

EB 2014

IN REVIEW

On April 26–30, 2014, ASPET members met as part of **Experimental Biology 2014** in San Diego, CA. With over 13,000 attendees, the meeting boasted an excellent scientific program and great networking opportunities.

The ASPET Business Meeting took place on Saturday, April 26. ASPET Members filled the room to capacity to hear President Rick Neubig present an update on the Society's current activities, programs, and initiatives. Highlights include the introduction of ASPET's new Executive Officer, Dr. Judith A. Siuciak; the newly elected ASPET officers, Dr. Ken Thummel, Dr. Dennis Marshall, and Dr. Margaret Gnegy; and new initiatives surrounding the launch of ASPET's new logo and brand. Dr. Neubig was also proud to announce

the success of ASPET's fundraising campaign for the Goodman & Gilman Award Endowment Fund, which is now fully endowed. And in even more exciting news, Dr. Neubig announced a brand new ASPET award, the David Lehr Research Award, which was made possible by an endowment from Mrs. Lisa Lehr to honor her husband, the late Dr. David Lehr. Following the reports on the state of ASPET's membership, finances, publications, and science policy, Dr. Neubig presented this year's award winners.



2014 ASPET Graduate Student Travel Award Winners



2014 SURF Travel Award Winners



2014 Washington Fellows Travel Award Winners



President-Elect **Annette Fleckenstein** thanks President **Rick Neubig** for his services



2014 ASPET Young Scientist Travel Award Winners



2014 ASPET Award Winners

Following the ASPET Business Meeting, members kicked off the start of the 2014 Annual Meeting with an opening reception. The opening reception featured carving stations, an open bar, and a lively atmosphere for members to catch up with old and new friends. Also at the opening reception, ASPET staff took pictures for a new “I am an ASPET member” marketing

campaign. This campaign aims to show the diversity of our membership. ASPET members work in a variety of different fields and they may sometimes refer to themselves as something other than “pharmacologists,” but their common bond is their membership in ASPET. There will be more to come with this campaign throughout the next year.



Pictures from the opening reception

“I am an ASPET member” Campaign

ASPET members work in a variety of different fields. ASPET members include neuroscientists, toxicologists, chemical biologists, pharmacists, cardiovascular scientists and many more. Furthermore, our members work for academia, government, large pharmaceutical companies, small biotech companies and even non-profit organizations. Though very diverse, our members have a common bond through their membership in ASPET. Show your support for ASPET membership and participate in the “I am an ASPET Member” campaign.

Fill in the blank “I am a _____ and an ASPET member.” You can get as creative as you would like. Make a sign with your statement, take a picture, and send it to sthompson@aspet.org. We will include your picture in our marketing campaigns and beyond, and you will be helping us showcase who our members are and what they do! ASPET logo'd prizes will be sent to the most creative pictures.





ASPET President **Rick Neubig** with the delegates from CNPHARS.

This year's annual meeting was held jointly with the Chinese Pharmacological Society (CNPHARS). On Sunday, April 27, we held a CNPHARS welcoming ceremony where gifts were exchanged between our two societies. Following the ceremony, Dr. Guan-Hua Du from the Institute of Meteria Medica, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences & Peking Union Medical College delivered a lecture titled "Target-net based drug discovery for Parkinson's disease treatment by HTS/HCS." Later that evening, leadership from both societies enjoyed a Mexican dinner together.

If you had time to visit the exhibit hall this year, you will know that it was buzzing with lots of activity. The

ASPET booth had great traffic with both member and non-member visitors. We signed up 42 new members and showcased our newly branded marketing materials, brochures, flyers, and products. If you haven't already had a chance to view our new Guide to Member Benefits brochure, be sure to take the time to download it now at www.aspet.org/Guide_to_Member_Benefits. As part of our re-branding efforts, this new guide was created to make sure our members are taking full advantage of ASPET membership. Also at the booth, we sold t-shirts, hats, plush donkeys, lunch bags, and mugs featuring our new logo. If you didn't get an ASPET logo'd product, you can still make purchases online at www.aspet.org/store.



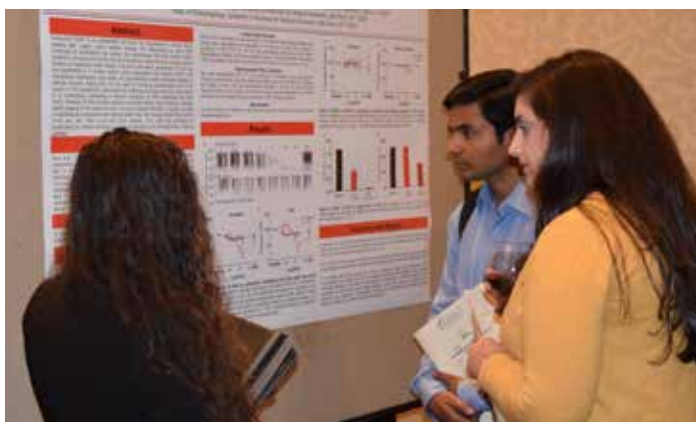
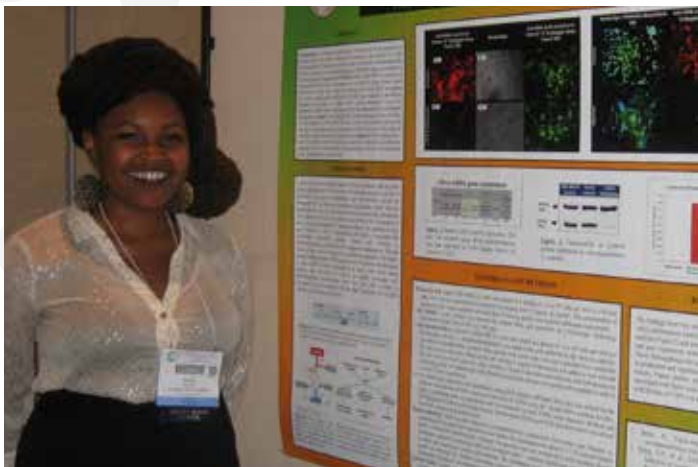
ASPET hosted a welcoming ceremony for visiting CNPHARS members.



ASPET Exhibit Hall Booth

With over 400 members attending, the Student and Postdoctoral Best Abstract Competition gave students and young scientists a chance to present their work in a lively and fun atmosphere. Each of the ASPET divisions held their competitions simultaneously. This year, many

of the judges indicated the difficulty in judging due to the very high level of great science and presentations. Not only was the competition fierce, but it was a great opportunity to talk and network with senior members, colleagues, and friends.



Pictures from the Best Abstract Competition.



Dr. Susan Ingram presents Fernando Moura with the 2014 Dolores C. Shockley Best Abstract Award

Also, award at the Student and Postdoctoral Best Abstract Competition was the 2014 Dolores C. Shockley Best Abstract Award. Dr. Shockley was the first African American woman to earn a PhD in pharmacology and the first black woman appointed to chair a pharmacology department in the U.S. In 2009, Dr. Shockley received the Distinguished Alumni Award from her alma mater, Purdue University. This award was given to Fernando Moura from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for his abstract entitled "Differential generalization among nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists in nicotine, varenicline, and epibatidine drug discriminations in mice."

Following the poster competition, ASPET Students and Postdocs let their hair down at the Student/Postdoc mixer. Young members enjoyed drinks, dessert, and dancing!



ASPET Student/Postdoc Mixer

The ASPET Networking Walk took place on Tuesday, April 29. ASPET members gathered for a walk around San Diego. Members walked along the waterfront and enjoyed time talking and networking with each other. Walkers enjoyed a hearty breakfast afterward before heading off to more scientific sessions.



Members enjoy the closing reception poolside at the Marriott



Members enjoy a nice walk along the San Diego harbor

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