The The Annual USC School of Pharmacy Alumni and Friends Reception at the 2017 AAPS Annual Meeting was a success!

Doctoral Regulatory Science Students Presented their Research Throughout Asia!

Several doctoral Regulatory Science students have presented their work in Asia as part of the RSCI 604–Regulatory Sciences in Asia course. Students: Monique Carter, Jeanne Greenwald, Virginia Hill, Wenli Liu, Martin Koning-Bastiaan, Laura Kuspeh, Geoffrey Okelo, Mary Wilhelm, Carolyn Wright, and Michael Yartsoff were accompanied by SOP Faculty Dr. Frances Richmond, Dr. Eurijoo Pacifi, Dr. C. Benson Kuo, and Dr. Gerald Leeb. The students presented their research throughout Tokyo, Korea, and China, including at the Korea Health Industry Development Institute, the China Pharmaceutical University, and the Shanghai FDA in China during their 10-day visit to Asia during late October.

**PGA to host a “Canvas and Cheese” Event!**

The PGA Board will be hosting the “Canvas and Cheese” event on Thursday, November 30th at 6:00 pm, Location: TBD. The students will have a chance to work on their painting skills! Please RSVP for this event at pga@usc.edu; spots are limited.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**USC-Amen Seminar Series to Conclude with Amgen Thousand Oaks Campus Visit, Friday, Dec 1:** The seminar series has addressed various topics including the identification of therapeutic targets and their role in disease; approaches to optimize therapeutic efficacy and safety; case studies from bench top to clinic; and information on product development and manufacturing of devices, with approximately 50 students attending each week. Students had the opportunity to network with Amgen scientists during small-group lunches. 40 students will be selected to tour several labs at the Amgen Thousand Oaks Location on December 1, 2017, with priority given to those who have consistently attended the seminars; invitation is required. For more information contact Lia Aguirina at Lia.Aguirina@usc.edu.

**School of Pharmacy Faculty and Staff Holiday Reception, Monday, December 18:** The holiday reception will take place in the Edmonson Faculty Center from 5-5:30 pm. Please RSVP at usc.edu/rsvp using code: Holiday2118.

**School of Pharmacy Pharmaceutical & Translational Sciences Graduate Program Interview Weekend, Friday-Saturday, January 26-27, 2018:** Prospective applicants will have the opportunity to listen to faculty research presentations, and participate in a campus tour, a graduate student poster session and dinner. Applicant interviews will be on Friday, January 26th. Prospective students will have the opportunity to mingle with faculty and graduate students during the poster session on Friday, January 26th at 4:30 pm. The program will end on Saturday with a social event that includes an excursion of the Los Angeles area with current graduate students. For more information contact email rother@usc.edu.

**Stuent Seminars** (Wednesdays at noon in PSC 104):

Nov 29: Joshua Chen (PSCI, Wang lab)
Dec 6: Dab Britt (PSCT, Noworab lab)
Dec 13: Sophia Chen (PSCI, Stiles lab)

The Student Seminar Series will go on break from Dec 13th–January 10th for the Holiday Break.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Jingyu Chen and Lucas Gutierrez Presented Posters with Distinction at National Conferences!

Jingyu Chen (MPTX Program; Dr. Bangyan Beringer, advisor) was awarded the “Presidential Poster of Distinction” award for her poster on “Pten Deletion in Sox9 Positive Hybrid Periporal Hepatocytes (HjPH) Leads to the Development of Cholangiocarcinoma” at the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Conference. Lucas Gutierrez (PSCI Program; Dr. Houda Alachkar, advisor) was awarded the “2017 American Society of Hematology Minority Graduate Student Abstract Achievement Award” for his poster on “Midostaurin Reduces Regulatory T Cell Population in Healthy and Acute Myeloid Leukemia Cells” at the American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting. Congratulations Jingyu Chen and Lucas Gutierrez!

The PHTS program will be hosting prospective students interested in attending the USC SOP for their graduate studies on Wednesday, November 29 from 9 am-12:30 pm. The students will have the chance to listen to faculty research presentations, and participate in a campus tour, a graduate student poster session and a luncheon. Applications for the Program are due December 1 and the students will have the opportunity to mingle with faculty and graduate students during the poster session on Friday, January 26th at 4:30 pm. The program will end on Saturday with a social event that includes an excursion of the Los Angeles area with current graduate students. For more information contact rother@usc.edu.

Zhen Meng, who recently graduated from the PSI Program (Dr. Sarah Henn-Avarez, advisor) is a first-authored article titled, “Interferon-γ treatment in vivo ablates some of the changes in catechol 5 and serotonin presentation characteristics of lomral glands and corneas from the NOD mouse model of Sjögren’s Syndrome” based on her doctoral research.

Rachel Reyes (CPT Program; Dr. Daryl Davies, advisor) won the Best Poster at the Cedars-Sinai Biomedical Sciences Graduate Student Symposium in Los Angeles, CA on October 10th. Rachel worked on her poster, “Manipulation of the Gut Microbiome: Influencing Alcohol Consumption Behavior” along side USC undergraduates: Catalina Vu, Rachel Paik, and Vida Andrade, and Bravo Star High School student Sina Klaemhr.

Larry Rodriguez (PSI program; Dr. Daryl Davies, advisor) presented his research on “The Effect of FXR4 Positive Modulation by Moxirolcin on Osteoporosis” at the Cedars-Sinai Biomedical Sciences Graduate Student Symposium in Los Angeles, CA on October 20th.

Alicia Warncke (CPT Program; Dr. Daryl Davies, advisor) presented her research on “The Effect of FXR4 Positive Modulation by Moxirolcin on Osteoporosis” at the Cedars-Sinai Biomedical Sciences Graduate Student Symposium in Los Angeles, CA on October 20th.

Yifen Xu (INLE Program, Dr. Geoffrey Fox, advisor) presented her poster on “Persistence and Concentration of Prescription Drug Expenditure among Medicare Beneficiaries 2006-2013” at the International Society for Pharmacoconomics and outcomes Research.