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COMING SOON! MEETINGS & SEMINARS

August 19-21, 2003

PDA-TRI

San Francisco Course Series,
San Francisco, CA

September 8-10, 2003

PDA/FDA Joint Regulatory
Conference, Courses &
Exhibit

Washington, DC

October 13-15, 2003

2003 Taormina International
Conference and Tabletop
Exhibits—a Conference for
Decision-makers Responsible
for Strategy, Implementation
and Management of Quality
Assurance and Regulatory
Compliance
Taormina, Sicily, Italy

November 10-14, 2003

PDA Annual Meeting,
Courses & Exhibition,
Atlanta, GA

HELPFUL LINKS:

- Check out **Chapter Leader Resources** and all the issues of the **PDA Chapter News** by logging onto the official PDA website at www.pda.org
- Visit the **PDA Mountain States Chapter** at their website: www.mspda.org

ITALY CHAPTER EXPLODES IN MEMBERSHIP

In the first week of August, PDA officially recognized the successful efforts of the **PDA Italy Chapter** and their Congress on "Sterile Manufacturing Practices in the Third Millennium: A Regulatory and Industry Perspective" held June 23-25 in Milan. A message from PDA was sent to all members: "Congratulations PDA Italy Chapter!"

The Chapter boosted their membership dramatically through this event, welcoming 51 new members to PDA, thus increasing their membership by 25 percent.

While PDA's quest for more-involved Chapters continues, many volunteers have taken the reigns to achieve more with their Chapter events through coordinating with PDA headquarters.

Virginia Ventura, PDA

Membership and Chapters Director, says the Italy Chapter is a textbook example of how to create a successful Chapter event.

"It was really exciting to see how many nonmembers were attracted to this event from all over the globe," Ventura said.

"By working with PDA headquarters and charging a higher fee for nonmembers, we were able to extend membership to them. What has worked for them can work for other chapters as well."

With creativity and focus, the PDA Italy Chapter coordinated a noteworthy event resulting in a flourishing Chapter membership. For advice on preparing an event with PDA headquarters, please contact KiKi Coffman, Chapter Coordinator, at Coffman@pda.org.

PDA Fast Facts

Answer this quick PDA survey question to win one of four \$100 prizes! Here is the monthly question:

What is the name, dates and location for PDA's newly combined Annual Meeting & Spring Conferences?

The first four correct answers will win. Send your answers to KiKi Coffman, Chapter Coordinator, at Coffman@pda.org.

Every answer will receive a response and the winners will be posted in next month's *PDA Chapter News!*

FOCUS: CHAPTER NEWS FROM PDA MOUNTAIN STATES CHAPTER

Written by Jeff Beste, MSPDA President and KiKi Coffman, PDA Chapter Coordinator

LOUISVILLE, Colo.— The Mountain States PDA Chapter had its seventh annual Golf Tournament recently, and the Chapter reported that the event was a great success.

The tournament helped to raise funds for a Colorado High School Science Teacher of the Year award and gave the Chapter members a good excuse to get to know each other a little better while improving golf swings.

The tournament is traditionally held each year in May or early June at Coal Creek Golf course in Louisville.

Chapter President, Jeff Beste, reports the Chapter is planning two more events this year: a Vendor show in Boulder on September 11th, and a special Speaker Dinner on November 13th in Longmont, featuring a former Denver FDA Director.

For more information about the Mountain States Chapter, visit the Chapter's website at www.mspda.org



Chapter members take a "swing" at the PDA Mountain States 7th Annual Golf Tournament.

The event raised money for a Science Teacher of the Year Award. — Photo by Paul Bilodeau

PDA NEWS, UPDATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Ken Dibble, President of the PDA Australia Chapter, is proud to announce another successful meeting! Their meeting on July 24 had 71 attendees (despite a clash with another dinner meeting across town), and the topic "Avoiding Cleaning Validation" was well received.

"It opened the eyes of quite a few validation people - some of whom had not thought of disposable manufacturing much before," stated Dibble.

The **PDA Australia Chapter** has two upcoming meetings scheduled on September 18 and November 27.

Art Vellutato, Jr., President of the Delaware Valley Chapter, reported on upcoming meetings for that Chapter. The **PDA Delaware Valley Chapter** will present "Sterile Drug Product Manufacturing Processes - The New Drug Application Review Perspective" on September 17,

by Peter Cooney, Ph.D., of the FDA Office of Pharmaceutical Science. A unique marketing opportunity has been provided by the **Delaware Valley Chapter** of PDA through participation in a vendor exposition during the dinner meeting. The Chapter's next meeting will be held on November 19.

Mary Carver, President of the Southeast Chapter, reports that the Chapter's next meeting will be their 2003 Fall Meeting and Vendor Show on September 23. They are also holding elections this Fall. Elected offices include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. (Reminder: Only PDA National members may serve as a Chapter Officers.)

Trevor Deeks, volunteer for the UK & Ireland Chapter, reports the Chapter's plans are going into action for the **PDA UK & Ireland Chapter's** exciting meeting on September 25 - 26, "What to Do

When Things Go Wrong." Mike Verdi from the FDA and Andrew Bill from the MHRRA are presenting alongside several other featured speakers for the Conference and Exhibition. The venue will be at the International Hotel in London.

PDA R3-Nordic Conference 2004 Thomas Lönngrén, executive director for EMEA, has recently confirmed his participation in the **PDA R3-Nordic Conference** to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, July 7-8 next year. Look for more information to come.

PDA July Fast Facts Winners The winners from last month's Fast Facts quiz question are: Mike Wagner, Eli Lilly and Company - \$100 Lands' End Gift Certificate; John Brecker, Decon Labs, Inc. - \$100 Lands' End Gift Certificate; John Detore, Abbott Labs - \$100 Lands' End Gift Certificate; and George Fennington, Immuno-Rx, Inc. - \$100 Banana Republic Gift Certificate.

PDA RENAMES ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR 2004

There is a buzz among PDA members about next year's PDA SciTech Summit™.

Due to the competition in the industry for multiple meeting choices and the restrictions placed on internal corporate travel budgets, PDA will merge its Spring Conference and Annual Meeting into a single event to be known as the 2004 PDA SciTech Summit™. The time is now to mark your calendars for March 8-12 in Orlando, Florida.

Not only will this event include PDA's annual meeting—a report on the state of affairs for the Association—but it will also provide:

- An enhanced exhibition as combined with the CleanRooms East Trade Show
- An expanded week long series of multi-tracked conference topics
- Plenary sessions featuring prominent presenters from around the world

- TRI-Education courses being offered each day
- Enhanced opportunities for networking and interaction with industry colleagues

This week-long series of PDA activities will provide you with a one-stop-shop of information and ideas that will provided the best return on investment of your corporate education dollars.

For more information, please watch the PDA website: www.pda.org.

PDA WEBSITE SERVES CHAPTERS FRESH, NEW SERVICE

Chapter leaders have a new tool for downloading forms often used for PDA. The **PDA Chapter Leader Resources Page** requires member ID, granting members access to downloadable forms and archived issues of the *PDA Chapter News*.

Chapter leaders can access individual Chapter forms, reports, and guidelines in an easy-to-use format. The Page is still under development and current materials for Chapter leaders include: Tim Leahy Grant Application; Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award Information and Candidacy Form; and the Speaker Request Form.

PDA/FDA Meeting

Navigating Current GMPs: Catch the Compliance Wave
Conference: September 8-10
 Exhibition: September 8-9
Courses: Sept 11-12
Omni Shoreham Hotel - Washington, DC

Don't miss your chance to sit at the table with the experts!

More than 25 FDA and international health authority representatives and more than 30 industry experts will convene in Washington, DC to participate in interactive sessions on a wide variety of compliance—focused sessions!

If you have story ideas, letters to the editor, or announcements you'd like to see in the next issue of PDA Chapter News, please contact KiKi Coffman by phone, fax, or e-mail.

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PDA Chapter Meetings & Events

September 17, 2003
 PDA Delaware Valley Chapter
"Sterile Drug Product Manufacturing Processes - The New Drug Application Review Perspective" Vendor Exposition
 For more information, please contact Art Vellutato, Jr., at artjr@sterile.com

September 25-26, 2003
 PDA UK & Ireland Chapter
"What to Do When Things Go Wrong" For more information, please contact Trevor Deeks at Trevor.Deeks@slh.celltechgroup.com

September 26-27, 2003
 PDA Japan Chapter
"How to Receive FDA Inspection"
 For more information, please contact Hiroshi Harada at van@bcasj.or.jp



PDA Chapter Reminders

August 31
 Deadline for Chapter Volunteer of the Year award nominations. Submission forms are available on the PDA website www.pda.org under "Chapter Leader Resources."

Attention Chapter Leaders
 Please remember to submit your planning for future meetings for 2004. This is an imperative step for coordinating inter-Chapter meetings and for planning forums with maximum results!

PDA Leader of the Month



"I love being part of the PDA family, because its made up of dedicated people who aren't satisfied with just getting by. Rather they have a desire to learn more about their chosen professions, have some fun along the way, and most importantly to share what they have learned with others."

Jeff Beste, President of the PDA Mountain States Chapter