



DERMATOPHARMACEUTICS FOCUS GROUP NEWSLETTER

The 20th annual meeting of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists took place in San Antonio from 29 October through 2 November. Of particular interest to the Dermatopharmaceutics Focus group were a large number of posters on display during the afternoon of 30 October and a symposium held on Thursday, 2 November. For those of you who missed this, the symposium was titled, "Micro- and Nano-Scale Topical Delivery Systems – What We Can (and What We Should) Deliver Through the Skin."

Speakers

- Reinhard Neubert, Martin-Luther University, Dermal Peptide Delivery Using Colloidal Carrier Systems
- Johann W. Wiechers, Uniqema, A Systematic Approach to Topical Formulation Design to Optimize Skin Penetration of Drugs
- Juergen Lademann, Charite-Universitätsmedizin, Follicular Accumulation of Nanoparticles
- Michael Roberts, University of Queensland, Dermal Safety of Micro- and Nano-structured Formulations

Eric Smith opened the Focus Group business meeting, after which Philip Wertz took over as the new Chair. Some potential topics for symposia or roundtables for 2008 were discussed. This will resurface after the Jamboree, which is tentatively scheduled for August. The site of the meeting was not yet determined. Traditionally, the Jamboree has been held at the site of the next meeting. However, money could be saved by having the Jamboree in a modestly priced city, while sending only those committees that actually need to see the meeting rooms, hotels etc to the location of the next meeting. The Steering Committee was discussed. This currently includes several individuals from private industry, several from academia and one from private practice. A need for a student/postdoctoral member and a regulator was noted. Any volunteers? It was announced that a symposium on chemical enhancers will be on the 2007 scientific program. The AMPC still has to vote approval of a final program. Jurgen Lademann was elected to be Chair-elect, and the meeting was adjourned.