

Here is the updated update (AMSUS Report added) Liaison Officers Report for October 2008. THANKS, Walter

## **American Pharmacists Association (APhA)**

### **Federal Pharmacists Featured in "Pharmacy Today"!**

Several federal pharmacists have been featured in the July issue of Pharmacy Today! CAPT Sharon Gershon and CAPT Charles Hoppes, both of USPHS, contributed to the "Speak Out" section of the magazine entitled "Healthier Kids: You Can Help!" in the July 2008 issue of Pharmacy Today.

### **Congratulations to Federal Pharmacists Selected for GSK Applications!**

The annual selections for the GSK applications included several participants from the federal pharmacy sector! Congratulations go to: CAPT Chris Bina, USPHS, Chief of Health Programs, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Washington, DC;



**APhA Immunization  
Champion Award**

**Nominate a colleague for the 2009 Immunization Champion Awards** These awards recognize individuals and organizations within the profession of pharmacy that have made extraordinary contributions towards improved vaccination rates within their communities. There are five (5) categories of recognition including: individual practitioners, corporations / institutions, partnerships with other health care providers and public health, community outreach, and a special friend of pharmacy's immunization efforts. This awards program is supported by Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics. The awards will be presented at the APhA Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Nomination deadline is January 16, 2009...[Read more information about the awards and application process.](#) »



Nominations for the [One to One Patient Counseling Recognition Program](#) are now open. Pharmacist and student pharmacist awardees will receive complimentary registration, airfare, and hotel for the APhA Annual Meeting. The One to One program honors pharmacists and student pharmacists who have proven themselves outstanding in the field of one-to-one patient care...[Nominate a colleague today.](#) »

## **September**

- » [House Passes Resolution Designating October as American Pharmacists Month](#)
- » [Presidential Candidates' Health Policy Advisors Brief APhA Meeting Attendees](#)
- » [Congressional Resolution Aims to Designate October as American Pharmacists Month](#)
- » [APhA Seeks Nominations for the APhA Distinguished Federal Pharmacist Award](#)
- » [APhA Seeks Nominations for H.A.B. Dunning Award](#)
- » [APhA Seeks Nominations for Pharmacy Profession's Highest Recognition: The](#)

Remington Honor Medal

- » APhA Seeks Nominations for the Gloria Neimeyer Francke Leadership Mentor Award
- » Nominations Sought for the APhA Good Government Pharmacist-of-the-Year Award
- » APhA Releases New Edition of Public Relations for Pharmacists in Time for American Pharmacists Month 2008

**American College of Clinical Pharmacy(ACCP)**

October 19-22, 2008 ACCP Annual Meeting Louisville, KY  
2009

April 24-28, 2009 ACCP/ESCP International Congress and Updates in Therapeutics:  
The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course Orlando, FL

October 18-21, 2009 ACCP Annual Meeting Anaheim, CA  
2010

April 8-12, 2010 Spring Practice and Research Forum and Updates in Therapeutics:  
The Pharmacotherapy Preparatory Course Charlotte, NC

October 17-20, 2010 ACCP Annual Meeting

**Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP)**

**Call for Proposals:**

AMCP invites you to submit your proposal(s) for presentation at its 21st Annual Meeting & Showcase, April 15-18, 2009 in Orlando, Fla. Submission ends on October 24, 2008 at 11:59 PM ET.

**American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)**

**Browse the program offerings for Senior Care Pharmacy '08, ASCP's 39th Annual Meeting and Exhibition in New Orleans**

**SenioRx Solutions, Knowledge and Know-How from ASCP: For Assisted Living Communities - it's everything you need to know!**

**Visit the ASCP Campaign 2011 page to learn more about his important initiative.**

**Have you seen the ASCP video on senior care pharmacy?**

**Have you joined ASCP's MTM PROVIDER PARTNERS? Read all about it!**

**Get started in Consultant and Senior Care Pharmacy by clicking here to learn more about this exciting profession!**

## **American Society of Health System-Pharmacists (ASHP)**

**ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting is December 7-11, 2008 in Orlando, FL**

**<http://www.ashp.org/midyear>**

### 1. Flu Vaccine To Match This Season's Viruses

As the influenza season gets under way, federal health officials say they believe that this season's vaccine formulation will protect those who receive it.

<http://www.ashp.org/import/news/HealthSystemPharmacyNews/newsarticle.aspx?id=2930>

### 4. New Warnings Added to Erlotinib Labeling

The labeling for erlotinib has been updated to warn that patients with liver impairment should be monitored closely while receiving the drug and that treatment should be interrupted or halted in patients with severe liver impairment.

<http://www.ashp.org/import/news/HealthSystemPharmacyNews/newsarticle.aspx?id=2927>

### 5. FDA Bans Marketing of Two More Groups of Unapproved Drugs

None of the approximately 35 papain-containing topical drug products sold in the United States have FDA's approval and neither do ophthalmic balanced salt solutions other than those from Alcon Laboratories Inc. and Akorn Inc., regulators announced September

23.

<http://www.ashp.org/import/news/HealthSystemPharmacyNews/newsarticle.aspx?id=2926>

#### 6. HHS Seeks Ways To Reduce Health Care-Associated Infections

Senior representatives from agencies across the ASHP Members Elect Section Officers

Members elected chairs and directors-at-large to serve on the executive committees of the Society's Section of Clinical Specialists and Scientists; Section of Inpatient Care Practitioners; Section of Home, Ambulatory, and Chronic Care Practitioners; Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology; and Section of Pharmacy Practice Managers. All terms begin in June 2009.

<http://www.ashp.org/import/news/NewsCapsules/article.aspx?id=225>

#### 2. Joint Commission Offers Strategies for Preventing Anticoagulant Errors

With many health care organizations facing a January 1 deadline for making anticoagulant therapy a less dangerous treatment for patients, the Joint Commission on September 24 offered 15 strategies for preventing errors with anticoagulant drugs.

<http://www.ashp.org/import/news/HealthSystemPharmacyNews/newsarticle.aspx?id=2928>

#### 3. Experts Expect Department of Health and Human Services are meeting to develop an action plan to combat health care-associated infections.

<http://www.ashp.org/import/news/HealthSystemPharmacyNews/newsarticle.aspx?id=2929>

#### 7. ASHP Invites Nominations for Honors, Awards

Help ASHP publicly express gratitude to individuals who have made important contributions to advance the interests of hospital and health-system pharmacists as health care professionals who strive to help people make the best use of medicines. Nominations of individuals for ASHP honors and awards are being accepted until October 2.

[http://www.ashp.org/s\\_ashp/docs/files/about/2008\\_Call\\_For\\_Award\\_Nominations.pdf](http://www.ashp.org/s_ashp/docs/files/about/2008_Call_For_Award_Nominations.pdf)

#### 8. New Group Gets Deeming Authority for Hospitals

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved Det Norske Veritas Healthcare Inc., or DNV Healthcare, as a national accrediting organization for hospitals that want to participate in the Medicare program.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-22585.pdf>

#### 9. Many Studies of FDA-Approved Drugs Remain Unpublished

The results of fewer than half of clinical trials conducted to provide supportive data on new drugs are published within five years after the products' approval, according to a report in *PLoS Medicine*. The analysis found that larger studies and those described as "pivotal" are the most likely to be published, as are trials demonstrating statistically significant differences between treatment groups.

<http://medicine.plosjournals.org/perlserv/?request=get-document&doi=10.1371/journal.pmed.0050191&ct=1>

#### 10. FDA Offers Podcast on Change in Albuterol Inhalers

Commander Catherine Chew, a pharmacist in the Division of Drug Information at FDA, responds to questions about the transition from chlorofluorocarbon-propelled albuterol inhalers to hydrofluoroalkane-propelled albuterol inhalers.

[http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/podcast/CFC\\_to\\_HFA\\_transition\\_full.mp3](http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/podcast/CFC_to_HFA_transition_full.mp3) (audio file)

#### 11. Porcine Secretin Injection No Longer Available

According to FDA's Web page on drug shortages, the available stock of SecreFlo will be exhausted by the end of September. An operator for Repligen Corporation, which distributes SecreFlo, said September 29 that the synthetic porcine secretin product had been discontinued.

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/shortages/default.htm#Secreflo>

#### 12. Cohen, NCC MERP Among Winners of Safety, Quality Awards

The Joint Commission and the National Quality Forum recently named Michael R. Cohen and the National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention (NCC MERP) among the recipients of the 2008 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and

Quality Award. ASHP is a founding member of NCC MERP.  
[http://www.jointcommission.org/NewsRoom/NewsReleases/nr\\_09\\_25\\_08.htm](http://www.jointcommission.org/NewsRoom/NewsReleases/nr_09_25_08.htm)

### 13. AHRQ Publishes Compendium on Agency-Funded Patient Safety Projects

The four-volume *Advances in Patient Safety: New Directions and Alternative Approaches* offers 115 articles on patient safety projects funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The agency said a single copy of the printed compendium or the CD-ROM is available by sending an e-mail to [ahrqpubs@ahrq.gov](mailto:ahrqpubs@ahrq.gov).  
<http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/advances2/index.html>

### 14. Seniors Seek Brand-Name Drugs When Medicare Is Paying

A recent study by Medco Health Solutions Inc. suggests that seniors are more likely to ask for brand-name drugs if Medicare is taking care of the bill. The study indicates seniors will ask for generics if they are paying the full cost, according to a newspaper report.  
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2008/09/24/financial/f211844D23.DTL>

### 15. Emergency Preparedness Mentorship Program—Register Today!

Responsible for emergency or disaster planning in your department but don't know where to begin? Look no further. Introducing ASHP's Extension into Practice (XIP), a six-month program that connects you to nationally recognized experts for individually tailored guidance and mentorship at implementing a project in your practice setting. The inaugural XIP launches at the Midyear Clinical Meeting in Orlando and focuses on emergency preparedness. To participate in XIP: Emergency Preparedness, you must be preregistered for the December 7 workshop "Developing a Comprehensive Emergency and Continuity Management Program in Your Pharmacy Department." Registration closes October 22. Everyone preregistered for this workshop will be eligible to participate in XIP: Emergency Preparedness.  
<http://www.ashp.org/midyear/EducationCE/Workshops.aspx>

### 16. New CE Program on Pharmacy Technician Work Force

Listen via the Web or podcast to the new continuing-education program "Pharmacy Technician Workforce: Trained, Tested, Trusted." This two-hour program discusses the expanding responsibilities of pharmacy technicians and how this important role is transitioning from a job to a career. Participants will learn how training and certification are keys to professional advancement.  
<http://onlinece.ashpadvantage.com/pharmtech> (Web)  
<http://www.ashpadvantage.com/podcasts> (podcast)

### 17. Medication Safety Team Grant Applications Available From ASHP Foundation

The ASHP Foundation's Medication Safety Team Grant Program is accepting applications until April 1, 2009. The program, which is sponsored by Omnicell Inc., supports research related to the use of bar-code scanning technology at the point of medication administration to enhance the safe use of medications. This grant program is available to research teams composed of a combination of pharmacists, physicians, nurses, and informatics experts. The research teams must include a pharmacist as a coprincipal investigator, and the proposed research must involve the use of bar-code scanning technology at the point of medication administration. Two \$40,000 grants will be awarded.  
<http://www.ashpfoundation.org/MainMenuCategories/ResearchResourceCenter/FundingOpportunities.aspx>

### 18) Anticoagulant Management Strategies for Venous Thromboembolism in Complex Cases: An Interactive Webinar for Pharmacists: Tuesday, October 7 and Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup>

*These free, live webinars provide an interactive approach to CE from the convenience of your home or office. Set up an area at your facility for your associates to attend as a group.*

ASHP Advantage is offering these upcoming continuing education webinars on two topics as part of our educational series on "Improving Patient Outcomes in Thromboembolic Disease: Focus on Anticoagulant Therapy". These webinars will only be offered as a part of this 2008 educational series. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to receive live credit for these programs in your state.

## 19) News Capsules

10/1/2008 [ASHP Members Go to Capitol Hill to Seek Residency Funding, Effective MTMPs](#)  
10/1/2008 ['Get Vaccinated.' ASHP Urges Pharmacists, Other Healthcare Personnel](#)  
10/1/2008 [Deep Vein Thrombosis Prevention Urged by ASHP, Venous Disease Coalition](#)  
9/30/2008 [Give Pharmacists Provider Status for Practicing CDTM, ASHP Advises DEA](#)

## ASHP Foundation News:

### Applications Currently Available at:

<http://www.ashpfoundation.org/MainMenuCategories/ProgramNews/OpenPrograms.aspx>

#### 1) *Research Grants*

- 10/31/2008 – Deadline for **Pharmacy Resident Practice-Based Research Grant** applications
- 1/9/2009 – Deadline for **Federal Services Junior Investigator Research Grant** applications
- 2/13/2009 – Deadline for **Junior Investigator Research Grant** applications
- 4/1/2009 – Deadline for **Medication Safety Team Grant** applications

#### 2) *Traineeships*

- 10/15/2008 – Deadline for **Critical Care Traineeship** applications

3) The Student New Practitioner (SNP) Leadership Task Force was established in 2007 to address the leadership issues facing pharmacy students and those entering into pharmacy practice. Specifically, the SNP Task Force addresses the following:

- The current level of students' and new practitioners' exposure to leadership, or lack thereof, within the context of their present studies or practice settings.
- The specific gaps in leadership education and training for students and new practitioners.
- Opportunities to incorporate leadership education into the training and education of students and new practitioners.
- Innovative mechanisms and/or initiatives to address those gaps.
- The values, issues and challenges that uniquely impact new practitioners' desire or ability to assume formal and informal leadership roles.

For more information about the members of the SNP Task Force, click on the link below:

[2008-2009 Student New Practitioner Leadership Task Force](#)

The SNP Task Force has published a new report, "Leadership As a Professional Obligation," to address these topics. The report includes eight recommendations. While this topic is vast, the SNP Task Force believe the recommendations can facilitate a productive dialogue on the leadership issues facing students and new practitioners. Access the report by clicking on the link below:

[Leadership As a Professional Obligation: Report from the Student New Practitioner Leadership Task Force](#)

## **American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP)**

**AACP Announcements** (<http://www.aacp.org/>):

### **Diabetes in America: Public Knowledge, Perceptions and Behaviors**

AACP is a proud champion of the National Diabetes Goal and fully supports increasing by 2015 the number of Americans at risk of diabetes who know their blood glucose level and know the appropriate actions to take. Click [http://nbch.org/documents/final\\_report.pdf](http://nbch.org/documents/final_report.pdf) **HYPERLINK** "[http://nbch.org/documents/final\\_report.pdf](http://nbch.org/documents/final_report.pdf)" to review the final report produced by Gallup.

## **American Public Health Association (APHA) :**

APHA will hold it's 136th annual meeting and expo on October 25-29, 2008 in San Diego, CA. The theme of this year's meeting is 'Public Health Without Borders' You can register online at [www.apha.org/meetings](http://www.apha.org/meetings).

APHA members are being encouraged to use the Association's Strategic Map in their public health work, both within and beyond APHA. The Strategic Map charts the way APHA can strengthen its work as the voice of public health, lists overall strategic goals, and outlines priorities. The map is designed to guide

APHA members, Association staff and member component groups such as Sections as they carry out their work on behalf of APHA.

Win a free membership renewal. Just send APHA the name and contact data of colleagues who might be interested in joining APHA. For every name submitted, you'll be entered into a raffle drawing and your colleagues too. Fifteen lucky winners will be chosen when the contest ends December 31. Send names to yvonne.kazim@apha.org or call her at 202-777-2484 for more details.

Win an APHA membership renewal through Each One, Reach One

### **Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS)**

- The 114<sup>th</sup> Fall Annual Meeting will take place in San Antonio, Texas from November 09-14, 2008. Pre-registration is still available:
  - Early Bird Discount Deadline: October 09, 2008
    - Member: \$258
    - Non-Member \$340
  - Advanced Registration Discount: November 02, 2008
    - Member: \$318
    - Non-Member \$400
  - Onsite Registration: Begins November 08, 2008 at the Convention Center.  
<http://registration.experient-inc.com/ShowAMS081/Default.aspx>

***For AMSUS Application for Early Registration go to:***

***<http://www.amsus.org/convention/2008RegistrationForms.pdf>***

- Additional Courses Offering at the AMSUS Annual Meeting in San Antonio:
  - ABLs, ATLS, ENPC, TNCC, ACLS, BLS
  - Public Health Service Leadership Development Seminar
  - HM-CBRNE
  - Interdisciplinary Clinical Education Seminar” Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury: Interdisciplinary Practices”

For Registration go to: <http://www.amsus.org/convention/attendees/courses.shtml>

- The Engineering PAC has developed a **Leadership Development Seminar** to be held in conjunction with the PHS-sponsored AMSUS conference in San Antonio this November. This Seminar is open to all PHS officers, and the organizers are especially interested in having Junior Officers attend.
  - Dates for the Seminar (scheduled in two 4-hours sessions):
    - November 12, 2008 from 1300-1700
    - Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 08300-1230
  - Meals/Networking Events:
    - Tuesday Dinner (A River Walk Restaurant TBD)
    - Wednesday Lunch-Surgeon General's Luncheon
    - Wednesday Dinner-AMSUS Awards Dinner

*If you have any questions about the Leadership Development Seminar, please contact CDR Jim Simpson at [james.simpson@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:james.simpson@fda.hhs.gov) or 301-796-2514.*

- To become a member go to [www.amsus.org/membership](http://www.amsus.org/membership) starting rate is from \$55/year to a full time life membership of \$1000. Can find out more about benefits under membership.

- Congratulations to the 2008 AMSUS Pharmacy Awards Winners:

**Excellence in Pharmacy Practice Award:**

- Major Josh Devine, USAF, Air Force Consultant to the DoD Pharmacoeconomic Center

**Andrew Craigie Award:**

- Colonel Phil L. Samples, USAF, Chief, Medical Operations Division/Biomedical Sciences Corps Executive

**Drug Topics:**

New pharmacist organization seeks end to deterioration of profession \*\*\*

<http://drugtopics.modernmedicine.com/drugtopics/content/contentDetail.jsp?id=549112>

Pharmacy Alliance launches in Galveston, Texas, to promote better working conditions for pharmacists.

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