutrition and drug metabolism
- Consider symposia specifically designed to attract industrial scientists

5. Feedback

Feedback on the Divisions operations were requested from the attendees. Concern was raised about the loss of members to both the Division and to ASPET overall. It was suggested that the Division and ASPET should consider what aspects of their mission makes them unique and able to provide important opportunities for scientists in academia and industry. Some suggested that few scientists seem to be aware that ASPET contains an active DMD. Methods of increasing the visibility of the Division and its programming were discussed.

6. Announcements from Executive Committee

- Young Investigator Award by the Division will be initiated with the first award given in 2007
- The EC discussed ways to improve the Best Paper Award selections and will be implementing several changes over the coming year.
- Trainee councilor, Cheng Fang, was recognized. Further efforts to integrate such individuals into the activities of the EC will be undertaken.
- The EC will be appointing a new councilor to replace Elizabeth Roberts-Kirchhoff, whose term ends this year.
- Jim Halpert has agreed to assist with continued fund raising for the Brodie Award, to bring the endowment level to \$60,000.
- There will be a student/postdoc luncheon next year to provide a further opportunity for students/postdocs who enter the poster competition to interact with senior scientists.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Svensson, Secretary/Treasurer  
April 8, 2005