

▶ **AAPS and Antibody Engineering**

Two important meetings are set, on opposite coasts.

The 2004 American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) Annual Meeting and Exposition will take place November 7–11 in Baltimore. This is an opportunity for pharmaceutical scientists to meet colleagues and to learn about and promote breakthrough research and technologies.

In response to requests from past attendees, this year the AAPS has improved the format of the event and the type of program offered. These improvements include longer question-and-answer sessions at symposia, career and personal growth sessions, and presentations of cutting-edge science presented by contributed-paper authors.

The AAPS will also present the AAPS Presidential Debate, featuring AAPS past presidents Les Benet (1986) and Karl DeSante (1995). The debate will highlight both sides of the topic "Drug Price Controls and Re-Importation Issues Will Negatively Affect the Pharmaceutical Sciences." Additionally, programming for the 2004 meeting and exposition will now be presented in tracks.

The event's keynote speaker will be Francis S. Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). This



year's program topics include analysis and pharmaceutical quality; biotechnology; clinical sciences; drug design and discovery; pharmaceuticals and drug delivery; pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and

drug metabolism; pharmaceutical technologies; regulatory sciences; student/postdoctoral outreach and development; and professional development. Some 530 companies are expected to showcase the latest equipment, technical developments, publications, and other services for the pharmaceutical scientist. AAPS short courses and a workshop on clinical biomarkers will be offered at additional cost. The short courses will be offered November 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The premeeting workshop will be offered November 5 and 6, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., respectively.

There are three ways to register for this event: online at www.aapspharmaceutica.com/annualmeeting; fax a completed registration form with credit card payment to 301-694-5124; or mail a completed registration form and payment to AAPS Annual Meeting, P.O. Box 590, Frederick, MD 21705. For more information on AAPS, visit www.aapspharmaceutica.com/annualmeeting.

Antibody Engineering

The 15th Annual International Conference on Antibody Engineering, put on by IBC Life Sciences, will be held November 30 to December 3 in San Diego. This year's theme will be "Forging the Future of Antibody Therapeutics." IBC promises to provide an opportunity for the antibody engineering community to gather for presentations of the most important breakthroughs, discuss challenges and opportunities, and network with peers. The 2004 meeting will provide a vision of the directions in which scientific advances in this field are evolving. These insights will help to accelerate the design and development of future immunotherapeutic agents.

Past meetings have had well over 600 participants from all over

the world. Featuring more than 50 of the world's leading experts in antibody engineering and immunotherapeutics, attendees will have the opportunity to join their colleagues to learn, network, share new ideas, and



forge a new vision of the field's future. Additionally, everyone participating in the meeting can attend talks at the 2nd Annual Antibody Therapeutics Conference, co-located in the Sheraton Hotel, November 30 to December 2.

Sessions include topics such as Analysis, Structure and Design of Novel Engineered Antibodies and Their Target Complexes; Structure & Biology of Antibody Fragments and Antibody Mimetics; Antibodies to Infectious Agents; and many others. The 2nd Annual Antibody Therapeutics conference will cover key aspects of the development of antibodies as therapeutic products and will offer topics such as Capital Market, Clinical Trials, and Regulatory Environment; Business Development, Technology Transfer, and Partnering Strategies; Technology Highlights; Clinical Study Status; Pre-Clinical and Clinical Development of Recombinant Antibodies; and Production.

Each session will run about 30 minutes, with opportunities throughout the day for networking and exhibit and poster viewing. In addition, technology workshops will be offered each day. Keynote addresses will be given by Pamela J. Bjorkman, executive officer for biology, California Institute of Technology, and Ronald Levy, professor and chief, division of oncology, Stanford University School of Medicine.

Delegates can register online at www.ibclifesciences.com/antibodyeng. They can also register by phone at 508-616-5550 or by faxing the registration form to 508-616-5522. Registrations by mail, using a printed registration form, can be sent to: Customer Service, IBC USA Conferences, One Research Drive, Suite 400A, Westborough, MA 01581. For more information, visit www.ibclifesciences.com/antibodyeng. ■