

2008 ASIPS Annual Meeting Report

Greetings to all ASIPS members and friends:

The 15th ASIPS annual meeting was held on Sunday, November 16, 2008 in Atlanta, GA. About 20 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 new ASIPS website (www.asips.net), membership list and contact information on the website, and communication of the members via the website. She also updated the members about the steps taken within past year to accomplish the goal of improving the quality/content of the ASIPS annual meetings. Additionally, she inquired members' opinion about the other possible ways of improving the quality/content of the annual meetings in the future. This year for the first time, ASIPS has invited two guest speakers; Drs. Shahrzad Missaghi and Esmail S.Tabibi who were kind enough to give an interesting talk for us. 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. Dr. Assad Kazeminy suggested that ASIPS can think of installing a booth in the future in order to give recognition to ASIPS and signing up for those who are not attending the meeting. He also suggested that all outgoing emails of ASIPS should be signed with the ASIPS signature. One member idea was to broaden the majors of the scientist who can be a member of ASIPS and not to limit the ASIPS membership to Pharmaceutics and Pharmacy majors. A general agreement was made that a statement can be put on the website to reach those scientists who have biology, cell biology, and molecular biology background.

This year, the donation of \$500.00 was generously made by Dr. Assad Kazeminy, president and founder of Irvine Analytical Laboratories, Inc. to the association. As always, we are grateful to Dr. Kazeminy for his continuous support of ASIPS. Also, membership fee was paid by members in attendance for 2008-

2009. We hereby thank all of our members who paid their membership dues. In addition, members in attendance re-supported the idea of being notified via email regarding the payment of their dues on an annual basis.

The open forum was moderated by Dr. Reza Fassihi and Assad Kazeminy 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 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.

This year, Dr. Mohsen Sadat Rezaei, was nominated and elected as the new president, a 2-year term (2008-2010). He will be working with the ASIPS board members to further achieve the goals and missions of the organization. He also suggested some fresh ideas of improving the ASIPS website and utilize the website more often to reach and communicate with the members.

The meeting was adjourned with more words of support from our members. Shabnam Sani acknowledged the support of the ASIPS general membership especially Drs. Tabibi, Missaghi, Moridani and 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.