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Dear all

This has certainly been a year with many ups and downs and I hope overall it was a positive year for all of you. In such turbulent times organisations like PDA can play an important role by offering networking opportunities, events and training courses. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on what's happening here in the UK.

UK Chapter activities

As I mentioned in my previous communication, the UK Chapter Board wishes to provide information, services and events tailored to specific needs of UK PDA members. As a start, the Board is initiating a series of events, based on the following criteria:

- Half-day duration, to allow travel to and from the event on the same day
- Event centred around a topic of current interest
- Event locations reflecting the geographic spread of UK members
- Where possible, events including a site tour
- High calibre presenters
- Sufficient time for networking
- Low cost

In 2008, we held our first such event on September 11th in Loughborough. The event was hosted by AstraZeneca, Charnwood R&D,

<http://www.pda.org/MainMenuCategory/PDAMembership/PDALetter/October.aspx>

On October 16th, we held our second event at Ipsen Biopharm in Wrexham. The topics were Risk-based Inspections and New Developments in Lyophilisation, respectively.

We plan to have three events in 2009, the first of which will be at [NPIL Pharma in Morpeth, on Thursday 12 March](#). The programmes and registration details for these events will be mailed to you in due course.

- Our hosts and their sites put in a lot of effort to make these events successful and I would like to encourage you and your colleagues (also non-members) to come along, to participate and enjoy. If you have a suggestion for a location, or would like to help with one of these events, please let me know.

UK Chapter Website

This newsletter will also be posted on the PDA UK Chapter website <http://pdachapters.org/unitedkingdom>. Here you can also find details for the UK Chapter board including contact numbers.

If you cannot find what you are looking for please send me an e-mail (siegfried.schmitt@parexel.com), or give me a call (+44(0)7824 592401).

Staying informed

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On behalf of all the board members I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

With best regards



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