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Dr. Linda Sisson

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Dear Dr. Sisson,

On behalf of the Sino-American Pharmaceutical Professionals Association (SAPA), we would like to invite you to be a speaker and a panelist for the 2015 SAPA Career Development Workshop to be held on February 21st (Saturday), 2015 in Rutgers University, 675 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854. It would be great that you can present for the session of “Career Planning, Development and Advancement in a Corporate Setting”.

In this one-day event with the theme “**Take Charge of Your Career**”, professional experts like you will present their perspectives and share their insights on following focuses: ***(1)*** ***Career Planning, Development and Advancement in a Corporate Setting, (2)*** ***Career Transition in a Competitive Environment, (3) First Job for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellow: Job hunting and Visa; (4) Career Adventure in China and Emerging Markets.***

Thank you very much for accepting the invitation from Dr. John Sun to participate in the 2015 SAPA Career Development Workshop. Please fill the attached speaker/panelist registration form and return it to us. I also included the full program of 2014 career development workshop for you reference. We would appreciate that you could return the registration form to me in your earliest convenience before January 15, 2015.

Feel free to contact us should you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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**About SAPA & the Career Development Program Speakers:**

SAPA was founded in 1993 in the US as a non-profit organization and since then has grown rapidly and become one of the most active and well-recognized professional organizations in the US with a membership base of over 4000. SAPA is headquartered in the Greater New York area (NJ/NY/CT) with three regional chapters in the US (New England, Greater Philadelphia and West Coast), and a recently established SAPA China Club. SAPA’s missions are to facilitate the advancement of pharmaceutical science and biotechnology, to contribute to public health education, to promote scientific exchange and business cooperation between the US and China, and to foster professional career development of its members. Every year SAPA organizes a number of events including the annual conference, scientific symposia, and workshops on pharmaceutical sciences, drug development, marketing, licensing, IP issues, and regulatory compliance both in the U.S. and China, and career development. Below is a partial list of speakers who presented at the 2014 SAPA **Career Development Workshop Program** as well as their titles and affiliations at the time:

**Todd Gruber,** MD, MPH, VP, Novartis

**James Boyd**, PhD, Vice President, Sanofi

**Lisa Panarello**, Founder and president, Career Advance

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**John Zhang,** PhD, CEO and Founder of Biopeptek

**Bill Suits,** Career Consultant at CIT Chemjobs

**Weichung Joe Shih,** PhD, Professor and Chair, Department of Biostatistics, Rutgers School of Public Health

**Jennifer Labaczewski,** Director of Talent Acquisition, PharmaLink Consulting

**Dongbai Ye,** Counselor, Science & Technology Affairs, Consulate General of PRC in New York, *and*

**Xiaolin Guo,** Consul for Science & Technology in the Consulate General of the P. R. China in New York

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