

Directory of Professional Societies and Associations

Interdisciplinary networking, publications, and conferences are a few of the benefits of society membership.

AAPP

American Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians

Purpose. AAPP is a nonprofit organization of physicians working in the discovery, development, and use of medical products. As an organization, AAPP's purpose is to enhance the relationship of pharmaceutical physicians within the medical community, assist its members in maintaining and enhancing their skills and knowledge, and provide a forum for the exchange of information of interest and relevance to pharmaceutical medicine professionals.

Details. *Persons eligible:* MDs (or equivalent) who devote a substantial percentage of their professional time to pharmaceutical medicine. *Annual meeting:* 6–8 November, Miami, FL. *Publications:* *The AAPP Rx Newsletter*. *Dues:* \$175 per year.

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ABPI

Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry

Purpose. Our mission is to represent the pharmaceutical industry operating in the UK in a way that assures patients access to the best available medicines; creates a favorable political, economic, and regulatory environment; encourages innovative research and development; and affords fair commercial returns.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Research Affiliate Members: Companies which are engaged in research in and/or development of medicines for human use, and have no turnover in such products, and are carrying on business in the United Kingdom. *Publications:* Newsletter. *Dues:* Contact the Secretary of the Association.

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ACCP

American College of Clinical Pharmacology

Purpose. To be the premier professional society with the size, influence, and diversity of membership consistent with the breadth of the discipline of clinical pharmacology. The organization strives to provide innovative, unbiased, quality educational programs and forums for its membership, fellow health professionals, students, and the public; to lead in the development and dissemination of basic and clinical knowledge to improve rational drug use and patient outcomes; to support and encourage discovery and development efforts designed to provide improved therapeutic modalities; and to serve as a forum for active public debate to influence scientific, regulatory, and public health policy issues; and to serve the membership through ongoing, open communication, recognition of excellence and service, and by providing opportunities to influence future directions of the college.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Those with an interest in clinical pharmacology who complete an application and submit a CV for review by a credentials committee. *Annual meeting:* 21–23 September, Westin Innisbrook Resort, Palm Harbor (Tampa), FL. *Publications:* Newsletter (published three times per year); *Journal of Clinical Pharmacology* (monthly). *Dues:* Fellow: \$200 per year; member: \$150 per year; associate: \$125 per year; student: \$25 per year.

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ACRP

Association of Clinical Research Professionals

Purpose. The purpose of the Association is to provide global leadership for the clinical research profession by promoting and advancing the highest ethical standards and practices.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Membership is open to all professionals engaged in clinical research endeavors. *Annual meeting:* 27th Annual North American Conference and Exposition: 5–9 April, Philadelphia, PA; 7th Annual European Conference: 5–6 June, Budapest, Hungary. *Publications:* *The Monitor* (quarterly magazine). *Dues:* \$95 (North American region); €95 (European region).

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AICRC

Association of Independent Clinical Research Contractors

Purpose. The association was founded in 1988 with the purpose of representing and regulating independent clinical research contractors. AICRC publishes a code of standards and practices by which member companies agree to abide. Members also commit themselves to undergo regular independent inspections to ensure that they comply with all the standards and practices set out in the code. AICRC is committed to maintaining high standards of care for patients and volunteers in clinical trials.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Membership is open to any independent company that

offers a service of organizing and reporting clinical research in Phases 1–4 of drug development. *Annual meeting:* June, London. *Publications:* Membership constitution; member handbook. *Dues:* £1000 joining fee (+VAT); £1400 annual membership (+VAT).

Contact. Susan N. Dilks, Administrative Secretary, PO Box 1055, Oadby, Leicester LE2 4XZ, UK, +44 116 271 9727, fax +44 116 271 3155, www.aicrc.org.uk.

APPA

Australian Pharmaceutical Physicians Association

Purpose. The aims of the Association are to represent Pharmaceutical Physicians working within the Australian Pharmaceutical Industry; to facilitate the sharing of technical expertise and thereby foster the further education of pharmaceutical physicians within Australia; and to provide fellowship and dialogue between physicians working within the Pharmaceutical Industry.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Physicians working in the pharmaceutical industry in Australia. *Dues:* \$A145 per year.

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ARENA

Applied Research Ethics National Association

Purpose. ARENA was first organized in 1986 by the PRIM&R board of directors as a membership organization to promote networking among professionals associated with research ethics activities. ARENA is a leader in educating the professions and the public about IRBs and IACUCs and holds national meetings in conjunction with PRIM&R.

Details. *Persons eligible:* IRB/IACUC administrators, members, and investigators; governments, representatives, researchers, veterinarians, hospital administrators, physicians, patient advocacy and animal welfare representatives, etc. *Annual meeting:* 29 March: IACIC Conference, San Diego, CA. *Publications:* Quarterly newsletter for members; educational materials for each ARENA meeting; monthly electronic bulletin. *Dues:* \$125 per year.

Contact. ARENA, 132 Boylston St., 4th Fl., Boston, MA 02116, (617) 423-4112, fax (617) 423-1185, email: info@arena.org, www.arena.org.

ASCPT

American Society for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics

Purpose. The objectives of the society shall be to promote and advance the science of human pharmacology and therapeutics and, in so doing, to maintain the highest standards of research, education, and exchange of scientific information.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Persons who have earned the degree of doctor of medicine or a doctorate degree in any of the biomedical sciences, or have submitted evidence of an equivalent of a doctorate degree in training and experience.

They must demonstrate to the membership committee a sincere interest in and contributions to human pharmacology and therapeutics. *Annual meeting:* 6–10 March, Orlando, FL. *Publications:* *Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics* (journal). *Dues:* \$250.

Contact. Sharon J. Swan, CAE, Executive Director, 528 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 836-6981, fax (703) 836-5223, email: info@ascpt.org, www.ascpt.org.

ASQ

American Society for Quality

Purpose. The American Society for Quality advances individual, organizational, and community excellence worldwide through quality improvement, learning, and knowledge exchange.

Details. *Persons eligible:* All those in the Quality field or those pursuing a career in the Quality field. *Annual meeting:* Annual Quality Congress: 19–21 May, Kansas City. *Publications:* *Quality Progress* (monthly magazine), *Technometrics*, *Journal of Quality Technology*, *Quality Engineering*, *Quality Management Journal*, *Software Quality Professional*, *Informed Outlook*, and *Six Sigma Magazine*. ASQ publishes approximately 30 new book titles on quality a year. *Dues:* \$82 per year; student \$18 per year.

Contact. ASQ Customer Service, 600 N Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203, (800) 248-1946 or (414) 272-8575, fax (414) 272-1247, cs@asq.org, www.asq.org.

BARQA

British Association of Research Quality Assurance

Purpose. To evaluate and appraise the Quality Assurance aspects of regulations, guidelines, and principles related to studies conducted on chemicals, biologicals, and devices that affect man, animals, and

the environment (GLP, GCP, and GMP); to promote training and the exchange of information; and to advance the standards of the QA profession.

Details. *Persons eligible:* All those involved in Research Quality Assurance and those working with or interested in good Laboratory, Clinical, or Manufacturing Practice Regulations. *Annual meeting:* 5–7 November: the Nottingham Royal Moat House, UK. *Publications:* *Quasar Magazine*. *Dues:* Dependent on the level of membership, but starting at £32.

Contact. David Weller, 3 Wherry Lane, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 1LG, UK, +44 1473 221 411 or +44 1473 221 418, fax +44 1473 221 412, email: rqa@barqa.com, www.barqa.com.

BIRA

British Institute of Regulatory Affairs

Purpose. To provide our membership with high-quality education and information services to ensure that the value and strategic contribution of regulatory affairs is widely recognized.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Associates—persons with any interest in regulatory affairs; full members—at least two years full-time regulatory experience and a degree in a relevant discipline; Fellows—members with at least 10 years of regulatory affairs experience and evidence of a significant contribution to regulatory affairs. *Annual meeting:* AGM 2003; Annual Introductory Course, April, UK; Joint BIRA/ESRA Symposium, October, Brussels. *Publications:* *The Regulatory Review* (journal). *Dues:* £83 (Associates); £88 (Members and Fellows).

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DGPHARMED

German Association of Pharmaceutical Medicine (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Pharmazeutische Medizin e. V.)

Purpose. DGPharMed is a scientific organization composed of both medical doctors and scientists. Our members are all involved with pharmaceuticals, CROs, or other research organizations. DGPharMed has been promoting pharmaceutical medicine since the organization was founded in 1973. The organization works to expand and enrich the role doctors play in the pharmaceutical industry through newsletters, meetings, and courses.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Physicians and scientists working in the field of Pharmaceutical Medicine. *Annual meeting:* March. *Publications:* *DGPharMed-News*; several handbooks. *Dues:* €65 per year.

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DIA

Drug Information Association

Purpose. Serve and develop members by providing a neutral, global forum that promotes the exchange of information critical to their professional performance and achievement.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Open to any professional in the pharmaceutical or health care industry. *Annual meeting:* 15th Annual EuroMeeting: 4–7 March, Rome, Italy; 39th Annual Meeting: 15–19 June, San Antonio, TX. *Publications:* *Drug Information Journal* (published quarterly) *DIA Today* (published quarterly); *DIA Forum* (published quarterly); *CSO Directory* (published annually). *Dues:* \$100 per year.

Contact. *U.S.:* DIA, 800 Enterprise Rd., Ste. 200, Horsham, PA 19044, (215) 442-6100, fax (215) 442-6199, email: dia@dia-home.org, www.diahome.org. *Europe:* DIA, Postfach, 4002 Basel, Switzerland, +41 61 225 51 51, fax +41 61 225 51 52, diaeurope@diaeurope.org, www.dia-home.org. *Japan:* DIA, Level 32, Shinjuku Nomura Building, 1-26-2 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 163-0532, Japan, +81 3 5322 1336, fax +81 3 5322 2872, email: diajapan@gol.com, www.diahome.org.

EFGCP

European Forum for Good Clinical Practice

Purpose. The EFGCP is a nonprofit organization established by and for individuals with a professional involvement in the conduct of biomedical research. Its purpose is to promote GCP and encourage the practice of common, high-quality standards in all stages of biomedical research throughout Europe. The EFGCP does this by promoting contact and partnership between the major disciplines and organizations affected by GCP: pharmaceutical firms; contract research organizations; suppliers of services, systems, and equipment; academia; investi-

gators; ethics committees; regulatory authorities; etc.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Anybody interested in GCP (no specific background required). *Annual meeting:* 23–24 January, Residence Palace, Brussels, Belgium. *Publications:* EFGCP newsletters (quarterly); special brochures (international guidelines/recommendations on a specific topic related to GCP). *Dues:* Those in a for-profit structure: €120 per year; those in a nonprofit structure: €60 per year; organizations: €500 per year.

Contact. Francis P. Crawley, Secretary General, EFGCP Schoolbergenstraat #47, Kessel-Lo 3010, Belgium, +32 16 35 03 69, fax +32 16 35 03 69, email: info@efgcp.org, www.efgcp.org.

EORTC

European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer

Purpose. The EORTC, created in 1962, is an international research organization registered under Belgian law. It promotes, conducts, and coordinates multidisciplinary cancer research in 32 countries. This unique network of more than 2500 scientists and clinical investigators,

in about 300 cancer centers and clinics, conducts high-quality research on new drug development and multicenter studies requiring multidisciplinary expertise to establish state-of-the-art treatment. It adds to the value of clinical trials, translational research, quality-of-life assessment, and health economic evaluations. The results of its research effort are disseminated through publications, an active educational program, and specialized conferences.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Scientists and clinical investigators involved in cancer research. *Annual meeting:* EORTC New Drug Development Meeting: June; Third European Conference on the Economics of Cancer: September. *Publications:* Clinical trials research results. *Dues:* None.

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ESRA

European Society of Regulatory Affairs

Purpose. ESRA is an international not-for-profit organization, representing individuals with an interest in global regulatory affairs, which provides high-quality education, communication, interpretation, and networking opportunities to enhance the professional lives of its members.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Persons with an interest in international regulatory affairs. *Annual meeting:* Annual Introductory Course: October, Brussels; Professionals in Regulatory Affairs course: February. *Publications:* *ESRA Rapporteur*. *Dues:* £88 per year or Euro equivalent.

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GCPPL

Association for Good Clinical Practice in Poland (Stowarzyszenie na Rzecz Dobrej Praktyki Badań Klinicznych w Polsce)

Purpose. In February of 1998, the Association for Good Clinical Practice in Poland was established under an initiative of pharmaceutical companies and CROs. It is officially registered under Polish law. The aim of the association is to develop and disseminate initiatives and actions for the introduction and promotion of European and international (ICH) GCP

throughout the Polish medical, scientific, and regulatory community, and to educate the public regarding clinical trials.

Details. *Persons eligible:* All individuals involved in clinical research in Poland: professionals, investigators, physicians, etc.; as well as sponsors/organizations/CROs, etc. as supporting members. *Publications:* *GCPpl Newsletter*. *Dues:* Members: 50 PLN per year (~€12).

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GCRF

Geneva Clinical Research Forum

Purpose. To promote the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of clinical research and related topics.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Anyone interested in clinical research. *Dues:* Ordinary members: CHF 30 per year; students: CHF 10 per year.

Contact. GCRF, Case postale 288, CH-1211 Geneva 25, Switzerland, +41 22 792 40 44, fax +41 22 793 00 71, email: pal@hpmgeneva.ch, Web site under construction.

ICR

Institute of Clinical Research (formerly ACRPI)

Purpose. To establish and maintain the professional identity of members of the institute; to facilitate communications between members of clinical research departments in the industry, contract research organizations, and academic institutions; to enhance mutual collaboration to further the standards of clinical research throughout Europe; to provide a forum for discussion to foster good relationships with other professional groups; and to enhance the professional competence of the association's members by the provision of educational courses, workshops, symposia, and academically accredited postgraduate qualifications.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Full membership will be granted to those engaged in the design, organization, or conduct of clinical trials, working in the pharmaceutical industry, an academic institution, or an academic site. Other applicants may be granted Associate Membership. *Annual meeting:* 7–8 April, Manchester, UK. *Publications:* *Clinical Research Focus* (journal); *Professional Standards, Membership Book*, other handbooks, guidelines, and

“survival kits.” *Dues:* £45 in UK; £60 overseas.

Contact. Janet Tanner, Membership Administrator, PO Box 1208, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 3GD, UK, +44 1628 829 900, fax +44 1628 829 922, email: info@instituteofclinicalresearch.org, www.instituteofclinicalresearch.org.

ISCB

International Society for Clinical Biostatisticians

Purpose. To stimulate research on biostatistical principles and methodology used in clinical research; to increase the relevance of statistical theory to clinical medicine; to promote high and harmonized standards of statistical practice; to work with other societies and organizations in the advancement of biostatistics; to promote better understanding of the use and interpretation of biostatistics by the general public, and by national and international organizations and agencies within the public and commercial sectors with an interest in and/or responsibilities for public health; and to provide a common forum for clinicians and statisticians through meetings, seminars, and publications.

Details. *Persons eligible:* All interested individuals who share the aims of the Society. *Annual meeting:* 20–24 July, London. *Publications:* *ISCB News* (Newsletter). *Dues:* £20 per year.

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PSI

Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry

Purpose. PSI provides a forum for regular discussion of statistics and matters relating to the practice of statistics in the pharmaceutical industry, as well as promoting Good Statistical Practice within the industry. Members of PSI are statisticians and statistical programmers working in all areas of the drug development process, including research, preclinical, clinical, production, quality control, marketing and market research; as well as academic statisticians, consultants, and others interested in the application of statistics within the industry.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Full membership: Must hold a degree in statistics or a related discipline, or a pass in the final examinations of the Royal Statistical Society (RSS) or the Institute of Statisticians,

or be a chartered statistician of the RSS. Must be employed within the pharmaceutical industry, or be an individual providing a service to the pharmaceutical industry. Must be either working or have worked as a statistician, or statistical programmer, within the pharmaceutical industry. Association membership: Have an interest in the application of statistics within the pharmaceutical industry.

Annual meeting: May, Bristol, UK. Publications: *SPIN* (PSI newsletter, quarterly); *Pharmaceutical Statistics* (journal); *Careers for Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry*; *Career Opportunities for School Leavers*. Dues: £40.

Contact. PSI Executive Office, Resources for Business, South Park Road, Macclesfield, SK11 6SH, UK, +44 1625 511 750, +44 1625 267 879, feedback@psiweb.org, www.psiweb.org.

RAPS

Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society

Purpose. RAPS is the foremost international professional society representing the health care regulatory affairs (RA) profession and individual professionals

Should your group be included?

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worldwide. The RA profession is vital in the process of developing and introducing safe and effective health products worldwide including medical devices, pharmaceuticals, biologics and biotechnology, cosmetics, veterinary products, and nutritional supplements.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Health care regulatory affairs professionals are eligible for membership. *Annual meeting:* 19–22 October, Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel, Baltimore, MD. *Publications:* *Fundamentals of Regulatory Affairs*; *Regulatory Affairs FOCUS* (monthly); *RA Interactive* (e-zine). *Dues:* New member: \$120

and a one-time activation fee of \$50; student member: \$60.

Contact. RAPS Solutions Center, 11300 Rockville Pike, Ste. 1000, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 770-2920, x 200, fax (301) 770-2924, email: raps@raps.org, www.raps.org.

SCT

Society for Clinical Trials, Inc.

Purpose. The Society for Clinical Trials, created in 1978, is an international professional organization dedicated to the development and dissemination of knowledge about the design, conduct,

and analysis of government- and industry-sponsored clinical trials and related health care research methodologies.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Individuals involved with clinical trials research. *Annual meeting:* 20–24 July, London Metropole Hotel, London, UK. *Publications:* *Controlled Clinical Trials* (journal); semi-annual newsletter. *Dues:* Full member: \$80; student: \$40.

Contact. Mary Karpers-Burke, Executive Director, 600 Wyndhurst Ave., Ste. 112, Baltimore, MD 21210, (410) 433-4722, fax (410) 435-8631, email: sctbalt@aol.com, www.sctweb.org.

SOCRA

Society of Clinical Research Associates

Purpose. To instruct or train individuals to improve or develop their capabilities on subjects beneficial to the medical and research community and the community at large. To establish training programs and continuing education programs for persons involved in or interested in clinical medical research, including consistent educational programming such as a regularly scheduled annual conference and other programs and courses related to clinical science and clinical trials. To support an internationally recognized certification program (Certified Clinical Research Professional [CCRP]) for persons involved in clinical research.

Details. *Persons eligible:* All persons interested in clinical research. *Annual meeting:* 18–21 September, Marriott Rancho Las Palmas Resort, Rancho Mirage, CA. *Publications:* *The SoCRA SOURCE* (quarterly magazine). *Dues:* \$75 per year.

Contact. Eric Drupals, President, PO Box 101, Furlong, PA 18925, (800) 762-7292 or (215) 345-7749, fax (215) 345-7369, email: socramail@aol.com, www.socra.org.

SOT

Society of Toxicology

Purpose. The SOT's goals are to identify and address critical gaps in toxicology research and education with innovative basic and applied science; to be indispensable to the scientific and professional development of its members; and to make the value of toxicology as a scientific discipline widely understood, accepted, and utilized in enhancing human, animal, and environmental health.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Toxicologists who meet eligibility requirements based on training and professional activity.

Annual meeting: 9–13 March, Salt Lake City, UT. *Publications:* *The Toxicologist* (abstracts); *Toxicological Science* (journal); *Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology* (journal); *The SOT Communiqué* (newsletter). *Dues:* Full: \$105 per year; associate: \$125 per year; \$20 fee for printed subscription to *Toxicological Science*.

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SPM

Society of Pharmaceutical Medicine

Purpose. To promote the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge concerning the action and development of medicinal agents as well as their application in therapeutics; to arrange meetings as appropriate between those engaged in aspects of pharmaceutical medicine; to promote a closer relationship between physicians and scientists in the fields of pharmacology, therapeutics, and drug development; and to ensure that the societies' activities are in the overall interests of persons suffering from, or at risk from, illness and disease.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Membership is open to those with medical or scientific training who are actively engaged in the evaluation of established or potential medicinal agents. Applications are welcome also from persons who, though lacking formal medical or scientific training, are nevertheless interested in furthering the aims and objectives of the Society. *Annual meeting:* Scientific meetings held throughout year. Details on Web site. *Publications:* International Journal of Pharmaceutical Medicine. *Dues:* £45 per year.

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SQA

Society of Quality Assurance

Purpose. The Society of Quality Assurance (SQA) is an international membership society including more than 1600 professionals involved in scientific research regulated by GCPs, GLPs, or GMPs. In cooperation with its Committees, Specialty Sections, and Regional

Chapters, SQA provides opportunities for interaction with regulatory officials, colleagues, and consultants, and specialized training in convenient locations. SQA training provides contact hours for clinical CEUs.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Anyone interested in regulated research. *Annual meeting:* 12–16 October, Marriott Crystal Gateway, Washington, DC. *Publications:* Newsletter (quarterly), journal (quarterly), training manuals, members-only Web site, membership directory. *Dues:* \$105.

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SSFA

Society for Applied Pharmacological Sciences (Società di Scienze Farmacologiche Applicate)

Purpose. SSFA is a scientific association founded in Milan, Italy, in 1964, and associated with IFAPP. Its purpose is to promote the growth of scientific and pharmacological culture; support the scientific activity of its Members; express the official position of its Members on scientific, technical, and ethical issues; keep contact with other scientific associations, both in Italy and abroad, and with the Health Authorities; and promote high-quality education and training.

Details. *Persons eligible:* Eligible persons are those working in the field of pharmaceutical research and interested in the objectives of the association. In order to be elected, each person has to be introduced by two official members. *Annual meeting:* February, Milan. *Publications:* Newsletter in the journal *Cronache Farmaceutiche*. *Dues:* €70, December of each year.

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