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IPEC Foundation 2014 Award Recipients

The IPEC Foundation recently announced its 2014 Award Recipients, who will be recognized and honored during the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Annual Meeting, November 2 in San Diego, California.

The winner of the Louis Blecher Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award is:

Henk de Jong, Scientific Secretary of FIP, the International Pharmaceutical Federation. Henk de Jong studied chemistry and physics at Leiden University, the Netherlands, where he obtained an MSc (1970, cum laude) with a major in analytical chemistry. This was followed by a PhD (1973, cum laude) on Hyphenated Chromatographic-Spectrometric Techniques.

Professor de Jong held positions in University (analytical chemistry, pharmaceutical quality) and industry (pre-clinical development, regulatory affairs) and was involved in activities at the Dutch, French and European Pharmacopoeias (last as Chair of the European Pharmacopoeia Commission 2007-2010). He was also one of the founding fathers of IPEC Europe (2 times chairman and many years of board-membership).

The winner of the Ralph Shangraw Memorial Award is:

Paolo Colombo, Ph.D., Professor of Pharmaceutics, University of Parma.

Dr. Colombo received his PharmD in 1968 from the University of Pavia, Italy, PhD in Pharmacy. He started University of Pavia, Fellowship holder in 1970 until 1986 - Associate Professor. This was followed by University of Parma in 1986 as Full Professor until 2012 - Senior Member, Department of Pharmacy. Most recently he started a new line of research dedicated to the powder for inhalation and also to pressurized meter dosed inhalers. In this field the use of excipients is critical since the number of them approved is very low. The use of excipients in his scientific work is extremely innovative resulting in many patents filed on drug formulation (over 40), several of them with pharmaceutical companies.

The winner of the Industry Research Achievement in Excipient Technology Award:

Ali Rajabi-Siahboomi, Ph.D., VP & Chief Scientific Officer, Colorcon

Dr. Siahbomi obtained his B.Pharm & Ph.D. in Pharmacy from University of Nottingham (UK). His main research interests are in the area of solid dosage form pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical technology with emphasis on oral drug delivery systems. The majority of his research focused on the development, characterization and application of various excipients for oral dosage form.

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The Five Graduate Student Scholarships have been awarded to the following individuals:

Mr. Zhonggiang (Jacky) Lin, University of Maryland: *Quantification of the Extent of Coalescence of Ethylcellulose Films using Permeability and Spectroscopic Methods* – Purpose: To use the water vapor permeability of ethylcellulose (EC) pseudolatex cast films at different stages of coalescence during the curing process to quantify the extent of particle coalescence.

Mr. Desai Parind Mahendrakumar, National University of Singapore: *Evaluation of functionality of disintegrants and their mixtures by visimetric, calorimetric and quality by design approaches* – Purpose: To evaluate functionality of disintegrants and their mixtures by visimetric, calorimetric and quality by design (QbD) approaches.

Mr. Sharad Mangal, Monash University: *Engineering of novel core-shell micro- excipient for efficient tablet manufacturing: Employing the concept of interactive mixing* – Purpose: The term “interactive mixing” describes coating of larger particles with smaller ones of appropriate cohesive-adhesive balance.

Ms. Pinal Mistry, University of Minnesota: *Role of the strength of drug-polymer interactions on the molecular mobility and physical stability of amorphous solid dispersions* – Purpose: To investigate the effect of specific drug-polymer interactions (ionic or H-bonding) on the molecular mobility and the physical stability of ketoconazole solid dispersions.

Mr. Frederick Osei-Yeboah, University of Minnesota: *Effect of moisture on the tableting performance of polymer-based drug delivery systems* – Purpose: This work investigates the impact of moisture on mechanical properties of polymer-based pharmaceutical materials and their tableting performance.

Graduate Student Scholarship winners will receive a travel award of \$1,000 and membership with IPEC-Americas for one year. In addition, the scholarship winners will present their research during the poster sessions at AAPS November 3-5.

Best Manuscript Award - Will be announced at a later date.

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