

5th Annual Postdoc Appreciation Week Institutionally Marked & Celebrated Across U.S., Canada and Other Parts of World.

Postdoc Appreciation Week is celebrated every year to recognize the significant contributions that postdoctoral scholars make to research and discovery.

WASHINGTON, DC, U.S., September 19, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Featured News:

The [National Postdoctoral Association](#) celebrated the fifth annual 'National Postdoc Appreciation Week' (NPAW) to recognize the tremendous contributions, the postdoctoral scholars make to the U.S. scientific enterprises of research and discovery.

A [postdoctoral scholar](#) "postdoc" is an individual who has completed his or her doctorate in a specific area of research and becomes engaged for a certain period of time in mentored research and/or scholarly training under the direct supervision of a principal investigator (PI) for the purpose of acquiring the academic proficiency.

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goals, and business objectives of the NPA. Dr. Majda Haznadar, Ph.D., and Dr. Barbara Natalizio, Ph.D., served as co-chair of the committee.

Amongst the noted events taken place during the NPAW-2014, include:

A postdoc webinar entitled "Increasing Your Visibility and Participation in SOT as an Early Career Toxicologist" was hosted by Kathryn Page. This session included a diverse panel of speakers



covering several different areas surrounding the value of SOT membership to professional advancement. Panelists include: Dr. William Slikker Jr., Ph.D., ATS, Director of US FDA-NCTR; Lauren M. Aleksunes, Ph.D., Associate Professor at Rutgers University; Dr. Mary Beth Genter, Ph.D., DABT, ATS, Associate Professor at University of Cincinnati; Dr. Betina J. Lew, Ph.D., Senior Toxicologist at Church & Dwight.

The University of Notre Dame planned for 2014 NPAW, a Demonstration comprising a repository for academic and professional information. NPAW's mentored sessions of Post-Doc Networks of Asia-Oceania (PDNA-O) presided by Justice(R) S.S. Paru Dehlvi, L.L.D., were organized for eastern academia.

The Robert Wood Johnson/Rutgers PDA held symposium, during NPAW, highlighting the work done by postdoctoral researchers at institutions in New Jersey, New York City, Philadelphia, and surrounding areas. This year, they expressed and conveyed the feelings of being extremely honored for their keynote speaker Dr. Shirley Tilghman, Ph.D., a prominent researcher, educator, advocate for biomedical research training and the 19th president of Princeton University. They also featured an invited thematic talk by Dr. Linda Stomato, co-director of the Center for Negotiation & Conflict Resolution at Rutgers University.



During the course of Postdoc Appreciation Week Celebrations by the SAARC Region Post-doc Network, the SAIRI Research Initiative presented a special annotation-note annexed to a post-doc cloistered marginal-note on 'The [United Nations MDGs](#) and Post 2015 Extension-scenarios', that entails the multifarious academic aspects of the Millennium Development Goals, and the thematic marginal segments of MDGs in post 2015. The first 'postdoc annotation-note' on UN-MDGs was prepared by Qadhi Prof. Aurangzeb Al Hafi, D. Litt., a multidisciplinary arch-researcher and the principal investigator at SAIRI and UNESCO Chair at University of Punjab, Pakistan.

SAIRI, in collaborative research-partnership with UNESCO chair at Punjab University, Lahore, and Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi, presented five thematic reports entailing interdisciplinary focusses on the constant perpetuation of multiple toxicological outbreaks, that are threatening the human life on earth, the ecological sustainability and whole of the environment in its totality, especially the hydro-toxification of the under-ground water reserves, that constantly, are being polluted by the unfair burdens of heavy toxins, posed by the sewage systems in Asia and Africa.

Noted institutional participations for 2014 NPAW events, emanated from: The University of California (UC), Berkeley, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Saban Research Institute at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, UT Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA), Texas Biomedical Research Institute, U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA), San Antonio Postdoctoral Research Forum, Stanford University, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), UNESCO Chair at University of Punjab-CIMR, NextGen Association for Postdocs, University of Florida, University of Miami, Moffitt Cancer Center Postdoctoral Association (MPDA), The Offices of Academic Affairs and Mentoring Programs at

Rush University, University of Iowa (UI), Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's (DFCI) Postdoc and Graduate Student Affairs Office (PGSAO), UNESCO-SAARC Hydro-toxicology Observatory at Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi, The Brigham & Women's Hospital (BWH) Office for Research Careers (ORC), University of Rochester, Society of Toxicology (SOT), SAIRI Research Initiative Pakistan, Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute, Penn State Hershey Postdoctoral Society, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), UT Health Science Center San Antonio, University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and University of Pennsylvania.

Noted PIs, research panelists, thematic mentors and keynote postdoc speakers include: Dr. Frances Colón, Acting Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State from the U.S. Department of State; Prof. Jack Szostak, Professor of Genetics and Chemistry, Harvard University; Dr. Helen Piwnicka-Worms, Ph.D., Vice Provost, University of Texas; Justice (R) Dr. S.S. Paru Dehlvi, L.L.D., Professor Victor Nizet; Dr. Patrick Allard, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at UCLA, Dr. Chris Banks, Ph.D., Associate Toxicologist at California EPA in the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment; Prof. Qadhi Aurangzeb Al Hafi, Ph.D., Principal Investigator SAIRI, SAARC sector's PI for Iatro Teratology & Hydro-toxicological Assessments; Dr. Katie Paul, Ph.D., Scientific Advisor in the Regulatory Toxicology Group at Bayer Crop-Science; and Dr. Jennifer Stedron, Ph.D., of Stedron Consulting, Inc.

Featured speakers, work-shops trainers, dialogue moderators and non-postdoc research contributors include Linda A. Dykstra Hylander, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Psychology (Affiliated with Neuroscience Program University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) ; Joe Thomas, Dr. Frances Colon, Dr. Molly Hatcher, Dr. Rafael Luna, Ph.D., Dr. Dass U, Ph.D., Dr. Erin Dolan, Executive Director (Texas Institute for Discovery Education in Science), Dr. Umar Farooq (SAARC Hydro-toxicology Assessor DUHS), Dr. Khalida Khan (UNESCO-CIMR,PU), Dr. Terry Potter, Dr. Linda Harris, Ph.D., Dr. Tammy R. L. Collins, Ph.D., Dr. F.M. Bhatti (SAIRI-SAARC), Dr. Denise Saunders, Ph.D., Dr. Deepa Singh, Dr. Jacqueline Powell, Ph.D., Jillian Orans, Ph.D. and Dr Winston-Salem.

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