

Happy New Year

We wish everyone a very healthy and prosperous New Year and look forward to having more and more of you join us as members in the New Year. During the past years there has been a huge surge in use of networking groups as the best means for staying in touch with any industry. IALSN meetings are an ideal forum for networking with people in the same or similar professions and keeping in touch with local and national news in the Life Sciences.

PAST EVENTS (2010)

More details about each event will be emailed to you closer to the date of the event. Our quarterly meetings provide excellent opportunities for networking, finding new friends, and catching up with the old ones.

February 2010

Dr. William Gerwick is the professor of Oceanography and Pharmaceutical Sciences Center for Marine Biotechnology and Biomedicine at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD. Dr. Gerwick talked about "Prospecting for Pharmaceuticals on Coral Reefs: Interesting Science and Educational Opportunities with Societal Applications".



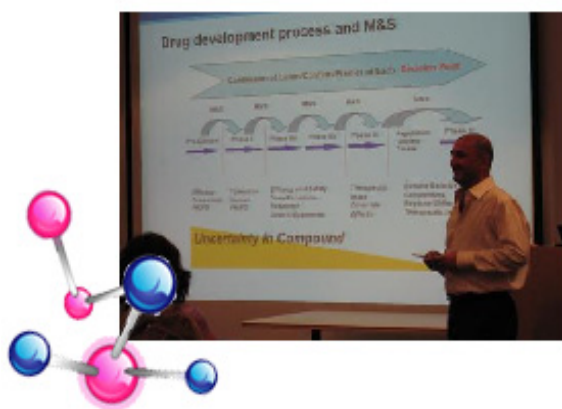
March 2010 – Noruz Celebration

نوروز مبارک



May 2010 – Dr. Koroush Parivar

Currently the head of Clinical Pharmacology for the Oncology Business Unit at Pfizer with areas of interest of quantitative drug development and Clinical Development in Asia. The title of his presentation was: “Clinical Trials: POC to Phase II”



September 2010 - Summer Symposium

"The Power of Outsourcing in Early through Preclinical Drug Development". A group of companies (see the list below) presented a comprehensive look at the capabilities of a 'one-stop-shop', with multi-service offerings across the R&D spectrum. The Symposium presented Multi-disciplinary partnership availabilities to meet specific project requirements. Presenting Companies: CeeTox, MPI, Velesco, Kalexsyn, Jasper Clinic, Metabolan, and Paracelsus a Consulting Firm (Grace Furman).



December 2010



Mo Tehrani

IALSN is proud to present

"RNAi, An Opportunity For a New Class of Drugs?"

Mo Tehrani

RNAi Discovery and Therapeutics Services

Presentation covered this breakthrough molecular biology technology from its discovery just 10 years ago to the current RNAi potential and candidates in clinical trials.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

We hold two types of meetings: quarterly meetings and educational events.

Our planned schedule for 2011 quarterly meetings is as follows:

27TH January (Celgene)
Norouz (5th March; TBD)
23rd June (Celgen)
29th September (Celgene)
8th December (Celgene)

Happy Hours

Our planned schedule for “No Host” happy hours held at a local Restaurant/Bar is:

18th February
6th May
29th July
21st October

January 27 MEETING

Life Sciences Financing in 2011: Trends for the New Year

2010 was a game-changing year for private investment in biotech and companies are on the lookout for new sources of financing as traditional capital providers pull away from the sector. This talk is an overview of life science investment trends for 2011 and outlines changes in the market for biotech capital, highlighting emerging capital providers that are increasingly important for startups as traditional capital providers continue to contract.

Mark J. Benedyk, Ph.D

Mark Benedyk is Managing Partner of Rila Partners LLC, a life sciences strategy and business development advisory firm based in San Diego. Prior to founding Rila, Dr. Benedyk was managed The Pfizer Incubator LLC, an option fund created by Pfizer to offer scientist-entrepreneurs opportunities to bring their medical innovations to patients. Prior to joining The Pfizer Incubator, Dr. Benedyk was Vice President of Business Development at Ascenta.

During his tenure in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, Dr. Benedyk has personally led transactions worth over \$300 million and participated in over \$600 million worth of product licensing, corporate acquisition and fundraising transactions. Dr. Benedyk received his Ph.D. in Genetics and Developmental Biology from The Rockefeller University, where he was a Lucille P. Markey Graduate Fellow. He received his B.S. in Microbiology and Botany from the University of Michigan .

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MEMBERSHIP

IALSN is a non-profit, non-political, non-religious association dedicated to providing a focused and dynamic forum for life science professionals to meet, exchange ideas, and build relationships. As such, our membership is open to any individual. We encourage everyone to become a member. Our members are entitled to a discount on the meeting registration fees as well as receiving 2 complimentary tickets to the Norouz celebration event. You can find our membership forms on the IALSN website at www.ialsn.org. The membership and registration fees for the upcoming year are:

Annual Membership:	\$55	Educational Event	
Quarterly Meeting		Online Pre-registration:	
Online Pre-registration:		Member:	\$15
Member:	\$15	Non-Member:	\$25
Non-Member:	\$25	Registration at the event	
Registration at the event		Member:	\$20
Member:	\$25	Non-Member	\$30
Non-Member	\$30		

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We depend on the generosity of our various sponsors for the funds needed to hold our various meetings. There are three levels of sponsorship:

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Sponsorship of \$1000/event. The sponsorship will include two free event tickets, a 15 minute presentation on the sponsor company, its services and scientific contributions, posting of the company banner at the events, and company logo and link on the IALSN website and news-letter.

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CONTACT

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As always, please check out our website: www.ialsn.org for the latest news and information.

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www.BICOM.org

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