



Bio-Process Systems Alliance

*Advancing Single-Use Worldwide*

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### **BPSA Business Roundtable & General Meeting Scheduled for Afternoon of June 1 at San Diego Hilton: Register Now.....**

BPSA members and invited guests will convene **June 1 from 2-5 PM** for the inaugural *BPSA Business Roundtable* and General Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Hilton San Diego. **Registration for the event is now open.** Please visit [www.bpsalliance.org](http://www.bpsalliance.org) to download the registration forms. There is a nominal fee to attend. Discounted registration for the June 2-4 IBC Single Use show is also available on the BPSA site.

The topic of the June 1 meeting is ***Identifying and Overcoming Hurdles to the Implementation of Single Use.*** Several important business topics will be addressed at the session, to include extractables and leachables (concerns and solutions), safe disposal (thoughts on best practices), perspectives from end-users (Bayer and Bristol Myers Squibb invited), and a recap from IBC's Brian Caine of the findings of the joint IBC/BPSA survey: *Impact of Single Use Technologies 2008*. We hope you will plan on joining us for a content-packed session. A reception will follow at 5:30 for all attendees and guests.

### **BPSA/BPI Technical Compendium Available June 1**

[BioProcess International](#) (BPI), in partnership with BPSA will soon be providing an exclusive compilation of BPSA's published educational guidance and information documents for Single-Use. The ***Single-Use Technology Guidebook*** will provide end-

users with best-practice information to ensure that every company considering or in the process of implementing single-use systems can utilize the combined expertise and recommendations of the experts within BPSA member-company organizations. The five-chapter (with a case study supplement) compendium will include single-use selection criteria for harmonizing choices within user facilities, guides to irradiation, sterilization, disposal and extractables/leachables, and a case study from Wyeth Biopharma on integration of disposable technology. **Members of BPSA will receive this publication June 1 at the BPSA Business Roundtable event.**

### **BPSA Announces Acceptance of End-User Members at Interphex 2008**

A major development in the evolution of BPSA as the “go-to” resource for the Single-Use industry was the announcement during Interphex 2008 (March in Philadelphia) that BPSA is now accepting end-user members. This development is a natural outgrowth of the organization, with end-users being a key element in the strategic growth plans for the Alliance. More than a dozen pharmaceutical manufacturers stopped by the BPSA booth at Interphex to express interest in membership, and bio-pharm manufacturers are being encouraged to attend and participate in the June 1 BPSA Business Roundtable.

BPSA end-users members will have direct input to the BPSA strategic plan, through the election of an end-user member who will sit on the BPSA Executive Board. End-users have an affordable and separate dues structure through which they can access the organization. Application forms and a summary description of the features and benefits of membership can be accessed at [BPSA's website](#) or see our [press release](#).

### **New BPSA Extractables and Leachables Guide Under Development**

As a follow-up to the highly successful publication of *Recommendations for Extractables and Leachables Testing*, **BPSA's Extractables and Leachables Subcommittee** currently is working on its next project. The subcommittee is developing a new guide focused on methods and recommendations to address leachables. The anticipated publication date is late 2008/early 2009 in BPI magazine. For more information contact [Melissa Hockstad](#).

### **BPSA Announces New Members**

BPSA has just announced the addition of four new companies to its membership roster: [DME Alliance Inc.](#), [Endress + Hauser](#), [TBL Thermoplastic BioLogic](#), and [Validation Resources](#).

**Note to all BPSA members:** a hot link to your website from the BPSA website is included as a member service. Please check you link at [www.bpsalliance.org](http://www.bpsalliance.org) and insure that it is correct. Questions or changes can be directed to [Kevin Ott](#).

### **Tell Us What You Think: Survey Goes Out May 8 (Incentive Provided!)**

The 2008 version of the joint BPI/BPSA industry survey (*The Impact of Single Use Technologies 2008*) will soon be sent to your inbox, and will contain a Survey Monkey link. The results of the comprehensive survey will be available June 1. We would like all BPSA members to respond. As incentive, BPSA will conduct a drawing, from the pool of responders, for a *Nintendo DS Lite* hand-held gaming system with the Brain Age software included. Please make sure to fill out the survey questionnaires for you chance to win!

## **Let the BPSA Brand Work for You: Sponsorships Available**

BPSA members can avail themselves of two new sponsorship opportunities.

We are pleased to announce that the [Pall Corporation](#) has chosen to be a corporate sponsor of our June 1 BPSA Reception which will follow the BPSA Business Roundtable. **Four additional sponsorships are still available.** Cost is \$1,000 and will entitle the sponsor(s) to be featured in [SPI Link](#) in June and July and the *BPSA Bulletin*. Also, sponsors will be notably promoted with logo signs at the event, and will have the opportunity to brand their own cocktail.

Secondly, BPSA will soon be issuing a media kit which will allow a limited number (first come) of sponsorships **on the BPSA splash page**. Banner ads, box ads and button ads will be available (8 total). Members interested in this opportunity should contact [Kevin Ott](#).

**Also see BPSA at the Wilbio Single-Use BioProcessing Components and Systems show, July 28-30, 2008, San Francisco's Palace Hotel: [www.wilbio.com](http://www.wilbio.com) or 757-423-8823 for information.**

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