

Happy New Year

Welcome to the Iranian American Life Science Network (IALSN) Newsletter. 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 year due to the economic environment and scarcity of jobs a huge surge in use of networking sites has been reported. IALSN meetings are an ideal forum for networking with people in the same or similar professions and keep in touch with local and national news in our industry.

IALSN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IALSN Board of Directors has been meeting periodically for the past three years to organize meetings and attend to the business of the organization. The following individuals are members of the Board of Directors. Please feel free to contact any of the individuals on the list with any suggestions you have for improving the organization, or for topics for future meeting.

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Board Members:

Masood Tayebie
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MEETINGS

We hold two types of meetings: quarterly meetings and educational events. Our planned schedule for 2010 quarterly meetings is as follows:

- Winter (4th February; Celgene)
- Norouz (6th Mar.; TBD)
- Spring (27th May; Celgen)
- Summer (9th Sept.; Celgene)
- Fall (18th Nov.; Celgene)

- ❖ Our Norouz Celebration will be on 6th March 2010.

More details about each event will be emailed 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.

In the past year we were honored to host these Speakers:

- **Dr. Massoum Montakhab** who talked about her experiences in Iran under the heading Emancipation, Revolution, and Oppression- Jan 2009
- **Dr. Habib Fakhrai** – Founder and Chief Scientific Officer of NovaRx, whose cutting edge drug is in Phase III clinical trials for lung cancer. The title of his presentation was “How to overcome immunosuppression in cancer”- June 2009
- **Dr. Pardis Sabeti** who is a distinguished Iranian American geneticist and rock star, shared her inspirations, experiences and accomplishments- Sept. 2009
- **Dr. Jim McKim** who is a Diplomat of the American Board of Toxicology and the founder and Chief Scientific Officer of CEETOX gave a presentation under the heading “Organotypic *in vitro* models for accessing the safety of Pharmaceutical candidates”- Dec. 2009

Our educational events are held at various times during the year. The purpose of these meetings is for an individual or a company to discuss and present a new or groundbreaking technical or scientific concept.

Happy Hours

Hence a quarter (usually on the alternative month to our meetings) we hold a “No Host” happy hour at a local Restaurant/Bar for a casual get together and lively conversation.

Our planned schedule for 2010 is:

- Winter Happy Hour (26th February)

- Spring Happy Hour(30th Apr)
- Summer Happy Hour (9th July)
- Fall Happy Hour (18th Oct)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Our next quarterly meeting will be held on:

04 February 2010

Celgene Signal Research
1st Floor Conference Room
4550 Towne Centre Court
San Diego, CA 92121

Dr. William Gerwick
“Prospecting for Pharmaceuticals on
Coral Reefs: Interesting Science and
Educational Opportunities with
Societal Applications”

Dr. Gerwick is the professor of Oceanography and
Pharmaceutical Sciences Center for Marine
Biotechnology and Biomedicine at Scripps
Institution of Oceanography, UCSD

Buffet dinner serving Persian food will be catered
by Balboa International Market.

We encourage our members and meeting
attendees to share any information that they
may have on employment and/or
entrepreneurial opportunities with one of our
board members. That information will be posted
on our web site and available to other members.

Likewise we encourage those who are
seeking open positions and/or opportunities to
become a member and then a copy of their CV or
other contact information may be posted on our
jobs forum on our web site.

EVENT SPONSOR



We happily accept offers of event
sponsorships from qualified entities.

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 with a dual interest in the
Persian culture and the life sciences.

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.** Additionally, our members
can access the jobs forum on our website, where
they can post or browse resumes. 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
Quarterly Meeting	
Online Pre-registration:	
Member:	\$15
Non-Member:	\$25
Registration at the event	
Member:	\$25
Non-Member	\$30
Educational Event	
Online Pre-registration:	
Member:	\$15
Non-Member:	\$25
Registration at the event	
Member:	\$20
Non-Member	\$30

SPONSORSHIP



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

Platinum Level

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

Gold Level

Sponsorship of \$600/event. The sponsorship
will include two free event tickets and company
logo and link on the IALSN website and the
newsletter.

Silver Level

Sponsorship of \$300/event. The sponsorship
will include one free event ticket and sponsor's
name will be listed on the IALSN website and
newsletter.

CONTACT



We encourage you to contact us via any of the following means:

Our new telephone number is:

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For questions regarding the sponsorship of one of our events, or membership please contact Sam Tahmassebi at: stahmassebi@ialsn.org

For suggestions for the newsletter please contact Neda Rashti at: nrashti@ialsn.org

For suggestions for speakers for our meetings, please contact Mehran Moghaddam at mmoghaddam@ialsn.org

For general comments or questions, please contact Maryam Famourzadeh at mfamourzadeh@ialsn.org

As always, please check out our website

www.ialsn.org

for the latest news and information.

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www.Chekhavar.com

www.BICOM.org

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