

# ASCPT NEWS

## 2009 Abrams Lecturer announced

Plan now to join ASCPT and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the 2009 Dr. William B. Abrams Lecture, 29 April 2009. The 2009 ASCPT/FDA Abrams honoree is



William Pardridge, MD

William M. Pardridge, MD, Professor of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Pardridge's lecture is entitled "Blood-Brain Barrier and Biologics: Delivery to the Human Brain."

Registration for the Abrams Lecture is complimentary; however, advance registration is required. The program will be held at the FDA White Oak Campus in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Additional information about the lecture as well as registration information are available online at <http://www.ascpt.org>.

## Scientific Program Committee finalizes 2009 program

The Scientific Program Committee has made the final scientific decisions for the 2009 ASCPT Annual Meeting, 18-21 March 2009, at the Gaylord National Resort, National Harbor, Maryland.



Gaylord National Resort, site of the 2009 ASCPT Annual Meeting

ASCPT would like to thank the committee for their efforts in planning an outstanding meeting.

Register today for the premier meeting in clinical pharmacology. ASCPT members receive significant discounts on registration fees. The ASCPT website, <http://www.ascpt.org>, is the place to register, secure your hotel reservation, and review the latest program developments.

## Call for mentors and protégés for mentoring program



2008 Annual Meeting mentor reception

ASCPT is accepting applications for mentors and protégés interested in participating in the Society's mentoring program. The program, which will run from March 2009 through March 2010, offers an opportunity for students and trainees to connect with leaders in clinical pharmacology.

Protégés can expect to receive advice on careers in clinical pharmacology and assistance with portfolio development, interviewing, and other critical skills. Mentors have an opportunity to assist young scientists as they enter the field as well as provide a critical career connection and share experiences.

Mentor-protégé partnerships will be announced during a special Mentor and Leadership Reception at the 2009 ASCPT Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in participating as either a mentor or protégé, please complete the online participation form at <http://www.ascpt.org>.

## ASCPT launches online bookstore



Consistent with the Society's strategic plan to disseminate clinical pharmacology knowledge to the field and to increase the value of membership, the ASCPT Board of Directors voted to approve an online bookstore. Society members will receive discounts on books purchased online as well as exceptional customer service from the ASCPT staff.

ASCPT's online bookstore will feature clinical pharmacology books authored by ASCPT members. Watch for the online bookstore at <http://www.ascpt.org>.

## Member of the Month

**Peter Honig, MD, MPH, Executive Vice President, Worldwide Regulatory Affairs and Product Safety, Merck**



**& Co., Inc., North Wales, PA** Dr. Honig currently serves as the Chair of the Scientific Awards Selection Task Force and as

an Associate Editor of *CPT*. Additionally, he has served in various leadership roles in ASCPT, including President, member of the Board of Directors, and Chair of the Pharmacoepidemiology, Drug Safety, and Outcomes Research (PHE) Scientific Section. He sees ASCPT as “the prominent society for those interested in our discipline. It offers not only the opportunity to keep up to date with the scientific advances but also allows members to interact with leaders in the field, to share common views on science and policy, and to learn more about the breadth and applications of clinical pharmacology skills.” From an industry perspective, Dr. Honig sees clinical pharmacology as being “at the core of most important drug development decisions, and the disciplined application of the principles of clinical pharmacology in a formal and disciplined manner is a competitive advantage.” In addition to his volunteer service with ASCPT, Dr. Honig serves as the PhRMA representative to the International Conference on Harmonisation Steering Committee.

## Dedicated Member

**Keith D. Wilner, PhD, Senior Director of Clinical Research, Pfizer Global Research and Development, San Diego, CA**



Dr. Wilner currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Scientific Program Committee, which designs the overall program for the Annual Meeting, including the identification of major speakers, the development of the session schedule, and the selection of abstracts submitted through the scien-

tific sections. He is a strong advocate for both the discipline and the Society: “I have strongly supported the selection of key opinion leaders of sister scientific societies as keynote speakers at our annual Society meeting. This will continue to keep clinical pharmacology on the forefront in the eyes of other organizations as well as give ASCPT members fresh perspectives applicable to all therapeutic areas.” Dr. Wilner has practiced clinical pharmacology for more than 20 years. In that time, he has seen the field “become more diversified; however, new ideas/technologies were slowly accepted. I believe that the FDA stagnation/innovation white paper was an important wake-up call, and the field has responded with innovative study designs to better address go/no go decision points in early clinical studies.”

## New Member

**Jinesh M. Parmar, BPharm, MSc, Aberdeen, UK** Having recently completed his master’s degree in clinical pharmacology from the University of Aberdeen, Mr.

Parmar is pursuing a career researching clinical pharmacokinetics and drug metabolism. Among other reasons,



he joined ASCPT to develop professional relationships with other clinical pharmacologists and keep abreast of ongoing research in the field. For his master’s thesis he studied “the effect of fluvastatin on eosinophil adhesion to the endothelium under flow conditions.” His interest in clinical pharmacology stemmed from the important role it plays in drug development. He sees many challenges in pediatric pharmacology: “drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics is different in pediatric patients than in adults, which creates difficulties in drug use and drug development for children. However, new techniques and technologies will help us to make better drugs in the future.” In his spare time, Mr. Parmar enjoys taking part in cultural activities and plays cricket.

## Welcome new ASCPT members!

### Full Members

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