



PPD to Present at World Vaccines Congress 2010

WILMINGTON, N.C. (April 19, 2010) - PPD, Inc. (Nasdaq: PPDI) today announced Mark Esser, Ph.D., associate director of immunology, and Lisa Kierstead, Ph.D., associate director, labs, will present at the 10th annual World Vaccine Congress 2010 Conference in Chantilly, Va., on April 19-22.

Dr. Esser will discuss the role of vaccine biomarkers in accelerating clinical trials. He will highlight how antibody and functional biomarker assays can be implemented to accelerate Phase I, dose ranging, concomitant and Phase IV marketing vaccine studies and the use of biomarkers in licensing and post-licensing marketing studies of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines. His presentation is Wednesday, April 21, at 3:15 p.m. ET.

Dr. Esser has extensive experience in developing and validating biomarker assays to support clinical development programs for vaccines and therapeutic proteins against infectious diseases and cancer. At Merck & Co., he was a member of the team that successfully achieved licensure of GARDASIL® for the prevention of HPV infection. In February 2010, R&D Directions named Dr. Esser one of its 10 most notable scientists in research and development for his significant contributions in vaccine development.

Dr. Kierstead will speak on peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) and their impact on clinical trials. She will highlight the parameters affecting PBMC integrity and critical factors to ensure the quality of PBMCs. Her presentation is Thursday, April 22, at 10:15 p.m. ET.

Dr. Kierstead joined PPD through its acquisition of the Merck vaccine testing laboratory in Wayne, Pa. She is expanding PPD's well-established PBMC services and oversees assay development to support detection of humoral and cellular immunogenicity to vaccines. Dr. Kierstead spent eight years at Merck in clinical assay development for T-cell immunity and cell-based assays.

Last month, PPD announced the launch of its [Vaccines & Biologics Center of Excellence](#), a first-in-kind comprehensive network of integrated, world-class laboratory services focused specifically on vaccine and biologic drug development.

The World Vaccine Congress conference is the largest vaccine industry event in North America, providing a forum to explore an area expected to double in revenue by 2013. PPD is a platinum sponsor of this year's event.

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