The Rutgers Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program is proud to announce the new appointment of Dr. Joseph A. Barone to Dean of the Rutgers Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy. Dr. Barone has an extensive biography in the pharmaceutical and academic world, stemming from his education at St. John’s University College of Pharmacy in Jamaica, New York. He recently received the 2012 Educator of the Year Award from the Research and Development Council of New Jersey. In addition to his academic devotion, Dr. Barone currently serves as Co-Chair of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Involved with Rutgers University for almost 30 years, Dr. B is the ninth dean of the pharmacy school. In 1984, he founded the RPIF Program, graduating over 700 post-doctoral fellows. Although his accomplishments are very impressive, Dr. B is a very personal man, always making time for students and fellows.

We wish him all the best in his new role as dean!

By: Melanie Mostrowski
RPIF Marketing Coordinator
Another Fellowship Information and Networking Day (FIND) has come and gone! As the fellowship program continues to grow, so does the interest for this event. This year we had a total of 345 candidates from 68 different colleges of pharmacy, which is the largest turnout to date! The session began with welcoming remarks from Dean Barone, Dr. Toscani, and honorable guest Dr. Ernest Mario. Fellows were selected amongst their peers to provide an overview of current fellowships, and the event concluded with a networking reception with fellows and stakeholders. A new addition this year was a fellowship panel for the 32 non-P4 students that attended. Some of the positive feedback received from this year’s event included the networking session, midyear overview, and the question and answer panel. Based on feedback for improvement for next year, the FIND committee will explore different venues to host next year’s event as the attendance continues to increase. We would like to thank all of the stakeholders, fellows, presenters, panel members, and volunteers who assisted in making this event a huge success. Thank you to Dr. Barone, Dr. Toscani, the co-chiefs, Janet Lupo, and Melanie Mostrowski for all of their guidance and support!
Alumni Spotlight

By: Hetal Pansuria, Pharm.D., 1st yr Regulatory Affairs Fellow at Novartis

As a Pharm. D. candidate at the University of Maryland in search of a specialty clinical practice residency, Kevin was “accidentally” drawn to all of the activity around the Rutgers suite at the ASHP Mid-year Meeting of 2000. After interviewing with the Novartis Fellowship representatives, including Rob Kowalski and Mark Ammann, he was convinced that a prosperous and rewarding career in the pharmaceutical industry was indeed a possibility for clinically trained pharmacists. He started his fellowship at Novartis in Drug Safety and Epidemiology performing international pharmacovigilance audits and then transitioned to Oncology Regulatory Affairs during the second year of his fellowship. Throughout his career, he has had a chance to explore a variety of therapeutic areas, namely women’s health, musculoskeletal disorders, urology, and tropical diseases, while taking on advancing roles and greater responsibilities. In his current role as Global Head of Regulatory Affairs for Established Medicines at Novartis, he leads a large global organization within regulatory affairs leveraging the unique experiences that he has gained during his exciting career, including his contributions to the Predictive Safety Testing Consortium (PSTC), which advanced the regulatory qualification process for novel biomarkers in drug development.

His advice to current fellows? “Sometimes the motivation, the ambition, and the initiative that Fellows possess, makes them want to move too quickly and miss the opportunities that are right in front of them. Instead, begin by learning and mastering the area that you are pursuing for your fellowship and build a strong foundation which you can rely on throughout your career. Embrace complexities, try to bring clarity to uncertainty, and don’t be afraid to offer contributions beyond your individual area of expertise. And most importantly, be genuine. Remember that the Fellowship is only the beginning and from there you have to create your own pathways and prove yourself in the many opportunities that will come your way.”

Alumni Relations Committee:

A SUCCESSFUL RPIF MENTORSHIP PROGRAM RECEPTION
By: Srimoyee Chakraborty, Pharm.D., 1st yr Medical Education Fellow at Janssen Pharmaceuticals

On October 24, 2013, we had our first RPIF Mentorship Program Reception! During this event, mentors and fellows were able to network and learn about the various roles that alumni currently hold after graduating the RPIF program. About 21 alumni were able to attend from various companies such as Ipsen Pharmaceuticals, Ikaria, and Purdue Pharma, as well as from partner companies such as BMS, Novartis, and Sanofi to name a few. Although not all the fellows’ mentors were able to attend the event, it was a successful night of networking with alumni for all. Highlights of the night included welcome remarks from Dr. Barone and Dr. Toscani, discussing myths about mentoring, and ice breakers. We hope to have more alumni events such as this one during the remainder of the fellowship year to help build lasting professional relationships between the past and present fellows!
36 million deaths each year are attributable to NCDs. Contrary to popular belief that NCDs are the disease of the rich, nearly 80% of all NCD deaths (29 million) occur in low- and middle-income countries. The WHO has identified the four big players that account for 80% of all NCD deaths: cardiovascular diseases, cancers, respiratory diseases, and diabetes. These four are the leading causes of death in all areas of the world except Africa, but current estimations indicate that by 2020 the largest increases in NCD deaths will occur in Africa. Although HIV/AIDS remains a major concern facing the communities I work in, significant progress has been made in reducing mortality since antiretroviral treatment has been made readily available. By 2030 in African countries, it is projected that mortality from NCDs will be the most common cause of death, surpassing the combined mortality from communicable and nutritional diseases and maternal and perinatal deaths. NCDs share four major risk factors: unhealthy diets, physical inactivity, tobacco use, and harmful use of alcohol. It is no surprise that prevention is the best medicine!

Check out my blog for more on diabetes and cancer in southern Africa.

For more information about the Public Health Residency, please contact Diane via email or LinkedIn.
Scholarly Activities UPDATE

By: Anna Deng, Pharm.D., Scholarly Activities Liaison

Fall 2013 has been an exciting and productive quarter for Scholarly Activity. Representing RPIF for the first time at the National Association of Specialty Pharmacy (NASP) Strategic Business Exchange Meeting, Anna Deng and Boas Nahm presented encore posters on ‘mobile drug information’ and ‘gamification in the pharmaceutical industry’, respectively. On the international level, Michelle Pernice successfully developed a live meeting on ‘Counterfeit drugs in Africa’ with the support of a grant from Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA). Also notable is the CE programming on ‘New Approaches to the Chronic Burden of Diabetes’ coordinated by Karen Chen at Bristol-Myers Squibb with an attendance of over 180 health care professionals.

Below is a listing of fellow and stakeholder research posters to be presented at ASHP 2013. Congratulations to our fellows on their abstract acceptance. For Spring 2014, posters are expected to be presented at the American Pharmacists Association Annual Meeting and the Drug Information Association Conferences. As always, a big thank you to Dr. Michael Toscani for his guidance and support.

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The Community Development Committee is very proud of the accomplishments that the fellows have collectively achieved over the past few months. We were able to raise money to support the kids of St. Jude by holding a successful dress down day. With the help of Dr. Toscani, the NJ Board Walkers/RPIF Striders team was able to make a great contribution to the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer by raising $1,275. We have also held several successful networking and social events, including a trip to Six Flag’s Fright Fest. We look forward to having everyone enjoy the fun events we have organized post-FIND, as well as at Midyear in Orlando, FL.
FELLOWS ACTIVITIES

Six Flag’s Fright Fest

National Association of Specialty Pharmacy 2013 Business Exchange Meeting

UOC Return Visit to USC School of Pharmacy!

PDD Soft Skills Workshop

Celebration of Life Gala for the American Cancer Society

2013 ETIQUETTE DINNER

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