RECAP OF CPDD 2009

For the 71st Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, we gambled on a new venue: Reno/Sparks, Nevada. In spite of the global economic situation, the meeting was well attended, with 1289 registrants representing 46 countries and territories. After the US, the highest number of attendees came from Canada (33), Australia (26), Brazil (16), France (15), Spain (13), Israel and Japan (9 each). By category, there were 421 members, 550 non-members, and 172 pre-docs, the remaining number made up of social registrants, satellite meeting attendees, and exhibitors. The well-rounded program offered 19 symposia, 22 oral communication sessions, 4 poster sessions, and 12 workshops, in addition to the Plenary, Late-Breaking Research News, Fischman Award Lecture, and a Public Policy Forum. In addition, there were several pre-meeting satellite conferences (NIDA International Forum on Building International Research on Drug Abuse, International Study Group Investigating Drugs as Reinforcers, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and Treating Addiction During Pregnancy).

An opening reception Saturday night took place in the pool area of the hotel.
Early Sunday morning, CPDD sponsored a breakfast for the recipients of CSAT Travel Awards. The Plenary Session began about 8:30 AM with a welcome from CPDD President Sharon Walsh, followed by an address by Nora Volkow, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.
Marc Kaufmann, Media Relations Committee Chair, introduced the awards portion of the Plenary with the presentation of the CPDD/NIDA Media Award to Nancy D. Campbell for her book, *Discovering Addiction: The Science and Politics of Substance Abuse Research*, and other contributions towards informing the public about the science of addiction and its treatment. Next, Steve Negus presented the Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award to Laura M. Bohn for her outstanding early career contributions to drug abuse research. The Mentorship Award was then presented to George Bigelow by former trainees Steve Higgins, Warren Bickel, Eric Strain, and Sharon Walsh. The final award of the morning was the prestigious Nathan B. Eddy Award for excellence in research, which was presented to Robert L. Balster by Lou Harris. The Eddy Award lecture, given by Dr. Balster, concluded the Plenary Session.
One of a number of events geared towards the younger investigators at the meeting was the Early Career Investigator Awards Luncheon held on Sunday. The 2009 awardees along with those from the past 3 years were invited to the annual luncheon. Alison Oliveto, who chaired the awards committee for several years, introduced incoming chair, Meg Haney.

The scientific program began on Sunday afternoon with a Presidential Symposium on *Opioid Receptors from the Cutting Edge to the Clinic*. (The entire program is available online at CPDD.org). Later in the day after the symposia and oral communications
sessions had ended, there was a reception for the Primm-Singleton Travel Awardees. In the evening, four workshops were held.

Monday’s scheduled sessions included a symposium on *Hot Topics in Cannabinoid Research* in memory of Billy Martin, long-time member of CPDD and last year’s Eddy Award winner. The first of 4 poster sessions was held during lunch on Monday.

In the afternoon, the Marian W. Fischman Memorial Award was presented to Harriet De Wit by Chris-Ellyn Johanson. Dr. De Wit gave the Fischman Lecture on *Determinants of Drug Preference in Humans*. CPDD and NIDA jointly sponsored a very well attended
networking event for all pre- and post-docs early in the evening. Later, another 4 workshops were held, in addition to the poster session from the NIDA International Forum Satellite.
That evening, a reception was held for Past Presidents and Eddy Award winners in the Presidential Suite.
Tuesday morning began with breakfast at a poster session, followed by symposia and oral communications. The scientific program for that day ended with Late-Breaking Research News, a session consisting of 16 five-min presentations on just-completed studies with exciting findings. In the afternoon while some went to the Grant-Writing Workshop, many attendees went to explore the stunning Lake Tahoe, the somewhat less stunning downtown Reno, or other nearby towns.
Tuesday evening was “Film Night”. A screening of the interesting documentary *Fighting the Dragon with Luck* with commentary by filmmaker Angelo Pricolo preceded the showing of *Clean & Sober* (1988). The last of the 12 workshops were also held that night.
On Wednesday morning, an informative Public Policy Forum was chaired by Martin Iguchi & Bill Dewey. Speakers included Ed Long from Van Scyoc Associates; Jerome Jaffe, former chief of President Richard Nixon's drug programs in the Special Action Office of Drug Abuse Prevention; and Bertha Madras, former Deputy Director for Demand Reduction White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. Thomas McLellan, originally on the panel, was unable to attend as he was busy in D.C. getting confirmed as the new Deputy Director of ONDCP. During the session, Dr. Dewey was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contributions to policy and advocacy.

The third poster session was held over the lunch period. More symposia and oral communication sessions followed. In the latter part of the afternoon, the business meeting took place. Plaques for service were given to retiring Board members Toby Eisenstein, Alison Oliveto, Linda Porrino (President-Elect, so not off the hook yet!), and Tom McLellan (*in absentia*). Dr. Porrino then reciprocated by presenting outgoing President Sharon Walsh with an inscribed vase, as well as a plaque. Congratulations to the 4 new members elected to the Nominating Committee: Jack Henningfield and Jim Sorensen representing the Fellows; Rumi Price and Meg Haney from the Regular and Associate Members.
An evening of dinner and dancing to the beat of the Buddy Emmer Band capped the day.
Thursday morning began with the 4th and final poster session.
At lunch, the annual Brunch with Champions, at which students and junior investigators have a chance to chew the fat with more senior people in the drug abuse field, was held. This year’s champions were Alice Young, Kat Kantak, Bryon Adinoff, Joe Frascella, Reggie Fant, Dorothy Hatsukami, and Roger Weiss.
At the conclusion of the afternoon’s sessions, everyone gathered in the Rose Ballroom for the eagerly awaited and always entertaining CPDD Sweepstakes Drawing. Prizes included a 2-night stay at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, site of next year’s meeting, free registration for next year’s meeting (Julie Marusich), free dues for 2010 (Linda Chang), and a handsome picnic tote (sans a bottle of wine that mysteriously disappeared just before the drawing), in addition to the usual assortment of tote bags, pens, luggage tags and other chatchkes. Congrats to all the lucky winners (Carmen Rosa, Jeanne Vander Zanden, Therese Kosten, Barry Setlow, Erin McClure, Ian Mendez, Linda Goeders, Zihhua Xie, Alison Looby)!
A big thanks to all who helped with the drawing!

Hope to see you next year, June 12-17th, for the 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the CPDD at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess in Scottsdale, AZ!