

2007 ASIPS Annual Meeting Report

Greetings to all ASIPS members and friends:

The 14th ASIPS annual meeting was held on Sunday, November 11, 2007 in San Diego, CA. About 25 members were in attendance, and the agenda items were discussed. Dr. Parviz Mojaverian, ASIPS Executive Director, opened the session by welcoming the members to the meeting and then Shabnam Sani, ASIPS president, pointed out the recent updates on the website, membership renewal, and communication of the members with ASIPS regarding the job openings. She also inquired members' opinion about the difficulty of ASIPS for covering the meeting room fee and the possible solutions for future meetings. The meeting was very successful, and we received comments and new ideas to improve ASIPS. Several suggestions were made in regard with reaching out to the members who do not attend the meeting in order to collect their membership fee by mail and Dr. Esmail Tabibi kindly volunteered to help mailing the membership dues by becoming permanent secretary of the ASIPS. He also volunteered to arrange a meeting in a suitable restaurant during the Atlanta meeting. We received helpful suggestions regarding the possibility of having ASIPS offsite meeting such as in a restaurant to avoid paying the fee for meeting room. This year, the recipient of the Graduate Student Award was Ms. Bahar Zarabi from University of Maryland, Baltimore for her research and contributed paper to the AAPS. The donation for this award was generously made by Dr. Assad Kazeminy, president and founder of Irvine Analytical Laboratories, Inc. who presented the certificate of achievement as well as the \$500.00 award. As always, we are grateful to Dr. Kazeminy for his continuous support of ASIPS. In order to encourage membership at ASIPS, the application forms were distributed. We hereby thank all of our members who paid their membership dues. In addition, members in attendance supported the idea of being notified via mail regarding the payment of their dues on an annual basis.

The open forum was moderated by Dr. Parviz Mojaverian and different issues were discussed in terms of providing more support / grant to ASIPS in order to improve the content/quality of our meetings. Some members discussed their perspective on inviting the guest speakers to the meeting and set up a poster presentation panel during the meeting time to enhance the scientific content of the meeting. Some members were kind enough to suggest their support and help to implement these ideas and they will be working with the ASIPS board members to further achieve the goals and missions of the organization.

The meeting was adjourned with more words of support from our members. Shabnam Sani, the outgoing president, acknowledged the support of the ASIPS general membership and board members especially Dr. Mojaverian whose dedication to ASIPS and sincere efforts are greatly appreciated. As always, we are looking forward to receiving your comments. We encourage you to visit our web site at www.ASIPS.NET for the latest updates and access to the membership list. This site is updated regularly.