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WORD FROM THE CHAIR

Activities are well underway for the APS PharmSci 2023 conference and this has been taking up most of my APS time lately. You can read more about this in the piece from Jo who is our Conference Science Chair for 2023. The APS has also restarted face to face events and I was invited to attend the Industrial Insights meeting on the 17th April at AstraZeneca – you can read more in the dedicated report. Plans are also well underway for a face to face Biopharm Basics course planned for the 8th June in London. This Biopharmaceutics event has always been popular in the past as a great opportunity to get to grips with biopharmaceutics and network with like-minded individuals.



Professor Hannah Batchelor
APS Chair

THE SQUARE FOUNDATION

The APS wanted to share recent activity that it has conducted in association with the Square Foundation (<https://squarealumni.org/home>). The Foundation is a registered UK charity which supports clinical pharmacy education in sub-Saharan Africa with the objective of improving health care. The APS already has established an accreditation process for degrees in pharmaceutical science. This process has been reviewed by the Office for Students (www.officeforstudents.org.uk) and our accreditation role is listed on the HESA (Higher Education Statistics Agency) website. The APS has been involved in reviewing and endorsing CPD modules offered by the Square Foundation using the expertise from the accreditation team. This endorsement is a mark of assurance of the quality of academic standards provided by the Square Foundation and shows International value of the CPD courses endorsed to date.

The APS are really proud to be involved with the Square Foundation to promote careers and further scientific knowledge which are two of our strategic themes. We are also happy to be working outside the UK to ensure that all working in pharmaceutical science have access to high quality learning resources.



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PHARMSCI 2023

I hope you are all making plans to join us for our flagship event, the 2023 PharmSci International Conference to be held in Reading on 5th – 7th September! As an industrialist, I was very keen for our conference this year to showcase how pharmaceutical science is enabling the translation of innovation all the way through to delivery of medicines to patients. I am sure you will agree that our exciting science programme link will give plenty of opportunity to hear this from a number of diverse perspectives, providing a truly exciting insight into ground-breaking technologies and innovative science, and how these are being translated into the design, manufacture and delivery of medicines and treatments.

- We will hear from a wide range of speakers from across academia, industry, regulators and others, including international leaders in their fields. In case you missed it, we have recently announced the winners of our award lectures and you can review here the fascinating topics they plan to talk about, as well as their thoughts on what makes a great conference!
- We are also really excited about our poster event and short oral presentations both of which are very popular at APS conferences. Please note that the call for abstracts is now open and will close 31st May 2023 for short oral presentations and 31st July 2023 for posters
- We are delighted to already welcome a number of confirmed exhibitors and if you are interested in exhibiting, please get in touch
- Our venue is the beautiful campus at Reading University where we have the use of state-of-the-art conference theatres and on-site accommodation. Our conference dinner will be held in the historic Reading Town Hall. We hope you can join us! Registration is now open with early-bird discounts until 31st May 2023.



Jo Craig
Science Chair - PharmSci 2023 Conference



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INDUSTRIAL CAREERS INSIGHTS FACE TO FACE EVENT

Industrial Insights was held at AstraZeneca on Monday 17th April 2023. This was the first return to a face to face event post COVID and attracted 47 delegates from a range of Universities. There was a relatively even split between undergraduate and postgraduate students. Those attending had studied a range of topics including pharmaceutical science, pharmacy, biomedical science and chemistry.

The event included a series of talks as well as tours of the facilities at AZ. Most speakers spoke about their route to their current role as well as what a typical day looked like for them.

There were many common messages from those presenting including:

- Give it a go! If you are offered a role or an opportunity go for it and use it as an opportunity to explore jobs and improve your skill set
- Think outside the box! Try to differentiate yourself and your CV by using your experiences to focus on your skills and how these may be relevant for a future role
- Get involved in networks! Many opportunities arise based on personal relationships and it is important to link to other people in your future career group

As the chair of the APS I was invited to present and shared my own career path and the many twists and turns that this has taken! It was great for me to meet the next generation of pharmaceutical scientists who are already on their way to a successful career.



Professor Hannah Batchelor
APS Chair



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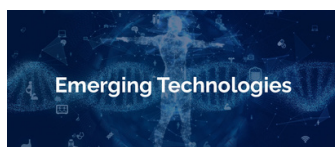
FUTURE EVENTS



June 8th 2023 - FACE TO FACE EVENT
Basic Biopharmaceutics Workshop 2023 - London
Tickets on sale now!



June 13th 2023 - FACE TO FACE EVENT
Goodbye to Old Paradigms - Transfer and Scale Up Approaches for the 21st Century - Brussels
Tickets on sale now!



June 15th 2023 - WEBINAR
3D Used in Clinical Settings
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September 5th-7th 2023 - CONFERENCE
PharmSci 2023, University of Reading
Hold the date - more information coming soon

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