

1st Controlled Release Asia Meeting

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The regional chapters of the Controlled Release Society (CRS) and Controlled Release and Encapsulation Network (CoRE-Net) co-organised the first Controlled Release Asia meeting at Biopolis in Singapore. The conference was held over two days (24-25 September 2018) and aimed to bring to together controlled release and delivery scientists across the various fields of delivery science and technology. This meeting was attended by over 150 delegates from academic and industrial institutions.

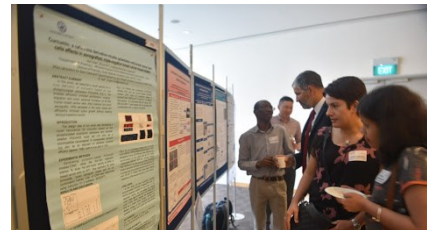


Attendees listening to a plenary talk



Attendees having a discussion during the tea break

The two day meeting saw plenary lectures from Professor Pauline Pei Li (Hong Kong Polytechnic University) and Dr Anna Schwendeman (University of Michigan, Department of Pharmaceutics). The conference also had invited speakers from a range of research areas worldwide including invited talks from industry representatives.



Poster presenters discussing their research during a poster session

The conference held 60 oral presentations over the two days in three sessions running parallel, each focusing on a different area of research including encapsulation technologies, delivery of biologicals, frontiers in drug delivery, lipids, cancer and many more. The full speaker and poster list can be found at <http://www.crsaustalia.org/controlled-release-asia-meeting/cra2018-program/>



Poster winners Xiaohan Sun (left) and Santhni Subramaniam (right) being congratulated by Prof. Ben Boyd

In addition to the oral presentations, there were over 120 posters presented over the two days. Of these, eleven were selected to “pitch” their work to a broad audience where they had only one minute to present their research using one slide with no animations. The session was both fun and challenging for those involved with excellent performances by all. Congratulations to Xiaohan Sun (Monash University, Australia) and Santhni Subramaniam (University of South Australia) who were selected as the two winners by the judges and each received complimentary registration to the CRS Annual Meeting in Valencia, Spain in July 2019, generously provided by the Controlled Release Society.