



## **DERMATOPHARMACEUTICS FOCUS GROUP**

2007 Annual Meeting Jamboree Programming & Strategic Visioning Meetings  
May 7-8, 2006  
San Diego

The Dermatopharmaceutics Focus Group was represented at the Strategic Visioning and Annual Meeting Programming Meetings by Philip Wertz, Chair-Elect, and Carryn Purdon from the Focus Group Steering Committee. Dr. Bozena Michniak, past-Chair of Dermatopharmaceutics and PDD, was also very involved and helpful.

During the Strategic Visioning portion of the meetings, the top issue that AAPS should address was identified as the education of Pharmacy students. Something must be done to restore the area of pharmaceutics to the curriculum of pharmacy schools, or possibly, AAPS could establish an industry-funded educational institute. This would function like a finishing school to provide graduates who would be capable of teaching pharmaceutics or of functioning in the pharmaceutical industry. The other two top issues were Quality by Design and. globalization.

Four general topics were proposed for oral sessions at the 2007 AAPS Annual Meeting. These included microdialysis, cosmeceuticals, chemical agents and drug delivery via channels. Microdialysis was brought to us by Elizabeth de Lange from the Microdialysis Focus Group. This Focus Group has association with APQ, PDD and PPDM. It appears that all three sections will back this proposal. On 2 July we are to get details of the online submission site. Then there will be opportunity to gain support for one or more of our other proposals, as well as to possibly support proposals put forth by other Focus Groups.

One suggestion that came up during Strategic Visioning was that steering committees should include volunteers from academia and industry and at least one student/post-doc and one regulator. In this regard, Eric Smith and I represent academia, David Osborne and Ken Walters represent industry, and Carryn Purdon was awarded a Ph.D. just recently. Mansoor Khan has agreed to join our steering committee as a regulator.