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❖ ***Why did you initially join ASCPT?***

I joined ASCPT as a graduate student to learn more about exciting research in clinical pharmacology and translational medicine and to meet people with similar professional interests. I ended up meeting my postdoctoral advisor, Terrence Blaschke, MD, at an ASCPT Annual Meeting!

❖ ***Why do you continue renewing your ASCPT membership?***

I am research-driven so I appreciate that ASCPT provides a rich and broad scientific program at its Annual Meetings. In addition, I attend the Annual Meetings each year to see friends and colleagues, arrange collaborations, and support my students and post-docs who are presenting posters and sessions.

❖ ***How has ASCPT helped with your professional development/career goals?***

ASCPT has helped me achieve my goals as a faculty advisor to students and post-docs. ASCPT is a great venue for students/post-docs as it enables them to organize career development sessions and offers access to Presidential Trainee and other awards programs. For me personally, I have also had multiple opportunities to present my research, win scientific awards and participate in leadership roles which have all helped to advance my career and goals in translational research drug development.

❖ ***What is the best thing that you have acquired from ASCPT?***

I have been able to call ASCPT my home for scientific research. It has provided a venue to present my research and hear from colleagues at the cutting-edge in clinical pharmacology and translational medicine. The Journals provide the perfect complement, extending the science from the Annual Meetings.

❖ ***What would you suggest to new members?***

Get involved! Affiliate with Communities in your scientific areas of expertise and submit your desire to volunteer on an annual basis.

❖ ***What are the current challenges in clinical pharmacology and translational medicine?***

To me, clinical pharmacology and translational medicine is at “the best of times,” experiencing tremendous emphasis on translational research across the globe. The problem (albeit a good problem) is that each sub-discipline within the broad discipline is growing stronger. For example, pharmacometrics increased in strength and formed its own Society, risking fragmentation to the discipline. Fortunately, the strong vision and leadership at ASCPT and ISoP prevented such fragmentation by partnering on dual membership efforts. It will be important for ASCPT’s Community structure to continue to evolve and provide homes for other such sub-disciplines.

❖ ***How useful do you find involvement in the ASCPT Networks and Communities like the Translational & Precision Medicine Network?***

The Communities are an excellent home for addressing sub-disciplines and scientific areas of expertise. The Networks help integrate Communities with the Society at large, while there remains ample opportunity for cross-Community/cross-Network collaborations.