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The Respiratory Drug Delivery Conferences: Feedback and the future

The Organizers of the Respiratory Drug Delivery Conference Series

There are three Respiratory Drug Delivery (RDD) conferences every two years. Between conferences, the organizers work hard to respond to participants' feedback, and secure excellent speakers to address the most salient topics in pulmonary and nasal drug delivery at future conferences. Large, diverse audiences attend RDD® (in the United States), RDD Europe, and RDD Asia to remain on top of important developments, share their scientific and commercial advances and meet collaborators and suppliers.

RDD Europe

RDD Europe 2017 (Antibes, France, April 25–28, 2017) was particularly successful by every one of these measures. Of the 500 participants in attendance, representing more than 30 countries, approximately 300 were new to RDD Europe. One wrote, "This was my first time at RDD. [I was] very impressed by the scientific quality of the meeting."

The increasing worldwide participation serves as an indicator of strong interest in our pharmaceutical niche and a harbinger of new products entering the global market. Based on learning from RDD Europe 2017, it's likely some of these products will utilize advanced hardware, sophisticated formulation and fabrication approaches, and exhibit connectivity to address longstanding problems known to beset some patients receiving inhaled drug therapy.

These subjects, in addition to the topics of new drugs, product

quality, advances in clinical and laboratory testing, and regulatory and legal issues will continue to be developed at RDD 2018 (Tucson, Arizona, US, April 22-26, 2018) and RDD Europe 2019 (Lisbon, Portugal, May 7-10, 2019). Driven by attendees' suggestions, we will continue to increase networking opportunities during the exhibition and poster sessions, meal breaks and social events, and expand the use of electronic question submission following podium presentations.

RDD Asia

RDD Asia 2016 (Goa, India, November 8-11, 2016) was a smaller meeting designed to meet the needs of rapidly growing companies keen to learn about the latest developments in nasal and pulmonary products, without the expense of visiting the United States or Europe. We facilitated presentations by internationally known speakers that addressed the mechanics of powder dispersion in dry powder inhalers, advanced optical systems to probe pressurized metered dose inhaler spray development and powder fluidization, alongside talks that highlighted local research and treatment of COPD, TB and respiratory infections. The US FDA also presented an overview of inhalation device regulations and participated in a panel discussion related to "Advancing Regulatory Science of Inhaled Products." Learning was enhanced during an exhibition comprised of 30 companies, augmented by seven workshop sessions and several scientific posters. Meeting feedback from

delegates representing 16 countries was highly favorable, and we will be bringing RDD Asia 2018 to India, November 14-16, 2018.

RDD in the United States

RDD meetings in the United States are the most comprehensive and largest we arrange, and serve to highlight cutting-edge developments presented by key scientists, engineers, clinicians, regulators and other opinion leaders. Discussions and collaborative opportunities abound, due to the longer meeting duration and the diverse interests and expertise of meeting participants.

To these ends, RDD 2018 (Tucson, Arizona, April 22-26, 2018) will feature:

- In-depth discussions of developing issues surrounding combination product design and crossover technologies, which resonate with the diverse expertise of our delegates from the drug delivery industry.
- A scientific poster session and technology exhibition during which device and equipment designers and component suppliers will present their latest developments alongside scientific posters from the aerosol community.
- Posters on the Podium, where innovative poster abstracts are featured as short podium presentations during a special session in the main auditorium.
- The Charles G. Thiel Award, presented to a scientist who has pioneered significant develop-

ments in the area of respiratory drug delivery.

- The RDD VCU Peter R. Byron Graduate Student Award, given to a student who presents the highest-quality research at the conference.
- Peer-reviewed proceedings in print or electronic format to all registrants.
- Numerous networking opportunities to meet new scientists and business professionals.

Get involved

No matter which RDD meeting you decide to attend, our goal remains to equip academic, industry and government scientists and business professionals with the information and skills needed to optimize the performance of their organizations to best serve the needs of patients and customers. We invite you to become involved as a delegate, presenter, exhibitor and/or sponsor as we continue our 30-year legacy of providing excellent meeting value for all individuals and organizations active in the development of inhaled and nasal products. Learn more at www.rddonline.com.