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The Aerosol Society: DDL24 and the Society's missions

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Plans for DDL24

In 2013, Drug Delivery to the Lungs (DDL) will once again be held at the award-winning Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC), Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. Expansion of the EICC is now complete. This will allow DDL to make optimum use of the increased space and improved facilities, not least by enabling the exhibitors and the poster stands to be co-located. This will undoubtedly further enhance the networking opportunities for presenters, exhibitors and attendees for which the conference is already renowned.

The DDL24 conference runs from 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 11 to 1:30 PM on Friday, December 13. The themes for this year are:

- Aerosol nano-medicines
- Role of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics in developing inhaled products
- Formulation approaches for new inhaled medicines
- Recent developments in respiratory technology

The various themes will include presentations from a variety of invited, well-known experts in these subjects, as well as relevant presentations selected by the or-

ganizing committee from those submitted.

The conference will again open with the DDL lecture. This year, our invited speaker is Dr. Jolyon P. Mitchell. Jolyon, who is retiring from Trudell Medical International this fall, will be a consultant and has also become an Affiliate Professor at the University of Hawaii. He will be presenting on bringing the patient experience into consideration when evaluating orally inhaled products.

The extremely popular Pat Bunnell Award will be given again in 2013. This award provides an opportunity for a young researcher to present their work as a poster and on the podium. It is awarded by the DDL organizing committee to the best research from a junior researcher. This award, along with those for the best academic and industrial posters, will be presented at an evening reception.

As in previous years, a pre-conference symposium will be held on Wednesday morning. This year's theme is "Dissolution of Inhaled Products—*In vitro* developments, *in vivo* relevance and the potential impact on regulatory thinking." This symposium, sponsored by the Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group, will comprise a series of presentations by leading researchers in the field, followed

by an open panel discussion. Dissolution of inhaled products is a hot topic for those in the field and the DDL organizers are certain that many delegates will also wish to attend this morning symposium. For further information on DDL24, please visit www.ddl-conference.org.uk.

DDL's objectives

DDL 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 also aims to be affordable for students and academic researchers as well as scientists from all levels of industry. This gives all an opportunity to publish and present their work, visit exhibitors' stands and hold discussions with a wide variety of experts in the field. For DDL24, the sponsorship and attendee

rates have not increased from DDL 23.

The Aerosol Society's mission

The Aerosol Society, which has been in existence for 26 years, is a scientific not-for-profit organization, aimed at supporting the study of airborne particles. Its membership of more than 600 scientists is drawn from academia, government bodies and industry. Members' interests are numerous and include climate and atmospheric modeling, nanotechnology, development of inhalation therapies and air pollution measurement. A committee of volunteer aerosol scientists 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 reinvests a large amount annually in studentships, travel and research awards for graduate students. It launched a small research grant scheme in 2012 where funding up to £15,000 is available for young scientists. In 2012, the Society also began a new, annual, one-day meeting called "Fundamentals of Aerosol Science" to provide an interdisciplinary training opportunity for scientists new to aerosol science. The first meeting was held in London and, in 2013, the meeting will take place at the University of Birmingham.

The Society's annual general meeting is held alongside an Aerosol Society meeting, and in 2013, was held in the spring at the University of Hertfordshire during the annual Aerosol Science Conference. The Society also holds more specialized one-day "Focus Meetings," on diverse topics such as volcanic ash (2012), often in collaboration

with other learned societies. In June 2013, the Society sponsored a meeting at the University of Leeds on Bioaerosols and the Built Environment. It also organized a meeting on Atmospheric Aerosols held in Leeds in July 2013. Drug Delivery to the Lungs has evolved out of such one-day, focused meetings into a highly successful annual conference

attracting more than 450 attendees from the global respiratory science community.

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