

# Focus Group

ORAL DELIVERY



Controlled Release Society

CRS is proud to announce the formation of five, new **Focus Groups** that will provide opportunities **to you** that were not previously available, including **networking with field leaders, exposure for your research program, and becoming (and remaining) a vital part of your research community**. This effort has been initiated with the five Focus Groups below; we anticipate expanding into additional scientific areas in the future.

- Ocular Delivery
- Oral Delivery
- Nanomedicine and Nanoscale Delivery
- Gene Delivery and Gene Editing
- Bioinspired and Biomimetic Drug Delivery

**My name is Katie Whitehead**, and I am the **Chair of the Oral Delivery Focus Group**. This year, the CRS Board of Directors has approved **membership in this Focus Group absolutely free of charge for CRS members like you**. You will want to be involved in Focus Group activities at this year's Annual Meeting in New York, where many exciting events will add value to your CRS experience:

- Selection of **two new awards** from meeting abstracts: the CRS Oral Delivery Focus Group **Young Investigator Award** and the CRS Oral Delivery Focus Group **Student/PostDoc Award**. You will be eligible for these awards this year and every year that you submit an abstract related to oral delivery as a Focus Group member.
- An Oral Delivery Focus Group session including a **Keynote by Randy Mrsny** (University of Bath) followed by podium presentations by the winners of the inaugural awards.
- An Oral Delivery Focus Group Social Event for members, designed for **you** to meet and network with field leaders in the area of Oral Delivery.
- Opportunities for **you** to become a part of the Focus Group leadership through election to the Focus Group Board of Directors.

We look forward to communicating with you throughout the year and providing you the opportunity to take part in job forums, scientific discussions and debates, and even having your own published research highlighted in our newsletter and on the Oral Delivery Focus Group Social Media account.

You absolutely do not want to miss out on the many things that our Focus Group will provide to its members. I very much look forward to introducing myself to you personally at the Annual Meeting and further discussing the ways in which we can add value to your CRS experience.

Cheers,

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