

# New ASP Member, Dr. Thomas Lee

by Ms. Amy Keller

ASP continues to welcome several new members to the Society as the year closes. We are pleased to feature one of our newest members, Dr. Thomas Lee. Dr. Lee is a research fellow in sweetener technology at PepsiCo in Valhalla, New York. We are grateful to Dr. Lee for giving us the opportunity to get more acquainted with him.



## How did you hear about the ASP?

I heard about the Society through graduate school studies and academics as well as from ASP member Dr. Douglas Kinghorn.

## Why did you join ASP?

I would like to expand my work and research.

## Do you belong to any other scientific societies?

I belong to the American Chemical Society and the Institute of Food Technologists.

## What are your current research interests in pharmacognosy?

I am interested in functional natural products for beverages and foods.

## What is your scientific background?

I have a Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Rhode Island. My industrial experience includes pharmacology, organic synthesis, ingredient technology, and food science.

## What would you like to achieve through your membership?

I would like to serve as a bridge between academia and the consumer product industry towards the inclusion of more healthful natural products in beverages and foods.

## What do you like doing in your spare time?

I enjoy gardening, origami, and Sudoku. ■



Dr. Thomas Lee



Some of Dr. Lee's origami creations.