First West Coast Fellowship Information Day
This year marked the first time holding FID in California. The event was coordinated with the California ASHP meeting in San Francisco and provided an opportunity for pharmacy students to hear about the RPIF program, without having to travel to the east coast. There was a great turn out for the west coast FID; 49 students attended! Thanks to the current fellows and Drs. Alexander and Barone for making this a successful event!

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting—Anaheim, CA
It doesn’t seem that long ago that all the current fellows were interviewing for the program! Midyear was such an exciting and busy week for all the fellows and was definitely a different experience than when we were all candidates. Some things don’t change from year to year, the Rutgers interview suite being the largest at PPS and the long line of candidates eagerly waiting to sign up for interviews. As interest in the program continues to grow, so does the number of candidates interviewing. This year there were 225 candidates interviewing from 54 schools of pharmacy. It is so exciting to see the numbers of candidates continue to grow year after year. The Rutgers reception was great and networking was key. Thanks to the midyear committee, Marissa Cipriani, Christie Williamson, Elaine Alexander, Jerald Grace, Drs. Alexander and Barone and Kim Bicknell for all your efforts and for making midyear go so smoothly! Looking forward to next year’s Midyear meeting, see you in New Orleans!
ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting
Anaheim, CA December 4-8th

45th ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting & Exhibition
Anaheim Convention Center • Anaheim, California
December 5 – 9, 2010
Fellowship Information Day
November 19, 2010

IN THE NEWS
GENERICS: PATENT BUSTING
By: Nina Sutjiawan

The pharmaceutical industry is facing new challenges as many innovator companies’ big blockbuster drugs are reaching their patent cliffs. In an attempt to preserve or extend patent protection on their products, innovator companies are seeking new patents on tweaked up versions of their drugs. If granted, these supplementary patents reset the clock on patent expiration, a process known as "evergreening". However, generic companies have been targeting these patents by challenging the validity in court in what the industry has coined "patent busting".

There are four main legal grounds for challenging the validity of a patent:

- **Lack of novelty**
  - A patent may only be granted for an invention that is new
- **Lack of inventive step (obviousness)**
  - A patent may be granted only for an invention that involves an inventive step.
- **Lack of an enabling disclosure (insufficiency)**
  - If the disclosure does not provide adequate information for a person skilled in the art to perform the claimed invention, the patent will fail for insufficiency.
- **Added subject-matter**
  - The court can revoke a patent on the grounds that the subject matter disclosed in the patent specification extends beyond that disclosed in the application for the patent as filed.

Other generic company strategies

- **Compulsory licenses**
  - Under WTO rules, countries can circumvent patent protection on drugs it needs to combat a public health crisis.
- **Authorized generics**
  - Generic drug companies can enter into agreements with innovator companies

Why this is controversial

- Although patients do benefit from earlier access to low-cost generic alternatives, this benefit is short term.
- When the innovator companies lose patent challenges that results in losses in revenue.
- This leads to higher costs for newer marketed products in the long run.
Advice Corner From RPIF Program Alumni

Talk to everyone you know about what you are looking for, people like to help. Start early, the corporate process takes a while.—Rachel Anhorn

Utilize your recruiters! Follow-up with recruiters if they do not call you back or keep in touch with them in the interim so they can remember you once other opportunities become available!- Teresa Patel


GOOD TIMES IN THE GARDEN STATE
A NEWCOMERS GUIDE
BY ASHLEY JOHNSON, DIPAM DOSHI, IRENE WANG

Music Venues
New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC)
NJPAC has garnered national attention in its first thirteen seasons. On its Opening Night in 1997, NJPAC became the sixth largest performing arts center in the U.S. Since the grand opening, NJPAC has welcomed renowned artists, cultural icons, and some of the world’s most cherished orchestral, dance, theater, and instrumental works, as well as the best performers from New Jersey’s outstanding array of artists and companies. Included among the artists appearing on NJPAC stages are Yo-Yo Ma, Bob Dylan, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Sting, Bette Midler, and The Chieftains. NJPAC is also the home of the Grammy-winning New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. Visit their website for upcoming performances: http://www.njpac.org/

Places to Eat
Brownstone Diner – Jersey City, NJ
If you are like me and can eat breakfast anytime of the day, then you HAVE to check out Brownstone Diner in Jersey City! They have the most creative and even peculiar pancakes and waffles. Indulge yourself with a Turtle Pancake filled with chocolate chips and pecans! If that is not enough, try one of their stuffed French toast or their omelettes that are about the size of my foot! Brownstone diner doesn’t just serve up an excellent breakfast, their lunch menu is equally as fantastic and the portions are just as large. If you don’t believe me…see for yourself! http://www.brownstonediner.com

Sporting Events
Upcoming NHL Games:
New Jersey Devils vs. Pittsburgh Penguins | Friday, Mar 4th @ 7:00

Movie Theaters
AMC Dine In Theatres
In the mood to catch a movie and dinner, why not do it together! There are three locations in NJ, Essex Green, Bridgewater and Menlo Park. This unique theater experience offers bistro style dining as well as a variety of cocktail options. The tickets are $20, $10 for the movie and a $10 dollar food credit. Check it out next time you are looking for something fun to do on the weekend! http://www.amctheatres.com/dinein/

Cultural Events
St. Patrick’s Day Parades
Saturday March 5: Hoboken, the parade starts 1 pm beginning at Washington and 14th Streets. Line up at noon.
Saturday March 12: Morristown, the parade starts at 12 at the corner of South St and Cattano Ave. There is expected to be a big turn out, so get your spot early!

Springfest Flower and Garden Show
March 17-20 at the Springfest Conservatory at Sussex County Fairgrounds. This show offers beautiful exhibits, guest lectures, charming cafes and a great way to get ready for Spring after this cold winter!

Send your favorite spots and upcoming events to the newsletter committee.
LOOKING FOR A JOB? DON'T FORGET TO LAUGH

By: Ann Howell

As spring time approaches, many fellows are focusing in on new and exciting opportunities. Writing resumes, researching positions and preparing for interviews can be incredibly stressful. When insanity begins to creep up, take a step back and have a laugh or two. The true examples of resume goof-ups below from JOBMOB are sure to ease the mind in these stressful times.

Remember to proofread, proofread, proofread!!
- "Received a plague for Salesperson of the Year."
- "Reason for leaving last job: maturity leave."
- "Speak English and Spinach."
- "I have a bachelorette degree in computers."
- "Directed $25 million anal shipping and receiving operations."
- "Child care provider: Organized activities; prepared lunches and snakes."

Always think twice before putting it in print!
Other Skills: "Able to say the ABCs backward in under five seconds."
Personal Interests: "donating blood. Fourteen gallons so far."
Other Interests: "Playing with my two dogs (They actually belong to my wife but I love the dogs more than my wife)"
Interests: "Gossiping."
Favorite Activities: "Playing trivia games. I am a repository of worthless knowledge."
Hobbies: "Mushroom hunting."
Skills: "I can type without looking at the keyboard"
Job Related Skills (web designer): "can function without additional oxygen at 24,000 feet."
Awards: "National record for eating 45 eggs in two minutes."

Save humor for after you have the job.
Objective: "To become Overlord of the Galaxy!"
Objective: "What I'm looking for in a job: #1) Money #2) Money #3) Money."
Skills: "I have integrity so I will not steal office supplies and take them home."
Special skills: "I've got a Ph.D. in human feelings."
Background: "28 dog years of experience in sales (four human)."
Languages: "Fluent in English. Also I have been heard muttering Gibberish in my sleep."
Experience: "Have not yet been abducted by aliens."
Salary requirements: "The higher the better."

Sometimes, honesty is not the best policy.
Bad traits: "I am very bad about time and don't mind admitting it. Having to arrive at a certain hour doesn't make sense to me. What does make sense is that I do the job. Any company that insists upon rigid time schedules will find me a nightmare."
Personal: "My family is willing to relocate. However not to New England (too cold) and not to Southern California (earthquakes). Indianapolis or Chicago would be fine. My youngest prefers Orlando's proximity to Disney World."
References: "Please do not contact my immediate supervisor at the company. My colleagues will give me a better reference."

Check out JOBMOB for more laughs. http://jobmob.co.il/blog/funniest-resume-mistakes/

Also, for more serious career help use the Rutgers Career Services website to find links to such sites as Career Shift, Going Global, Optimal Interview and Optimal Resume. http://careerservices.rutgers.edu

Finally, be sure to check out the alumni database on the RPIF website. With over 600 alumni, it is entirely possible that the hiring manager at your next interview might be a former fellow.
Time to Celebrate

Happy Birthday to You:

- 3/7 Breanne Donohue
- 3/11 Kuo-Hsiung Yang
- 3/12 Dipam Doshi
- 3/22 ChristiLyne Williamson
- 4/5 Alyson Sous
- 4/10 Jerald Grace
- 4/10 Jonathan Horvath
- 4/12 Iram Ahmad
- 4/12 Andrea Pangilinan
- 4/21 Amanda Quattemeyer
- 4/26 Kimberly Mazzarisi

- 4/29 Jiten Rana
- 4/30 Minal Dhebaria
- 5/08 Manisha Patel
- 5/08 Nicole Gallaher
- 5/11 Marissa Cipriani
- 5/12 Patrick Schleck
- 5/13 Irene Wang
- 5/18 Hillary Johnson
- 5/21 Megan Herman
- 5/22 Krista DeLissio
- 5/23 Ruby Leong
- 5/25 Daniel Carreon

Upcoming PDDs

- March 3rd Cook Campus Center – Multipurpose Room
- March 24th @ Daiichi-Sankyo
- April 7th Busch Campus Center – Multipurpose Room

Don’t forget the APhA Meeting: March 25-28 in Seattle!

Congratulations!

Recently Engaged!

Congratulations to Minal Dhebaria and Rahul Mehta on their recent engagement!

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Congratulations to Jennifer Poon and Kevin Hsu on their recent engagement!

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Best Wishes and Congrats to Kim Bicknell on her future endeavors!

Kim Bicknell who has been the fellowship coordinator for the past 3.5 years, has accepted an exciting new position at J&J. She will be greatly missed and the fellowship wishes her the best in her future endeavors. Thanks for all your hard work!

Check the web for important forms and guides:

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