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STUDENT PHARMACIST COMPOUNDING COMPETITION 2015 (SPCC 2015):
SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY-USC CAMPUS WINS FIRST PLACE!

Montreal, QC - April 17th, 2015 – An outstanding turn out of twenty teams of driven pharmacy students, from twenty Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy from across the nation, competed in the fifth annual Student Pharmacist Compounding Competition (SPCC), a national event that was both organized and sponsored by MEDISCA and hosted by the University of Florida College of Pharmacy in Gainesville, Florida.

Subsequent to two days of competition, South Carolina College of Pharmacy-USC Campus earned the title of SPCC 2015 Champions. Motivated members of the winning team include Caroline Arnette, Katie Bastug and Philipp Monterroyo. The University of Colorado, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and the University of Oklahoma ranked second and third place, respectively.

Major discussions at SPCC 2015 centered on the interpretation and implementation of the Drug Quality and Security Act (H.R. 3204), and brought into focus the current challenges affecting the compounding industry. Keeping these existing issues at the forefront during the competition, the respective Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy competed in a compounding lab component, a regulatory debate component and a quality poster component. South Carolina College of Pharmacy-USC Campus placed first in the compounding lab and quality poster components, and the first place winner of the regulatory debate component was the University of Oklahoma.

To inspire an interaction amongst the students and encourage networking and building lifelong allies in the field, the following awards were given out at the event: “Team Sportsmanship”, voted on by faculty, and “Mr./Mrs. Congeniality”, voted on by fellow students. The recipients of these awards were Washington State University and Ro-Derick Middleton, from Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy, respectively.

MEDISCA welcomed the following keynote speakers to the event to share their expertise in the field and shed some light on the reform that the industry is currently facing: Loyd V. Allen, Jr., Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding (IJPC); David G. Miller, Executive Vice President and CEO of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP); Rick G. Schnatz, Senior Scientific Liaison for the Compounding Expert Committee of the United States Pharmacopeia’s (USP) Healthcare Quality Standards Group; Jeanne Sun, Assistant Scientific Liaison for the Compounding Expert Committee of the United States Pharmacopeia’s (USP) Healthcare Quality Standards Group; Jonathon Pritchett, Associate Director of Pharmacy for the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC); and Mark Filosi and John Gattoline, Compounding Pharmacists and Co-Owners of Family Care Pharmacy.

We look forward to seeing you at the sixth edition of the SPCC, which will be launched in summer of 2015, so stay tuned!

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