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## **Tina Morris, Ph.D., Named Executive Director of American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists**

ARLINGTON, VA—The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) is pleased to announce Tina Morris, Ph.D., as the next AAPS Executive Director. Dr. Morris brings a unique combination of research experience and leadership in the nonprofit arena to AAPS.

“The Board of Directors is very excited to welcome Dr. Morris to AAPS,” Dr. Joseph Polli, AAPS President, said. “Dr. Morris will bring a strong scientific and regulatory vision, as well as extensive association leadership to this role. Tina has made significant scientific contributions at every stage of her professional career. AAPS is eager to have her apply her skills to advancing the capacity of our members and the pharmaceutical sciences.”



Dr. Morris comes to AAPS from the Parenteral Drug Association (PDA), where she is currently Vice President of Scientific and Regulatory Affairs. Before joining PDA, she spent 15 years with the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP), ending her tenure there as Senior Vice President of Compendial Sciences. Prior to USP, she worked for Human Genome Sciences, Inc., and at CIPHERGEN Biosystems, Inc. She received her Ph.D. in molecular virology from the Medical University of Luebeck, Germany, and a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in biology from the Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg, Germany. Dr. Morris did her postdoctoral training at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md.

I am honored and excited to be joining an organization that has meant so much to my own development in the field of pharmaceutical sciences over the years,” Dr. Morris said. “I am passionate about the spirit of voluntarism, especially in advancing the sciences, so I very much look forward to serving the AAPS membership and working with the dedicated AAPS staff on the continuing success and growth of the organization.”

Morris will join staff at AAPS’ Arlington, Va., headquarters on April 6. Former AAPS President Alice E. Till, Ph.D., M.B.A., will continue serving as Interim Executive Director through April 5.

Dr. Polli thanks members of the Executive Director Search Committee for their months of interviews and deliberations. Headed by Immediate Past President Dale Eric Wurster, Ph.D., FAAPS, the committee included Christopher R. McCurdy, Ph.D., R.Ph., FAAPS; Reina Bendayan, Pharm.D., FAAPS; Binodh S. Desilva, Ph.D.; Boris Gorovits, Ph.D.; Shraddha Thakkar, Ph.D.; Erik Burns, Ed.D., M.A., M.B.A.; and Joseph Polli, Ph.D., FAAPS.

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### **About AAPS**

Founded in 1986, the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) is a professional, scientific organization of 7,000+ individual members and over 10,000 actively participating stakeholders employed in academia, industry, government, and other pharmaceutical science related research institutes worldwide. Its mission is to advance the capacity of pharmaceutical scientists to develop products and therapies that improve global health.