

## *Press Release*

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### **Horizons Conference to assemble international regulatory affairs experts in San Diego**

**Rockville, MD**—An international assortment of health product regulatory affairs professionals, international business executives, and representatives from the US Food & Drug Administration, Brazilian ABPBS and Japan's PMDA will convene in San Diego later this month to discuss issues affecting pharmaceutical, medical device and biologics regulatory affairs.

Horizons 2006, Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society (RAPS) Conference & Exhibition: Innovation to Regulation (formerly West Coast Conference), a multi-track educational and networking experience, will take place 29–31 March at San Diego's Westin Horton Hotel.

The conference will encompass international perspectives across product lines with multiple educational tracks (clinical, early development, exposure to RA, senior RA and market submission), exhibits and networking opportunities for regulatory affairs (RA), clinical trials, and research and development (R&D) professionals. Introductory workshops will provide individuals with exposure to RA.

San Diego's business climate offers an exciting backdrop for the RA conference. "San Diego is bubbling with an entrepreneurial spirit and, as a hub for RA professionals, was the natural choice for this year's Horizons conference," said RAPS Executive Director Sherry L. Keramidas, PhD, RAC.

A leading nanotechnology expert, Lynn E. Foster Jr., will deliver a special keynote at the San Diego conference, *Nanotechnology Overview: Potential for Innovation*. Foster is editor and co-author of *Nanotechnology: Science, Innovation & Opportunity* (Prentice Hall, 2005) and authored the first nanotechnology trade study.

D. Keith Grossman, President and CEO, Thoratec Corporation, and Bob O'Holla, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Johnson & Johnson Inc., will also deliver a keynote address, *What Is The Role of the Regulatory Professional in the Strategic Success of the Corporate Enterprise?*

For more information or to register for Horizons, visit the RAPS website, [www.raps.org/horizons](http://www.raps.org/horizons).

#### **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.

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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