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- * Learn more about the history and founding of The Toxicology Forum
- * View archived meeting transcripts. These are searchable by topic or speaker dating back to 1998, soon back to 1975.
- * The **Members Portal** allows members early access to information from the most recent meetings. The password protected portal also allows members to:
 - ◆ Access Membership Directory
 - ◆ View PowerPoint slides from recent meetings
 - ◆ Read the Minutes from annual meetings of members
 - ◆ Access Committees on which you serve
 - ◆ Propose meeting topics
- * Learn more about upcoming meetings. Register for meetings and pay online

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To apply for membership in The Toxicology Forum, download an application form from the website and submit the form, your Curriculum Vitae, a description of your organization and its major focus to:
The Toxicology Forum, 1300 Eye Street, NW, Suite 1010 East, Washington, DC 20005-3314. Membership applications are reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors twice a year.

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RECENT MEETING TOPICS

WINTER 2009

- * Food Protection in the Global Market Place
- * Control Plasma Contamination: Three Years of Monitoring
- * Development of Subsequent Entry Biologics
- * Enhancing Credibility and Confidence of Risk Assessments
- * Predictability of Animal Toxicity and Carcinogenicity Models for Human Risk
- * Formaldehyde Binding to DNA, Proteins and GSH: Relevance to Human Exposure and Toxicity
- * Initiatives Related to Pharmaceuticals in the Environment

EUROPE 2008

- * Prediction of Skin Sensitization Potential of Chemicals
- * ICH Safety Guidelines for Pharmaceuticals: New Developments and European Aspects
- * Perfluorinated Fatty Acid Analogs: A Toxicologically Challenging Class of Chemicals
- * Vinyl Acetate
- * Special Aspects of Nanoparticle Risk Assessment

SUMMER 2008

- * The Use of Human Proteins as Food Ingredients
- * Use of Imaging Technologies for Drug Safety Assessment
- * Safety Assessment of a New Natural Sweetener
- * Use of siRNA Technology for Mechanistic Toxicology and Target Validation in Drug Development
- * Predictability of Animal Toxicity and Carcinogenicity Models for Human Risk
- * Challenges and Opportunities in the Incorporation of Mechanistic Information into Risk Assessment
- * The Threshold of Toxicological Concern: Past, Present and Future
- * Is Bisphenol A Safe in Food Contact Applications?

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- * The facilitation of informed scientific exchange with leading government, industry, and academic scientists in a neutral forum at agreeable locations.
- * Support for the only meetings where there is open discussion of general principles and scientific advances in toxicology, as well as the application of toxicology to the formation of public health policy and the resolution of regulatory questions.
- * Member input in generating programs and speakers for future meetings.
- * Eligibility for election as Officers and to the Board of Directors, the governing and policy-making body of The Forum.
- * Guaranteed acceptance of registration for the annual winter meeting in Washington, DC, the annual summer meeting in Aspen, Colorado, the annual European meeting in Brussels, Belgium, and other special meetings of The Forum. Non-members are welcome on a space available basis.
- * Reduced meeting registration fees. For Associate and Corporate memberships, all members of your organization will enjoy the same reduced registration fees.
- * Password access to the information posted in the Members Portal section of the Web site.
- * Access to power point presentations of The Toxicology Forum's most recent meetings.
- * Listing in and access to the membership directory.
- * A free transcript of the proceedings of the annual meetings on CD-ROM.
- * Purchase of past years' transcripts of Forum meetings at a reduced rate.

MEETINGS

SUMMER—ASPEN, COLORADO - THE GIVEN INSTITUTE

Founded as a mining camp in 1880 during the Colorado Silver Boom, Aspen was named because of the abundance of aspen trees in the area. In July, Aspen exudes a surprisingly casual attitude as seen in its colorful downtown streets, boutiques, and art galleries. The city has emerged as a year-round international destination for recreation, arts, business, and intellectual discourse. Our meeting is held in the Given Institute, an adjunct facility of the University of Colorado School of Medicine. The unique feature of this venue is that each speaker gives their presentation in front of colleagues who are arranged in a tiered circular theater.

EUROPE—BRUSSELS, BELGIUM - LE MÉRIDIEN BRUSSELS

The city of Belgium has a rich history dating back to the first century A.D. It is the capital city of Belgium as well as headquarters to most of the European Union's institutions. Brussels is officially bilingual, French and Dutch, although French is the most widely used language in Brussels. Nevertheless, English is well understood in most commercial establishments. Le Méridien Bruxelles, our hotel, has a palatial façade that is a tribute to a rich and gloried history. Explore history and legends alike in the La Grand-Place, the central square of the city, only a short walk from the hotel.

WINTER—WASHINGTON, DC - THE FAIRFAX AT EMBASSY ROW

The Nation's Capital, from its celebrated symbols of patriotism to its undiscovered neighborhoods, the sights and sounds of this city inspire millions of visitors every year to its famous sights. "Embassy Row" in Washington, DC, refers to a stretch of Massachusetts Avenue extending out from Dupont Circle, toward the National Cathedral, along which one finds many of the District's foreign embassies. The Fairfax hotel is a landmark itself of style and grace for over 75 years. Because of the easy accessibility of this meeting for FDA, EPA, NIH and other government agencies, this meeting attracts attendees from all levels of government responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership in The Toxicology Forum is available to persons who are actively involved and interested in the field of toxicology and who are self employed or who are employed by one of the following:

- * A national or multinational government body
- * A university
- * A charitable, research, scientific, or educational organization that is dependant upon donations for funding (Section 501 of the IRS code)

Dues \$100 Annual Fee

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate membership is available to firms, associations, corporations, partnerships, academic and other institutions that are exempt from taxation under Section 501 c3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Consulting organizations of two or more professionals are also eligible. By becoming an associate member, all individuals in your organization who have an interest in the field of toxicology will enjoy the full benefits of membership.

Dues \$2,000 Annual Fee

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Corporate membership is open to firms, associations, corporations, partnerships, academic and other institutions. By becoming a corporate member, all individuals in your organization who have an interest in the field of toxicology will enjoy the full benefits of membership.

Dues The annual fee for Corporate members start at a base level of \$8,000.

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THE TOXICOLOGY FORUM: Be Part of the Dialogue

Since 1974

The exact origin of an organization as diverse as the Toxicology Forum is easily lost, but in this case we know precisely. As described by Dr. Philippe Shubik in 1993 it occurred when he was attending a meeting at the Given Institute of Pathobiology (U Colorado) in Aspen, Colorado in 1974. It happened that Dr. Alex Malaspina was attending a meeting at the Aspen Institute during the same week.

Dr. Shubik said the two “met walking down the street, and fundamentally the idea of a toxicology forum grew out of the conversation we had that day. We came from very different parts of society at the time. I was entirely academic and Alex had the pulse of industry”. Dr. Malaspina said that the driver was that “there was no mechanism for scientists from many sectors to talk to one another, to debate the issues. Dr. Shubik coined the word ‘Forum’ coming from the Roman forum.” By the next year, the first meeting occurred in Aspen at the Given Institute which has served as the summer home for “scientists from the many sectors, industry, academia, government and also the public interest groups to get together and debate the issues”. Dr. Shubik also noted that in the early meetings the intent was to model the operation of the Forum meetings in a manner similar to the Gordon Research Conferences. These are focused on leading edge science in now many topics and are held in small college towns so that the opportunity for participant discussions is enhanced.

The Toxicology Forum conducts transparent dialogues among various segments of society concerned with problems in toxicology. There is a carefully balanced approach to the topics and issues presented at the Forum, with alternative positions presented for each issue. The unique, non-adversarial atmosphere of Toxicology Forum meetings results in frank and open discussions that do not need to arrive at consensus. From the beginning, transcripts of the presentations, presentation materials and discussions with attributions have been put in the public domain. Anyone who pays registration can attend. These unique features allow the public, other scientists and governments to evaluate what is discussed for content and balance and accountability.

Over the nearly four decades that have followed since these two men envisioned it, the Forum has remained faithful to their vision, grew and most of all survived. Considering that very contentious issues are discussed every year, many involving issues of high public interest, this has been a remarkable achievement.

Recent years

Two elements of the first two decades have been expanded and formalized. The first is the important role of education. Opportunities have been increased for leading younger academic scientists to learn by exposure to Forum discussions of the science, practice and public importance of regulatory toxicology. Travel Fellowships for young academic faculty enable the recipients to be exposed to translational toxicology, from scientific to regulatory. Another important element in the late 1990s was the establishment of annual European meetings now held permanently every fall in Brussels, the seat of the European Union. This reflected the original vision of Drs. Shubik and Malaspina in 1974 that the meetings be international in scope. While the specific issues and regulatory mechanisms may vary depending on the continent and country involved, the make up of Toxicology Forum meetings continues to be a valid and productive way to explore and discuss issues relevant to government, industry, academia and consumer groups. This formula has been embodied in the motto of the Toxicology Forum:

“Understanding through Dialogue”