

# OC Sigma Chapter of Graduate Women In Science

Orange County  
Sigma Chapter



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welcomes you to the

## Fall 2007 Conference

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Allergan Inc., Irvine, CA

National GWIS  
Sigma Delta Epsilon



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Conference Agenda: 8:30am – 11:50am

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:05 Introductions & Opening Remarks: *Dr. Virginia Carson*, Co-President, Orange County Sigma Chapter of Graduate Women In Science
- 9:05 - 9:45 *Dr. Margaret Coutts*, Project Scientist, University of California-Irvine, "Future Prospects for Spinal Cord Repair Using Stem Cells"
- 9:45 - 10:25 *Dr. Naomi R. Florea*, Assistant Professor, Loma Linda University and University of California-Irvine, "Fighting Multi-Drug Resistant Pneumonia in the Community"
- 10:25 - 10:40 Break
- 10:40 - 11:20 *Mr. Richmond Yip*, Supervisory Consumer Safety Officer, Food and Drug Administration, "All About the FDA"
- 11:20 - 11:50 Panel Discussion

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## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

### **DR. MARGARET COUTTS**

Dr. Coutts received her PhD in biochemistry in 1993 from Tufts University. She held postdoctoral research positions at both Harvard and Columbia University, has worked in industry with Novocell in Irvine, and freelanced as a scientific editor and consultant. Currently, her scientific endeavors have led her to the Reeve-Irvine Research Group at University of California Irvine, where she currently studies cell therapies for motor neuron diseases using differentiated human embryonic stem cells.

### **DR. NAOMI R. FLOREA**

After Dr. Florea received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Southern California in 2001, she completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Hartford Hospital and the University of Connecticut. Currently, she applies her scientific expertise in research, academics, and patient care as Assistant Professor at Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy. Her research focuses on the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic study of antimicrobials, as well as emerging resistance to currently used therapeutic agents.

### **MR. RICHMOND YIP**

Mr. Yip holds a bachelor's degree in physiological sciences from the University of California-Los Angeles. From 1996 to 2003 he worked as a Consumer Safety Officer, and since September 2003 has been with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the Los Angeles District Office as a supervisor. He implements, manages, and evaluates the FDA's regulatory operations within southern California and Arizona, providing leadership and technical direction to a multidisciplinary staff in the execution of investigations, enforcement, and compliance activities in the District's day to day management.

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## THANK YOU !

The Orange County Sigma Chapter of Graduate Women In Science expresses its appreciation to the speakers for bringing us important information that can change our lives. We especially thank Allergan Inc. for the use of their auditorium today and for the generous gifts provided by the Allergan Foundation in support of the conference. Thank you also to our members for contributing their time in planning and carrying out the details of this conference.

Co-Presidents: *Virginia Carson* and *Dixie Fisher*, Treasurer: *Margaret Carson*, Secretary: *Amelia Russo-Neustadt*, Liaison: *Helen Clucas*, Membership: *Fleur Tehrani*, Program Director: *Viorela Pop*

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## UPCOMING EVENT

### **OC SIGMA CHAPTER'S 19<sup>th</sup> SCIENCE CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

**Chapman University, Orange, CA**

To encourage student participation in scientific research, we have created a forum for students to present their accomplishments in front of a panel of judges and a mixed audience. College students are invited to give oral presentations of their recent research accomplishments and compete for monetary prizes at the Undergraduate, Master's or PhD candidate level. All science majors are welcome to participate. Additional information, presentation guidelines, and registration forms can be found at [www.ocgwis.org](http://www.ocgwis.org)