



Division for Cancer Pharmacology October 2016 Newsletter



Message From The Chair

The official launch of the Division for Cancer Pharmacology (DCP) took place in April 2015 and much has happened since then. Early this year, Kip Guy (Secretary/Treasurer), Milu Cherian (Postdoctoral Rep) and I were pleased to welcome Mary-Ann Bjornsti (University of Alabama) as Chair-Elect, and Jack Yalowich (Ohio State University) as Secretary/Treasurer-Elect to the DCP Executive Committee. Their presence on the DCP Executive Committee has already been immensely helpful. Your Executive Committee has developed a DCP leadership document which outlines the terms of office for Executive members, processes for Division elections, and descriptions of DCP Executive member responsibilities.

The Division was pleased to participate in our first joint mixer with the Divisions of Drug Metabolism and Toxicology at EB2016. A fun time was had by all – and it was a great venue to give public recognition of our DCP trainee award winners. Thanks to our colleagues in the TOX and DM Divisions for sharing their time and space with us. We will again participate in a joint mixer at the EB2017 meeting in Chicago – watch for the notices on the website!

We also held our inaugural Annual Division Business Meeting in San Diego. Attendance was good, and we were pleased that so many participated in the discussions about how best to promote our discipline and our Division. We hope to see (and hear from) even more cancer pharmacologists at the 2nd DCP Annual Business Meeting in Chicago, which will be held Tuesday, April 25 (5:30 pm – 6:30 pm).

The DCP again provided support for the annual meeting of the Cancer Molecular Therapeutics Research Association (CMTRA), which was held in July 2016 at the University of Washington in Seattle. DCP's sponsorship was used to support the attendance of trainees at this conference.

We'd like to remind everyone that the ASPET Call for Abstracts for the EB2017 meeting in Chicago is now open; the deadline for submissions is November 17th. More details can be found below or by visiting:

<https://www.aspet.org/EB2017/>.

Young Investigators Symposium - Call for Speakers

DCP is sponsoring a Young Investigators Symposium at the ASPET Annual Meeting at EB2017 on Tuesday, April 25 (3:00 – 5:30 pm). All speakers will be trainees that have been selected on the basis of their abstracts submitted to one of the four Cancer Pharmacology Abstract categories: 3000-ASPET, 3001-ASPET, 3002-ASPET, and 3003-ASPET. All eligible selected speakers will receive a \$250 award. Please note that only ASPET members are eligible and abstracts must be submitted to one of these categories by **November 17th** to be considered.

[Submit your abstract now.](#)

Key Deadlines and Dates for EB2017: Mark Your Calendars!

November 17, 2016:
Abstract submission deadline

November 21, 2016:
Best Presentation Award application
deadline

December 1, 2016:
Travel Award application deadline

**ASPET Annual Meeting at EB2017 in
Chicago, April 22-26**

We'd also like to thank the ASPET leadership including Ken Thummel (Past-President), David Sibley (President), John Schuetz (President-Elect) and the ASPET Council for their strong support of our Division. The excellent support provided by the ASPET staff is also greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Susan Cole
Chair, Division for Cancer Pharmacology



Opportunities for Young Scientists

Best Presentation Awards

Best Presentation awards are offered for outstanding presentations by undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral scientists attending the ASPET Annual Meeting at EB2017. DCP Awards for first place in both the Postdoc and Graduate Student categories are \$500 and for second place are \$250. Undergraduate awards are \$150 for first place and \$50 for second place. For more information and to apply, visit www.aspet.org/awards/best-presentation.

Travel Awards

Undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral scientists are encouraged to apply for a travel award to help defray the costs of travel and housing to attend the ASPET Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2017. For more information and to apply, visit www.aspet.org/ASPET_Travel_Awards.



Symposia

DCP is grateful to those individuals who submitted proposals for symposia that were considered by the ASPET Program Committee. Three symposia primarily sponsored by our Division include:

- **Challenges and Opportunities for Childhood Cancer Drug Development (chaired by Peter Houghton; co-sponsored by DDD, MP, TCP, TOX)**
 - Sunday April 23, 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- **3D Biology in Cancer Pharmacology – Is Flat Biology Dead? (chaired by Mary-Ann Bjornsti; co-sponsored by DDD, MP, TCP)**
 - Monday April 24, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm
- **Stem Cells in Cancer (chaired by Kip Guy, co-chair Shannon McKinney-Freeman; co-sponsored by MP, TCP)**
 - Wednesday April 26, 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Saturday, April 22, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm:

ASPET Business Meeting and Awards Presentation (including Travel Awards)

Sunday, April 23, 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm:

DCP Symposium: *Challenges and Opportunities for Childhood Cancer Drug Development*

Sunday, April 23, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm:

DCP posters presented at the Student/Postdoc Poster Competition

Monday, April 24, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm:

DCP Symposium: *3D Biology in Cancer Pharmacology – Is Flat Biology Dead?*

Tuesday, April 25, 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm:

DCP Sponsored: Young Investigator Symposium

Tuesday, April 25, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm:

Annual Business Meeting – DCP

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm:

Joint Mixer (TBD); Trainee Poster Presentation and Young Investigator Speaker Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, April 26, 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm:

DCP Symposium: *Stem Cells in Cancer*

Looking Ahead: EB2018 in San Diego



It is not too early to start thinking about the scientific and associated social programs of Cancer Pharmacology at the ASPET Annual Meeting at EB2018 to be held in San Diego (April 21-25, 2018). We urge you to send us your suggestions for symposia related to Cancer Pharmacology. Even better, consider organizing one yourself! Member-initiated symposia is a special feature of the ASPET annual meeting and, with the online submission form,

Abstract submission for the ASPET Annual Meeting is NOW OPEN

Submit your abstract to one of the following 4 cancer pharmacology categories:

- 3000-ASPET Drug Targets in Cancer Pharmacology
- 3001-ASPET Anticancer Drug Response
- 3002-ASPET Cell Signaling and Cancer Therapeutics
- 3003-ASPET Cancer Immunotherapy and Stem Cells

[Submit your abstract now.](#)

symposium submission form will be opening this Winter and proposals will be due sometime in early 2017, with lots of early notification.