

## **Report on the Inaugural AAPS-NUS Student Chapter Symposium**

1. **Registration** Total registrants are 65, including 16 undergraduate students and 49 postgraduate students.
2. **Invited Speakers** Five invited speakers made excellent podium presentations. Mr. Michael McGuinness, from Merck Singapore, analyzed the opportunities for pharmaceutical industry in Singapore. Ms Lai Lee Tan, from Quintiles, explained the clinical research as a career option. Dr Malini Olivio, from National Cancer Center, presented her research on cancer detection and therapy. A/P Lawrence Ng, just moving from USA to Singapore, introduced his research on herbal medicine. Mr. Pai Chung Wee shared his experience in his postgraduate study in Department of Biochemistry, NUS.
3. **Chapter Student Presenters** Undergraduate student Huiyu (year 3) and Kai Lee (year 4) made impressive presentations on their UROPS projects. Shera Wong, being the only undergraduate poster presenter, competed shoulder to shoulder with the rest 13 postgraduate students. Kevin Yap is the only non-NUS chapter member. He won one of Best Presenter Awards by his well-organized poster 'Rapid Sensor System for Ginseng Identification'.
4. **Awards** Winners of the Best Presenter Awards in the poster session are Kevin Yap, Xiang Ma and Jing Zhang. In the podium session, Anandaroop Mukhopadhyay and Aik Jiang shared one award for postgraduate. Kai Lee Yap won the other award for the undergraduate.
5. **Sponsors**
  - 5.1) Director of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing of Merck Singapore, Mr. Michael McGuninness agrees to top up the Best Presenter Awards from S\$100 to S\$200. The Awards may be renamed as 'Merck Best Presenter Award' for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium held in January 2006. Furthermore, short visit to manufacturing site of Merck Singapore can be arranged for small group of chapter members.
  - 5.2) Banners (2), badges (63), pen gifts (5), envelopes (20), certificate templates (19) and lunches for 40 participants were generously provided by Department of Pharmacy, NUS. AAPS student memberships of USD30 each (9) were also underwritten by Department of Pharmacy, NUS.
  - 5.3) Using of poster stands, velcros for 16 posters and LT31 were kindly approved by Dean's Office, Faculty of Science, NUS.
  - 5.4) More sponsorships are needed (i) Chapter T-shirt worth of S\$10 each for 200 members, (ii) gifts for all symposium participants and (iii) AAPS student membership worth of USD30 each for 10 student participants in the Chapter Symposia. You can help us to make our symposium more professional and

benefit more student members in pharmaceutical sciences. Please email to Lifeng ([PHAKL@NUS.EDU.SG](mailto:PHAKL@NUS.EDU.SG)) if you would like to become a sponsor of us.

6. **Total cost**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost (S\$)</b>
Symposium Proceeding printing	220.50
Afternoon Tea	275.00
Symposium Poster printing	18.00
Best Presenter Awards of S\$100 each	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1013.5</b>

7. **Acknowledgement** We would like to thank Ying Ying for preparing the banners and badges. Thank A/P Lawrence Ng, Dr Malini Olivio and Mr Pai Chung Wee for judging the student poster and podium presentations. All invited speakers are highly appreciated for their excellent presentations. Dr Zhou Shufeng supports all his lab students to participate the symposium. Dr Wai Keung Chui helps to take care of the AVA of LT31. Ms Teo processed the AAPS-NUS Student Chapter account. Mohd Noor Bin Haron assembled the poster stands. Grateful to Siang Meng and Perry for being so good to serve as our photographers. Thank all the rest who have worked with us for this inaugural symposium.
8. **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium** The venue for the 2nd AAPS-NUS Student Chapter Symposium will be National University of Singapore in January 2006. Please check the AAPS-NUS Student Chapter web pages for updates.

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