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PDA CHAPTER NEWS

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COMING SOON! MEETINGS & SEMINARS

June 23-25, 2003

Italy Chapter Sterile Manufacturing Conference, Milan

**September 8-10, 2003,
September 2004**

PDA/FDA Joint Regulatory Conference, Washington, DC

November 10-12, 2003

PDA Sci-Tech Summit, Atlanta, GA

February 14-16, 2004

International Congress, Basel

March 8-12, 2004

PDA Sci-Tech Summit Conference and Exhibition, Orlando, FL

HELPFUL LINKS:

- If you haven't visited PDA's website lately, you should! New features will be added soon that allow for PDA to relay industry news and updates even faster! Try www.pda.org for all PDA News.
- Visit the Taiwan Chapter of PDA website: www.pdatc.org.tw

MORE INSIDE INFORMATION ABOUT PDA!

With a renewed and direct focus on PDA Chapters, the PDA Membership & Chapters Department started making rounds by visiting the Metro Chapter and Delaware Valley Chapter in early June. The meetings were phenomenal.

This month, Chapters will see several exciting new products coming from PDA just for them. You are reading one such item right now—the *PDA Chapter News* newsletter. This newsletter will provide Chapters with inside PDA information, news on other PDA Chapters, and will work as a vehicle for promoting Chapter events.

Other areas to look for Chapter news will be the *PDA Letter*. Starting with the June edition, a different PDA Chapter will be highlighted every month in the Chapter News section of PDA's official newsletter. The Delaware Valley Chapter is June's

featured Chapter. The PDA Australia Chapter feature will be coming soon!

With this renewed Chapter focus, leaders will be called upon to provide advice, guidance, and information to PDA, Inc. It is the hope of PDA that the Chapter experience will be enhanced by this new prioritization of Chapter services.



Debra Pagano, former FDA investigator, speaks to a full house at the April Delaware Valley Chapter meeting.

PDA Fast Facts

Answer this quick PDA quiz question to win one of six \$100 prizes!

Here is the question:

What must Chapters submit August 31st? (Hint: The answer may be found within this issue!)

The first six correct answers will win. Send your answers to KiKi Coffman, Chapter Coordinator at PDA.

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

FOCUS: CHAPTER NEWS FROM PDA TAIWAN CHAPTER

Written by Tuan-Tuan Su, Secretary General of PDA Taiwan Chapter

The PDA Taiwan Chapter, founded in 1997, has now been in operation for six years. Currently our Chapter has 483 members, 80 percent of which are from the pharmaceutical industry sector. Over the past six years, PDA TAIWAN CHAPTER (TPDA) has helped the

Industrial Development Bureau Ministry of Economic Affairs & Bureau of Pharmaceutical Affairs of the Taiwan government implement cGMP validation. The TPDA has demonstrated its invaluable role as a provider of technical support and training for the pharmaceutical industry, and has, in the process, gained a recognizable presence and

reputation in the pharmaceutical community.

In 2001, we accomplished "The Standardization of Chinese Pharmaceutical Terminology," which broadcasts 4,900 pharmaceutical terms on the TPDA website, www.pdatc.org.tw, containing English terms with equivalent Chinese terms.

PDA CHAPTER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD REMINDER

You know the type.

Always attending the meetings, highly involved, and supercharged for more; they are the Chapter members who make other less-involved members look downright lazy by comparison. They are the members of every Chapter Leader's dreams. They deserve some attention and wouldn't you know there is a PDA award just for them!

The "PDA Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award" recognizes the contributions of PDA members who participate at the Chapter level.

This award is special. A single recipient may be nominated by each Chapter each year. The letter of nomination sent in by the Chapter specifically indicates the nominee's service to the Chapter and the reason the member should receive the award.

Since current Chapter officers are ineligible for the award (officers now have their own awards), the Chapter Volunteer Award is a prize recognizing exceptional spirit and service to the entire Chapter.

To win the award, Chapter officers identify the nominee

in writing with the nominee's accomplishments to the PDA Awards Committee, who then review the nomination, and make recommendations to the PDA Board for final approval.

Chapter leaders, if you wish to submit a candidate to receive this award, please submit the name by August 31st.

Include a brief citation to describe the candidate's contribution (no more than 25 words), which will be printed in the Annual Meeting award program and in the PDA Letter.

TIM LEAHY MEMORIAL SPEAKERS ENDOWMENT

PDA Chapters have a wide variety of resources to draw from, some of them virtually unknown to many Chapter leaders. The Tim Leahy Memorial Speakers Endowment is one such resource.

The endowment is presented annually by the Millipore Corporation to PDA, Inc., in memory of Tim Leahy's many years of voluntary service to PDA while working as a Millipore employee.

The Millipore Corporation donates \$500 per Chapter annually to strengthen PDA's worldwide chapters by providing resources to fund travel and related expenses for special guests invited to make presentations at PDA local chapter meetings around the world.

Chapters should apply the following criteria when considering use of these funds:

- The importance and value of the information or message for the chapter members.
- The ability or expectation that the speaker could fund their own travel expenses.

If your Chapter is interested in applying for this endowment, please contact KiKi Coffman, PDA Membership & Chapters Department, for more information.

REQUESTS FOR MORE INPUT, GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

In the past couple of months you may have noticed an increase in requests for information coming from PDA. We want to hear your ideas!

All Chapters are encouraged to send in their meeting schedules, planning agendas, brochures and announcements, pictures, article ideas,

and news about members who are being promoted or honored. We will use this information for updating the website, listings in the PDA Letter, future articles for PDA Chapter News, and for planning meeting between Chapters in the future. Please keep us posted on your latest Chapter events.

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

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PDA Chapter Meetings & Events

June 17, 2003
 PDA West Coast Chapter Presents
 Design of Experiments for Validation
 Clarion Hotel
 Burlingame, CA

June 23-27, 2003
 PDA Italy Chapter Presents
 Sterile Manufacturing Practices in the Third Millennium: A Regulatory and Industry Perspective
 Melia Milano Hotel
 Milan, ITALY
 Conference: June 23-25
 Course: June 25-27
 PDA-TRI Lecture Course:
 June 25-27
Design, Engineering and Validation of Isolators for Pharmaceutical Applications

June 25, 2003
 PDA Capital Area Chapter Dinner Meeting
 Risk Assessment Principles for the Product Quality Initiatives
 Gaithersburg Holiday Inn
 Gaithersburg, MD

PDA Leader of the Month



"I like working with the PDA Chapters because after 16 years working in Sterile Production by Novartis, it keeps me in touch with the new trends from a technological view."

Erich Sturzenegger,
 President of the PDA Central European Chapter