New England Pharmacologists Meeting
10-11 February 2006

Over 200 pharmacologists, graduate students and members of the pharmaceutical industry in the New England region attended this year’s 35th Annual New England Pharmacologists Meeting, hosted by the Department of Pharmacology of Boston University School of Medicine. The meeting was held at the Waltham Westin Hotel and featured two days of over 70 poster presentations, 24 oral presentations, and distinguished keynote speakers. Career counseling sessions were provided by representatives from Boston University, Merck Research, and Wyeth Research.

Participating schools included:
• Boston University School of Medicine
• Brown University School of Medicine
• Dartmouth Medical School
• Harvard Medical School
• Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
• Massachusetts Institute of Technology
• Northeastern University
• Tufts University School of Medicine
• University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy
• University of Massachusetts Amherst
• University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
• University of Vermont College of Medicine

Jacobi Cunningham, Ph.D. student at Boston University, presenting his work on MDMA.

Students from U Mass Amherst discussing their work with Dr. Meyer from U Mass Amherst and Drs. Kornetsky and Walsh from Boston University.

NEP participant viewing a Wyeth Research poster.

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Featured speakers at the 2006 NEP Meeting:

Susan L. Lindquist, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Whitehead Institute, MIT
“Yeast as a Drug Screening Platform for Neurodegenerative Diseases”

Lex H.T. Van der Ploeg, Ph.D., Vice President for Research, Merck Laboratories
“NPY and Melanocortin 4 Receptor Modulation: Control of Energy Metabolism”

Karen H. Antman, M.D., Dean and Provost, Boston University School of Medicine
“Translational Research at Academic Medical Centers”

J. Steven Jacobsen, Ph.D., Department of Neuroscience, Wyeth Research
“Molecular Approaches to Nerve Regeneration”

A total of 24 graduate students and junior pharmaceutical scientists participated in four oral presentation sessions on Friday and Saturday. Session themes included:
• Vascular Pharmacology
• Neuropharmacology
• Mechanisms of Disease and Drug Discovery
• Pharmacokinetics

There were over 70 research posters on display in four categories:
• Stress, Drugs of Abuse, and Dopamine
• CYP450 and Cancer
• Neurological Diseases, GABA, and CNS Pharmacology
• Vascular Pharmacology

Dr. Alan Eastman from Dartmouth Medical School reconnecting with Boston University School of Medicine Dean Karen Antman.