

2016 Annual ASIPS Meeting Minutes

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The American Society of Iranian Pharmaceutical Scientists (ASIPS) held its 23rd annual meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2016 in Denver. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order with opening remarks by the executive director, Dr. Parviz Mojaverian, at 8:30 pm.

- As the first order of business on the agenda, the attendees introduced themselves over drink and Persian cookies. Like previous years, the meeting succeeded to attract some first-time attendees, as well as seasoned members.
- Our gracious sponsor, Dr. Assad Kazeminy, then delivered a brief update on the ongoing acquisition of Irvine Pharmaceutical Services by Nitto Denko Avecia and the opportunities it might provide for the ASIPS members. This was followed by 2016 senior graduate student award presentation. This year's award winner was Babak Basiri from College of Pharmacy at the University of Georgia. The \$750 award was presented by Dr. Kazeminy who has been kindly sponsoring it for more than two decades. Then, Babak briefly talked about his research project involving the application of LC-MS for characterization of oligonucleotids.



- The other award winner of the night was our outstanding young investigator, Dr. Hanieh Khalili, from the University of East London. This award in the amount of \$300 is sponsored by the Society and it was presented by the executive director, Dr. Mojaverian. Dr. Khalili talked about her research on antibody mimetics for the treatment of ocular disease, as well as her adventures as a young scientist in academia.
- The new president election was carried out via open ballot at 9:30 p.m., and Babak Basiri was voted in office for the 2016-2018 term.
- Dr. Mojaverian then delivered a report on the achievements of ASIPS during the past 23 years. Such accomplishments included representing close to 200 Iranian scientists, official recognition of the society by AAPS and providing various career building and immigration services for members. He also discussed recent developments and future directions of the society with attendees.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:15 p.m. with a group picture.

