

CROSS-INDUSTRY Organizations

Aerosol Society to host Drug Delivery to the Lungs silver jubilee conference

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Drug Delivery to the Lungs was established in 1989 as a sub-committee of the Aerosol Society by a group of experienced respiratory scientists who had a passion to expand and share their knowledge and enthusiasm. Its mission is to provide a vehicle for the advancement of respiratory science and to share recent developments in inhalation therapy in a friendly and informal environment. The conference attracts a range of attendees including scientists, academics, clinicians, regulators and industrial experts specializing in all aspects of developing medicines for inhalation.

DDL aims to be affordable for students and academic researchers as well as scientists from all levels of industry. This gives everyone the opportunity to publish and present their work, visit exhibitors' stands and hold discussions with a wide variety of experts in the field. DDL is a not-for-profit conference and any financial surpluses are reinvested in research and in training the next generation of aerosol and drug delivery scientists.

DDL25—the silver jubilee

From little acorns do mighty oaks grow! This year, DDL celebrates its 25th annual conference. When the first DDL meeting was organized in 1989, it was held in the lecture theatre at Glaxo Group Research. The event turned out to be so popular that there was standing room only!

Since those early days, DDL has further grown in size to more than 500 attendees and is now held in one of the United Kingdom's premier conference centers. The conference has also grown in stature and importance, covering all aspects of respiratory delivery from research through pharmacology, pre-clinical, CMC, regulatory and commercialization. DDL is recognized as a major European conference in respiratory drug delivery and a key international meeting for the rest of the world.

DDL25 will be held in the recently-expanded and award-winning Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC), Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. Expansion of the EICC, which was completed in 2013, will allow DDL attendees to benefit from the increased space and improved facilities—not least by enabling the lecturers, exhibitors and poster stands to be very closely located. The improved facilities, which first became available for DDL24, also enhance networking opportunities for presenters, exhibitors and attendees for which the conference is already known.

Conference themes and awards

This year, the DDL conference will run from 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 10 to 1:30 PM on Friday, December 12.

The themes will be:

- Respiratory disease and biology
- Devices and technology

- Regulatory and emerging markets
- Pharmaceutical development—Formulation and analytical

These themes will include presentations from a variety of invited experts in these subjects as well as relevant presentations selected by the organizing committee from submissions.

The conference will include the DDL lecture and the invited speaker will again be a well known expert in the field of inhalation drug delivery. The extremely popular Pat Burnell Award will be held again in 2014. It is awarded by the DDL organizing committee to the best research from a junior researcher. The award provides an opportunity for a young researcher to present work as a poster and on the podium. This award, along with those for the best academic and industrial posters, will be presented at the evening reception.

A celebratory dinner

In recognition of its 25th anniversary, DDL25 will celebrate in style with a free conference dinner to be held on December 11. The dinner, which will be co-sponsored by DDL and others, promises to be memorable.

The Aerosol Society and DDL25 organizing committee hope everyone will be able to join the 25th jubilee anniversary conference and dinner. For further information, please visit www.ddl-conference.org.uk.

The Aerosol Society: Aims and events

The Aerosol Society has been in existence for 27 years. It is a scientific, non-profit organization aimed at supporting the study of airborne particles. The membership of over 600 scientists is drawn from academia, government bodies and industry. Members' interests are numerous and include climate and atmospheric modeling, nanotechnology, development in inhaled therapies and air pollution. A committee of volunteers promotes all scientific branches of aerosol research and each year the Aerosol Society arranges a series of meetings and events.

One of the society's primary aims is the encouragement and support of graduate students. The society annually invests many thousands of pounds in studentships, travel and research awards for graduates. It launched a small research grant scheme in 2012, where funding of up to £15,000 is available for young scientists.

An annual Fundamentals of Aerosol Science meeting has been launched to provide inter-disciplinary training for scientists new to aerosol science. In 2014, this meeting will be held at the University of Birmingham on November 28. This meeting will follow the Aerosol Society's annual general meeting.

The society holds specialized, one-day focus meetings on diverse topics such as atmospheric aerosols and volcanic ash. In addition, the society held a one-day event with the Institute of Physics electrostatic group in London in November. Drug Delivery to the Lungs evolved out of such a one-day meeting into the successful annual conference which attracts over 500 attendees and experts in the field from around the world.

For further information, please visit www.aerosol-soc.org.uk.

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