We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new fellows and a sincere congratulations to the second year fellows of the program. The first three months of the fellowship have kicked off memorably, and we greatly look forward to the time we will spend together this fellowship year and the numerous accomplishments of this fellowship class to come.

The next few months will be filled with many exciting events. From our University and Organizational Outreach events to the Fellowship Information and Networking Day (FIND) and ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting, the fellowship is preparing to achieve our goal of recruiting high quality candidates from a nationally competitive search. In addition to these exciting activities, we are eager to collaborate with alumni and colleagues to successfully publish and present scholarly activities.

As the co-chiefs for the current fellowship year, we look forward to the many great opportunities to continue to improve and grow our program in collaboration with all of the fellows, preceptors, stakeholders, and the Rutgers community. Each fellow plays a crucial role in the continued success of the fellowship program and as one united team we are excited to continue to expand and educate upon the indelible role of pharmacists in industry.

Together we are not only pharmacists, colleagues, professional partners, and friends, but most importantly we are family. These are exciting times for everyone and we are extremely grateful for the dedication of all those that make this program possible. We would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Toscani, Dean Barone, Melanie, Janet, Tom, Marissa, and of course all of the fellows for your continued dedication and support.

-Vicky and Keith
FELLOWS SPOTLIGHT

By: Ashley Brower, Pharm.D., 1st Year Regulatory Affairs Fellow at Novartis

In August, I was honored to be invited to the Lambertville & New Hope Rotary Organization meeting to present on the Ebola outbreak in Africa. Rotary is an international organization committed to both local and global service. The organization’s current missions are to eradicate polio and provide clean water globally. During the local weekly meetings, they highlight chapter work, plan service work, and typically host a speaker to discuss a topic of interest, such as Ebola in this case. If you are interested in learning more about the Rotary Organization, I would highly encourage visiting their website at https://www.rotary.org/en.

The Ebola outbreak is a prime example of the importance of public health measures and emergency preparedness. With this situation in the news headlines, it is important as healthcare professionals to dispel myths and answer questions. My presentation reviewed transmission methods, highlighted necessary contact precautions, and discussed some aspects that may have contributed to it morphing into such a large outbreak. In addition, I reviewed the current medications and vaccines that are being used experimentally to treat patients. With the great interest of the members, I was pleased to see the end of my presentation morph into a discussion. As a Post-Doctoral Fellow, this was a wonderful opportunity to shed light on an important public health issue occurring currently and discuss how we can contribute.

Learn about WHO’s efforts against Ebola:

By: Ashley Brower, Pharm.D., 1st Year Regulatory Affairs Fellow at Novartis

The survival rate during this Ebola outbreak is 47% - World Health Organization

BIG 10 BEGINNINGS

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey enters the Big 10 Conference

On July 1, 2014, Rutgers officially entered the Big 10 Conference, joining a group of schools known for both their athletic and academic achievements. Rutgers became the 9th school of pharmacy in the Big 10, joining Ohio State University, Purdue University, and the Universities of Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.

On the football field, the Scarlet Knights have gotten off to a 3-1 start with victories over Washington State, Howard, and Navy and a close loss to Penn State. Be sure to catch a game at High Point Solutions Stadium this season.

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See the 2014 schedule in its entirety: Rutgers Football: Upcoming Games

Fellows cheer on Rutgers before the 38-25 victory over Howard University
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
Lucio Volino, Pharm.D., Past Novartis Fellow 2004-2006
By: Joe Fiore, Pharm.D., 1st Year Clinical Development Fellow at Merck

The Rutgers Institute for Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowships (RPIF) has an impressive track record of preparing its fellows for long careers in the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industries. But what about those fellows who choose alternative career paths? I sat down with Dr. Lucio Volino, Clinical Assistant Professor at the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy (EMSOP) at Rutgers University, to hear about his journey from the Fellowship to a successful career in academia and community pharmacy.

Dr. Volino began a two year fellowship at Novartis in clinical research in 2004 and eventually transitioned into regulatory affairs for one year. He loved the diverse opportunities at Novartis, allowing him to be challenged and learn something new every day. He also took advantage of opportunities at Rutgers, serving as Co-Chief Fellow and teaching the Pharmacy Communications class. Teaching all four semesters throughout his fellowship, Dr. Volino was a staple of the Pharm-Comm course.

After his fellowship, Lucio came to a crossroads, torn between a position at Novartis and an opportunity in academia. His passion for education won out as he accepted a clinical assistant professor position in community practice with Rutgers and A&P. Dr. Volino realized the time was right to enter academia. This position has allowed him to coordinate the Pharmacy Communications course as well as teach in a wealth of other classes including Community Practice Management, Self Care, and Endocrinology. At A&P, he is involved in clinical initiatives including developing the Medication Therapy Management (MTM) programs, immunization trainings sessions, pharmacist continuing education, and community outreach events. His work has been highly recognized in the last few years, being honored with the William and Helen Levine Teacher of the Year Award at EMSOP for four consecutive years and serving as an AACP Walmart Scholars Program Mentor.

Dr. Volino looks back on the RPIF program as an instrumental piece of his development. He believes it made him a well-rounded individual, encouraging him to leave his comfort zone and try new things. He states that RPIF develops excellent soft-skills which have allowed him to effectively work with others. Furthermore, the fellowship provided him with “a foundation of skills to adapt and work in any environment.”

Lucio also emphasized the strong bonds built during his fellowship. He keeps in touch with past fellows and mentors and feels a great sense of pride for RPIF. “The Rutgers program puts you at a new level,” he acclaims. He urges current fellows to give back to the program and pay it forward. “Leave things better than you found them.” He enjoys collaborating with fellows on scholarly activities and teaching with them in Pharmacy Communications. “They are very passionate about their work,” he says of fellows and enjoys watching them develop the course of their fellowships.

As Dr. Volino and I wrapped up our conversation, he urged fellows to try as many things as possible at their companies and Rutgers. “Don’t be afraid to try something new, as you never know where it will take you.”

Did you Know?
Lucio Volino helped coin the term “Professional Development Day” (PDD) during his time as Co-Chief.
RUTGERS RESOURCES

As members of Rutgers faculty, fellows have access to a variety of services and discounts. Be sure to take advantage!

**Rutgers University Libraries**
Gain access to LexiComp, Ovid, MicroMedex, Cochrane, and more at [libraries.rutgers.edu](http://libraries.rutgers.edu)

**AccessPharmacy**
Preparing to get licensed? Try the Naplex Review section, featuring sample questions for both the NAPLEX and MPJE examinations. [libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/accesspharmacy](http://libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/accesspharmacy)

**Food and Entertainment Discounts**
Discounts at restaurants, AMC theatres, Six Flags, and more at [https://rutgers.abenity.com/perks/](https://rutgers.abenity.com/perks/)

**Rutgers Golf Course**
Faculty discounts at the course in Piscataway! [http://golfcourse.rutgers.edu/](http://golfcourse.rutgers.edu/)

**Free Museums**
Do you like art? How about dinosaurs? Enjoy free admission to the Zimmerli Museum and the Geology Museum in New Brunswick. [Check it out](#).

**Campus Gymnasiums**
Use your ID card to access multiple facilities on campus. [https://www1.recreation.rutgers.edu/](https://www1.recreation.rutgers.edu/)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

By: Jenna Konkel, Pharm.D. & Kristina Bundra, Pharm.D., PDD Co-Chairs

The Professional Development Series Committee plays an integral role in ensuring that fellows derive the maximal benefit from the learning opportunities offered during the Professional Development Day (PDD) series. This year has brought many new initiatives into the PDD series that includes Applied Learning Challenges, Pharma Minute, stimulating workshops, and invigorating guest speakers. The Applied Learning Challenge incorporates hands-on, active learning which allows the fellows to make connections between key messages from the workshop and how this knowledge can be used in their professions. The Pharma Minute stimulates fellows to explore and learn about current events in the world of pharmacy. Thus far, fellows have had the opportunity to learn about emotional intelligence, positive confrontation techniques, and dining etiquette during our etiquette workshop. We look forward to the upcoming events and future PDDs that will develop the fellows, provide learning opportunities, and foster teamwork.

View the complete PDD schedule on our website:

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**Etiquette dinner at Steakhouse 85**
“So what do you actually do?” is a common inquiry I receive from many. It’s the confusing enigma, lost in the distraction of my travel excursions. Here’s just a snippet from the work of a Public Health Resident.

For the last few months, I’ve been working on a longitudinal quality improvement project with a pharmacy department at an outpatient clinic in Swaziland, Africa, traveling to and from the country about once a month. I contribute by identifying problematic areas of labeling, medication information, and discordant communication. This all stemmed from dissatisfactory results from a customer satisfaction survey but has evolved into a root cause analysis of the problems.

So our solution? We create labels from Microsoft Word, cut them to size, and using glue-sticks, adhere them to the medication bottles.

We design one-page handouts to give patients with common adverse effects and drug interactions, complete with graphics and translations.

At another hospital pharmacy we have noticed a copious amount of prescription dispensing errors, concerning for the pharmacist but seemingly unfazed by the other workers. “We just dispense what’s written,” they respond, attempting to shift blame on the prescriber, the nurse, or anyone but themselves. To conjure a presentation about Drug Therapy Problems or to develop some sort of error reporting form may seem like Pharmacy 101, but it is learning how to best assist given the needs of the area.

It seems elementary but “Low Cost, High Yield” is the name of the game. We try to make an impact without detracting from the other looming issues of a developing country. Often, it means the work you do isn’t glamorous, and at superficial glance, it may not seem to add much value. But the keyword is sustainability, and if whatever you’re able to implement is able to continue carrying forth in spite of your absence — that, my friend, is success.

- Follow along on Priscilla’s blog: p.ko.in.j.be
- Contact Priscilla for more info about the Public Health Residency
The Community Development Committee (CDC) aims to develop a strong sense of “family” and friendship among all fellows. We have already held multiple successful events, such as the RPIF Annual Canoe Trip, PDD activities and networking events! We look forward to having everyone join us for some of our upcoming events!

**Upcoming CDC Events**

**NYC Scavenger Hunt**

*Saturday 9/27 - 12pm*

An all-day event of competition, site-seeing, and delicious food!

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**Post-PDD Networking Events**

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Kicking off the year at the annual ROPES Course teambuilding day

Over 70 past & current fellows paddled down the Delaware River during the annual canoe trip

Fellows worked together to build a spaghetti tower at last month’s PDD

View more photos from these events:
The Organization Outreach Committee (OOC) has finalized fall recruitment plans to participate in 19 national, regional, and local conventions. The RPIF program will continue to communicate, educate, and network with students from all over the country. OOC will work closely with other committees to expand our outreach efforts including piloting a post-event survey to improve future visits. We look forward to meeting students and potential candidates this Fall!

The UOC had 1750 face-to-face interactions with students last fellowship year.
IN MEMORY

In loving memory of Vishal Patel.
You will always be in our thoughts,
and forever a part of the
RPIF Family.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Fellow 2012-2013
08/11/1988 – 05/27/2014

Save the Date
Friday November 14, 2014
3:30-8:00pm

“Helping you FIND your pathway
to industry!”

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
WELCOME DINNER

Thursday October 30, 2014
6-9pm
Douglass Campus - Trayes Hall
The Alumni Relations committee has connected
current and past fellows to expand networks,
share experiences, and facilitate mentoring.
We invite participants to attend this
welcoming program.

For more information, please visit the RPIF webpage:
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