

CROSS-INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

DDL2017 and additional activities of The Aerosol Society

In 2017, Drug Delivery to the Lungs (DDL) will celebrate its 28th anniversary. The conference attracts scientists, academics, clinicians, regulators and industrial experts who specialize in all aspects of inhalation medicine development. At least 600 delegates are expected to attend what has grown to be one of the world's largest respiratory-focused conferences.

The meeting will be held from 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 6 to 1:00 PM on Friday, December 8 at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre in Edinburgh, UK. It will focus on the following topics:

- Inhaled therapy in special populations
- Emerging therapeutics and novel respiratory medicines
- Inhalation devices and aerosol science
- Modeling and simulations in inhalation science

Highlights of DDL2017

The DDL lecture will be presented by Professor Myrna Dolovich, who will discuss "The evolving landscape in inhalation therapy in the last 60 years."

The conference will also include the first DDL Emerging Scientist Lecture and Award. The recipient who presents the lecture will be chosen for demonstrating significant scientific accomplishment or innovation during the early stages of their career in inhalation science.

The extremely popular Pat Burnell Award will be presented again. The award enables a young re-

searcher to present their work as a poster and on the podium. Awards for the best academic and best industrial posters will be presented at an evening reception.

Pre-conference symposium

On the morning of Wednesday December 6, the pre-conference symposium "Designing Inhalers for Children and Infants," will be sponsored by SimInhale. Presentations by leading researchers will be followed by a networking buffet lunch.

Free admission for students

In 2016, the DDL committee decided that all students should be able to attend DDL for free, in order to engage with world renowned scientists, promote their own work and gain the experience of attending a large conference. Students wishing to attend DDL2017 must register online to reserve their places.

For further information on DDL2017, please visit www.ddl-conference.com.

Aims of The Aerosol Society

The Aerosol Society, which has been in existence for 30 years, is a scientific, non-profit organization aimed at extending knowledge of airborne particles. Its membership consists of scientists drawn from academia, government bodies and industry. Members' interests are numerous and include climate and atmospheric modeling, nanotechnology, development of inhaled therapies and air pollution.

A committee of volunteers promotes all scientific branches of aero-

sol research through events and a monthly members' newsletter. Also, over the last year, the Society has invested in a new and updated website to support members in forming an online aerosol science community where profile information and a database of research can be viewed and shared.

In addition, one of the Society's primary aims is the encouragement and support of early career scientists. It invests thousands of pounds annually in studentships, travel and research awards to eligible Society members.

Additional events

The Society organizes multiple events for both members and non-members. Its annual Fundamentals of Aerosol Science Course provides interdisciplinary training for scientists new to aerosol science. This year, it will be held at the University of Birmingham on November 8 and will precede the Annual Aerosol Science Conference, now in its 31st year, on November 9. The theme of that conference will be "Pushing the Limits in Aerosol Measurements." The meeting will also include the Aerosol Society's annual general meeting.

The Society also holds specialized meetings on topics such as aerosols in the atmosphere and aerosols in combustion and energy. A January 2017 meeting was held on atmospheric ice nucleation as well as a June meeting on bioaerosols.

To join the Aerosol Society or for further information, please visit www.aerosol-soc.com.