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Parenteral Drug Association has appointed Ed Trappler as Chairperson of the Education Advisory Board.

Ed first joined the PDA in 1984 and has been actively involved in the association in numerous areas. First teaching for the PDA in 1986, he later served on the Education Committee, leading to the development of the PDA Training and Research Institute (PDA-TRI). Ed also represented PDA at the inaugural joint meeting and training sessions with the Japan chapter in 1991. He continues to be active in education through the TRI, teaching sections of the Aseptic Processing program and courses in lyophilization. Ed has served on and chaired a number of program committees. He has also led the Lyophilization Interest Group since its inception in 2000.

Ed received the Gordon Personaeus award in 2011 for recognition of long term contributions to the PDA membership, and in 2012, the James Agalloco award for excellence in education.

“Being appointed to serve as Chairperson to the board is indeed an honor. It is a responsibility of fostering the education programs, working in concert with the many great instructors, dedicated PDA-TRI staff and outstanding PDA leadership.

PDA has a rich history as a leading international organization. It has been influential in steering the direction of our industry. The educational programs provided by the PDA-TRI and the instructors who are leading subject matter experts in their field are a valuable resource for the industry and a benefit for those who have participated in the programs.

Serving on the board carries a commitment to being a steward for the principles upon which our association was founded and for the PDA to continue to serve its members. Being asked to serve on this board to help steer the direction of the PDA education programs is truly an honor. I look forward to collaborating with the Board of Directors, PDA leadership, and PDA-TRI staff to enhance and expand the educational programs for the benefits of our membership and the industry.”

The newly formed board is to identify and recommend strategies and provide direction to PDA on educational opportunities and programs for the benefit of the membership and the industry. The board is comprised of PDA staff, PDA's President Richard Johnson, PDA's Senior Vice President of Education Bob Dana, individuals from the industry involved in PDA education and representatives from other PDA Advisory Boards.

More information on PDA educational opportunities can be found on their website www.pda.org.