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BPC – BRINGING PHARMACY TOGETHER

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The British Pharmaceutical Conference 2006 (BPC) is a unique event in the conference calendar bringing together all sectors of the pharmacy profession under one roof.

BPC has changed dramatically in recent years and in that time has developed as a modern event and an international showcase for pharmaceutical science and pharmacy practice.

I am delighted to have been asked to contribute to BPC Today, a new magazine which will help to keep delegates and exhibitors up to date with conference news.

The theme of this year's BPC, *Personalised medicine in healthcare*, will explore the rise of the

knowledgeable expert patient and the growth in self care. Both provide fundamental challenges for pharmacy – from science through to practice – as well as many opportunities for the enhancement of medicines.

Let's use this year's event to consider how as a profession we can meet these challenges and take advantage of the many opportunities that exist, for the benefit of patients.

BPC provides the ideal opportunity to network with colleagues old and new and to get involved in the workshops, plenary sessions, symposia and the debates that are so important in shaping the future of our profession. However it's not all work and social events also play an important part in the BPC experience.

At conference this year is the BPC-PJ Careers Forum which is ideal for anyone wanting to find out more about the career opportunities on offer in the pharmaceutical industry and the community pharmacy sector. The Careers Forum will run alongside the exhibition for all three-days of BPC.

Without the continued support of our sponsors and exhibitors, BPC could simply not take place. I would like in particular to thank Boots, the ABPI and AstraZeneca, for their generous support for BPC 2006.

I wish you all a very enjoyable BPC 2006 and I very much look forward to meeting many of you over the course of the week.

DON'T MISS TODAY...

9.20 – 10.45

Auditorium

Personalised medicine in healthcare – setting the scene: Putting BPC 2006 into context.

11.15 – 12.00

Mancunian Suite

Inaugural Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences plenary lecture: 'The invention of new drugs' by Professor Sir James Black, Nobel Laureate.

13.30 – 14.00

Auditorium

Ministerial Address: Andy Burnham MP, Minister of State for Delivery and Quality addresses BPC delegates.

14.00 – 14.30

Auditorium

President's Address: Hemant Patel addresses BPC delegates.

20.00 for 20.30

Conference Dinner and Dance: Both at the Radisson Edwardian Hotel, dinner is ticket only but you can pay £5 +VAT on the door for the dance from 22.00 onwards.

SIR JAMES BLACK LECTURE

BPC delegates today welcome the Nobel Laureate Professor Sir James Black, who will deliver the Inaugural Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences plenary lecture at 11.15 in the Mancunian Suite.



The citation for his Nobel was for, “discoveries of important principles of drug treatment”. He led the small teams of researchers that invented the ‘Beta blockers’ (e.g. propranolol) for the treatment of angina and high blood pressure and the ‘H₂ receptor antagonists’ (e.g. cimetidine) for the treatment of stomach ulcers.

In his lecture today, *The invention of new drugs*, Sir James will describe one way in which pharmaceutical scientists can use the knowledge and experiences of past successes to try and invent new drugs in the modern era, drawing on his own experiences and describing how this idea is being implemented in his current drug development projects.

Says Sir James: “In the past our starting point for the invention of new drugs was based around physiology. Today it is based around technology. I believe there is a great deal to be learned by comparing and contrasting the differences between what we did in the past, before we had access to modern technology, and what happens in the industry today. We can then use these comparisons to help us discover, develop and invent new drugs in a new way, combining the experiences we have gleaned from past successes with modern technological advances.”

The Inaugural Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences plenary lecture is kindly sponsored by AstraZeneca.



Professor Sir James Black

SOUNDBITES: Karen Hassell, BPC Practice Chair

What I'm most looking forward to at BPC this year...

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Being the first Practice Chair of BPC is a great honour for me, but being the first means you have no past tradition to fall back on when trying to anticipate what to expect. Nevertheless, I'm looking forward to listening to all our eminent keynote speakers, including Chris Ham, John Weinman, and of course Rob Horne, this year's winner of the Chemist and Druggist Practice Award. I'm anticipating an interesting, if busy, BPC.

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BOOST YOUR CAREER AT BPC



If you're thinking of progressing your career in pharmacy and need some fresh ideas, why not head along to the BPC-PJ Careers Forum in the main exhibition hall?

You'll be able to take part in 'speed-dating' interviews with representatives from some of the major employers in pharmacy and the pharmaceutical

industry, have your CV assessed and receive valuable careers advice. Computer terminals will also be available where you can explore job opportunities offered by participating companies and access a variety of online job opportunities.

The BPC-PJ Careers Forum is aimed at people of all ages who are thinking of exploring their career options within pharmacy or the pharmaceutical industry. This is the first year that the Forum has been run and the Society is grateful to the Pharmaceutical Journal, AstraZeneca, GSK, Lloydspharmacy, Pfizer, Pharma Seek, and our science recruitment partners Newscientistjobs.com for their support. The British Pharmaceutical Students' Association has also kindly helped ensure that plenty of candidates are visiting the Forum.

Dr Chris Doherty, Vice-President, Pharmaceutical & Analytical R&D of Associate Sponsor and Careers Forum Founder Sponsor AstraZeneca said: "We applaud the Society's desire to promote the pharmaceutical industry as an exciting careers option for British life science graduates and are delighted to offer our full support. We hope the Careers Forum will develop into the key recruiting conference for pharmaceutical development skills in the UK."

The BPC-PJ Careers Forum will be open throughout BPC, from 10am to 6pm. A special Careers Forum reception will also be held in the exhibition hall between 18.00 and 19.00 on Tuesday evening. To book a place visit the BPC-PJ Careers Forum Registration Desk at the main entrance.

A WORD FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR...

Colin Ranshaw, BPC 2006 Conference Committee Chairman, is confident that this year's event will be one of the most successful yet. He says:

"In recent years, delegates told us they felt BPC was too science-oriented with not enough emphasis on practice. So this year we have introduced a Conference Practice Chair to complement our Science Chairman and we feel this will balance the event more evenly between science and practice and make it as relevant to as many pharmacists as possible.

"We have an excellent, packed programme which is an interesting mix of plenary sessions, highly focused symposia and streamed sessions, debates and short papers. We also have poster and podium sessions

featuring the latest in scientific and practice research, which we believe will be of great interest to delegates.

"Added to this we have a broad-ranging exhibition that features the first ever BPC-PJ Careers Forum - aimed at people of all ages, at all stages of their careers. It's well worth a visit if you are considering changing jobs or just need some inspiration.

"I have always believed that BPC is the ideal place to find out about the latest issues affecting pharmacy, get to grips with scientific advances or to network with colleagues old and new. There are certainly plenty of social events planned for BPC and there is no doubt Manchester has more than its fair share of convivial meeting places in which to network!



Colin Ranshaw

"My aim as Conference Chair is to ensure that BPC cements its position as the leading pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical science event in the conference calendar."

OUT AND ABOUT IN MANCHESTER

EATING AND DRINKING

Delegates looking for good restaurants in Manchester won't be disappointed. Here are three of BPC Today's favourites:

Albert's Shed: One of the best restaurants in town, something for all tastes. 20 Castle Street, 0161 839 9818.

Gaicho Grill: Great Argentinian place, famous for its beef. 2A St Mary's Street, 0161 833 4333.

Shimla Pinks: Sumptuous Indian restaurant, amazing food. Dolefield, Crown Square, Deansgate, 0161 831 7099.



30-MINUTE SIGHTSEEING

Visit Manchester's Central Library (St Peter's Square, opposite the Midland Hotel) where you'll see some of the finest architecture in town. Built in 1934, it has a dominating five bay portico of Corinthian columns with rounded arches on each side, and may in parts remind you of the British Museum in London. It cost the City the princely sum of £410,000 – you couldn't buy a Penthouse flat here for that today!

EXHIBITORS' SHOWCASE

1 Polaris Instruments Ltd

Stand 53

www.polaris.co.uk

Polaris Instruments Ltd introduces a new low cost friability tester at BPC 2006. This simple, easy to use machine is aimed at research laboratories, especially Universities where money is always tight. This new machine is priced at only £1314 and conference attendees can get an added discount on this already low price by visiting stand 53.

2 SurgiChem Ltd

Stand 32

www.surgichem.co.uk

SurgiChem are delighted to announce the launch of a new design Nomad Trolley Cabinet. The trolley holds up to 9 blister racks or 60 Nomad Cassettes. Visit stand 32 to have a look and take advantage of the discounted launch price, exclusive to BPC delegates.

3 Merrow Scientific

Stand 63

www.merrowscientific.com

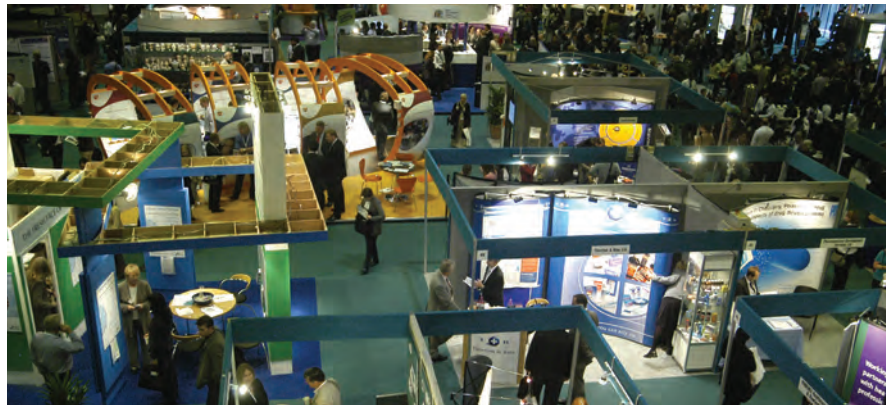
A new range of formulation development equipment is being shown for the first time in the UK at the Merrow Scientific stand at the BPC exhibition this year. New developments include pharmaceutical compliant high yield spray driers and micronisation equipment for small batch sizes of products ideal for new formulation development work.

4 BRAND GMBH + CO KG

Stand 51

www.brand.de

BRAND is demonstrating a dispenser which is very popular for dispensing methadone. Visit stand 51 to discuss your requirements and see the instrument working. You will be able to arrange a sales appointment or dismantle an instrument to see how easy it is to use.



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