



**W**elcome to June issue of IALSN Newsletter. The purpose of this Newsletter is to share information about IALSN's efforts and accomplishments with you, who makes our organizations existence possible. 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

**I A L S N** We are pleased to welcome two new board members, Dr. Mark Benedyk (From Pfizer) and Mr. Afshin Mahmoudi (from Celgene). With our new board, we look forward to IALSN achieve its goals.

Board of Directors has been meeting periodically for the past four 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.

### **Officers:**

Maryam Famourzadeh (CEO)  
Sam Tahmassebi (CFO)  
Vahid Naini (Agent, Service of Process)  
Mehran Moghaddam (Science & Education)  
Neda Rashti (Secretary)

### **Board Members:**

Masood Tayebie  
Kourosh Parivar  
Mark Benedyk  
Afshin Mahmoudi  
Shawn Mojtahedian

## Upcoming Events

**W**e hold two types of meetings: quarterly meetings and educational events.

Our planned schedule for the rest of 2010 quarterly meetings is as follows:

- *Summer Symposium (9<sup>th</sup> Sept.)*

The title of the symposium is "**The Power of Outsourcing in Early through Preclinical Drug Development**". IALSN has invited a group of companies (see the list below) to present a package with capabilities of a 'one-stop-shop', with multi-service offerings across the R&D spectrum. It can also be considered as a package that is offered through multi-disciplinary partners as per the project requirement.

- ❖ **Date:** Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **Time:** 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Place:** Hyatt Regency in La Jolla
- ❖ **Presenting Companies:** CeeTox, MPI, Velesco, Kalexsyn, Jasper Clinic, Metabolan, and Paracelsus a Consulting Firm (Grace Furman)
- ❖ **Sponsorship Levels:** Diamond (\$1,000.00); Platinum (\$400.00), Gold (\$200.00), and Silver(\$100.00)
- ❖ Complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served

- *Fall ( 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.; Celgene)*

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 6 months we were honored to host these Speakers:

- **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
- **Dr. William Gerwick** who 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". Feb. 2010

- **Kourosh Parivar** M.Pharm. who is currently the head of Clinical Pharmacology for the Oncology Business Unit in Pfizer. His areas of interest are quantitative drug development and Clinical Development in Asia. The title of his presentation was "Clinical Trials: Phase II" May. 2010

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



Once 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:

- **Summer Happy Hour (9<sup>th</sup> July)**  
at Karl Strauss  
9675 Scranton Road, San Diego
- **Fall Happy Hour (18<sup>th</sup> Oct)**

## Sponsorship



Sponsorship is best recognized at our specific event. To become a sponsor please visit our website or email Maryam Famourzadeh at [mfamourzadeh@ialsn.org](mailto:mfamourzadeh@ialsn.org). Your contribution as a member or sponsor is vital to the advocacy of IALSN. We depend on the generosity of our various sponsors for the funds needed to hold our various meetings. Thank you for your attention and consideration to this growing professional group. We appreciate your support. There are three levels of sponsorship.

## Sponsorship categories

- **Platinum Sponsor (\$1000/event)**
  - Two free event tickets
  - A 15-minute presentation on your company or group, its services and scientific contributions
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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 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](http://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

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.

## CONTACT



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

Our new telephone number is:

(858) 754-9549

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

For suggestions for the newsletter please contact Neda Rashti at: [nrashti@ialsn.org](mailto:nrashti@ialsn.org)

For suggestions for speakers for our meetings, please contact Mehran Moghaddam at [mmoghaddam@ialsn.org](mailto:mmoghaddam@ialsn.org)

For general comments or questions, please contact Maryam Famourzadeh at [mfamourzadeh@ialsn.org](mailto:mfamourzadeh@ialsn.org)

As always, please check out our website

[www.ialsn.org](http://www.ialsn.org)

for the latest news and information.

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