Foreword You're Invited.

Indiana is not normally a venue for scientific meetings, but the situation is improving. This Fall the International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics (ISSX) and the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) will both be having their primary meetings in Indianapolis. We call this town "Indy" and our foreign readers are most likely to have heard of it because of the "Indianapolis 500," a race in which people decrease their chances of survival by driving around an oval shaped race track as fast as possible until their car either disintegrates, breaks something, or reaches 500 miles (800 km). We regularly import drivers from places like Spain, Italy, Holland, and the UK because many of us who live here prefer to do research on pharmaceutical science rather than motor sports. There is an interesting museum at the race track which is quite close to the site of the ISSX (October 24-28) and the AAPS (October 29- November 2) meetings. Indianapolis has a very up to date downtown area with the most modern hotels, many excellent restaurants, and unusually good sports facilities for baseball, football, basketball, swimming and ice skating. There is, of course, no time for any of that at a scientific meeting. We are proud of our State and look forward to showing it to you.

BAS is an easy one hour drive from Indy. We very much welcome visitors to our facilities before, after, or during these two meetings. With some planning, we will be able to assist with transportation. Since both meetings concern our primary interests (support for drug discovery, development, toxicology and metabolism), we anticipate plenty of interactions with more than the usual crew of BAS people both attending and exhibiting at ISSX and AAPS. Our toxicology and ADME laboratory in Evansville is about three hours driving from Indy (or a short flight). Visits to BAS Evansville are also possible provided we plan for them. Let us know if you have any special requests. We look forward to seeing many of you in the Fall.

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