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### **RAPS Named to 2005 Association Honor Roll for its Training of Russian Scientists in Good Laboratory Practice**

*—RAPS, Russians Discuss Developing a RAPS Affiliate in Russia—*

**Rockville, MD**—The Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) has been named to the 2005 Associations Advance America Honor Roll, a US-based awards competition sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). RAPS received the award for its efforts in training Russian scientists in good laboratory practice (GLP)—a project designed to create new scientific opportunities and open new economic markets for the country.

Meanwhile, RAPS officials and Russian regulatory affairs professionals have begun discussing the possibility of creating a RAPS membership affiliate in Russia.

Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the prestigious Associations Advance America Awards program recognizes associations for their innovative projects in education, skills training, standards setting, business and social innovation, knowledge creation, citizenship and community service.

To help build a bridge between Russian medical science and the global community, the US government sought the expertise of RAPS in establishing standards and guidelines for Russian research facilities and scientific organizations. Working in close collaboration with Russian authorities, RAPS is helping the country's leading scientists harmonize their regulatory processes with those of the international community—opening a multimillion dollar market potential and the possibility of “undiscovered” therapeutics.

“RAPS is committed to developing and supporting the global regulatory affairs profession. It is extremely gratifying to have our efforts in Russia recognized by such a prestigious awards program,” said Sherry Keramidas, PhD, CAE, Executive Director at RAPS.

According to Associations Advance America Committee Chair David Gabri, “It is an honor and an inspiration to showcase the Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society’s program as an example of the many contributions associations are making.”

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As part of its effort to grow and nurture the global regulatory affairs profession, RAPS met recently with a delegation of Russian scientists involved in the GLP training program to discuss the formation of a RAPS membership affiliate in Russia. RAPS officials and the Russian delegation each expressed eagerness to begin creating the affiliate.

“We have been so pleased with our relationship with RAPS and the GLP training program, and we are thrilled at the possibility of developing a RAPS affiliate in Russia,” explained Yuri V. Remnev, PhD, Deputy Director of the Non-Commercial Partnership Center of Modern Medical Technology (TEMPO). “The endeavor would create an avenue for Russian regulatory professionals to become truly engaged in the global regulatory affairs profession.”

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### **About RAPS®**

The Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) is the foremost worldwide member organization creating and upholding standards of ethics, credentialing and education for the Regulatory Affairs (RA) profession within the health product sector. Founded in 1976, RAPS represents nearly 10,000 individuals worldwide, working in government, corporations, academia, research and nonprofit organizations.

As the global source for Regulatory Affairs Certification (RAC), the [RA Code of Ethics](#), proprietary research and educational products, international conferences and the leading professional magazine, [Regulatory Affairs Focus](#), RAPS establishes industry standards for professionalism, knowledge and achievement. Through expert education and resources, RAPS provides regulatory affairs professionals with the tools necessary to create strategic value for their organizations. The RA profession is vital to the development, approval and provision of health products, including pharmaceuticals, biologics and biotechnology, medical devices, cosmetics, veterinary products and nutritional supplements.

RAPS is a nonprofit educational/scientific organization with headquarters in Rockville, MD, and members in 45 countries in Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and the Pacific Rim. RAPS is located at 11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 1000, Rockville, MD 20852; Phone: 301.770.2920; Web: [www.raps.org](http://www.raps.org)

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