

## American Society of Pharmacognosy (ASP) 2020 Younger Members Virtual Symposium

Dear members of the ASP community, colleagues, and friends:

Given the impact that COVID-19 has had on the world, and the cancelation of the 2020 ASP Annual Meeting and ICNPR, we have decided to hold a virtual symposium to highlight the exciting research of some of our younger members who otherwise would have lost the opportunity to present this year. **This event will take place virtually on August 11–13, 2020.** To accommodate participation across multiple time zones, the virtual event will be held from 1–5 pm (EST) each day. Please also mark your calendars ahead, as we remain hopeful to see you in-person next year at the [2021 ASP Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on July 24–28, 2021](#).

Moving a meeting to a virtual platform introduces many challenges, but we believe that the ASP 2020 Younger Members Virtual Symposium will provide a meaningful, useful, and stimulating experience for the community. We have planned career sessions and panel discussions that will be reminiscent of the Younger Members workshops and networking events at past annual meetings. We also look forward to the contributed presentations from students, postdocs, and early career researchers. [The abstract submission site will be open from now until 11:59 pm \(EST\) July 14](#), and we do encourage early applications. Notification of acceptance will be given by July 24 after a full review of submitted abstracts. As we have elected not to include a virtual poster session in this online event, all abstracts will be considered for webinar-style presentations. Each speaker is expected to have a total of 20 minutes, including a brief Q&A period as time allows, facilitated by the session chair. A few submitted abstracts will be selected based on their content for slightly longer duration keynote presentations of 30 minutes each, including Q&A.

To maximize the opportunity for every member of the community to attend the symposium and offset costs of the digital platform, there will be a minimal registration fee of \$10 for the conference. Upon paid registration, students and postdocs will receive dues waivers granting ASP associate membership for the remainder of 2020 and the entire year of 2021. All presenters and attendees must register in advance in order to attend the event.

Presenters will have the option to have their presentations recorded and posted with their contact info in the members-only section of the ASP website. We hope this will encourage further scientific engagement from members of the ASP community and facilitate some of the one-on-one interactions that may otherwise be lost with the shift of this meeting from in-person to online.

Please be sure to register online for the [ASP 2020 Younger Members Virtual Symposium!](#)

Kind Regards,

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