



### **QPS Announces 2008 Quality Award Recipients**

**(July 2009)** The QPS Quality Award is presented to an individual or individuals whose work shows outstanding quality, awareness and compliance. The purpose of this annual award is to recognize quality from the past year and to encourage quality and compliance. The following characteristics are examples used when considering a nominee:

- Strong compliance and GLP regulatory awareness
- Excellent documentation practices
- Knowledge of QPS systems and processes and how they can be improved
- Positive team member and motivator
- Proactive and effective communication of study/client requirements
- Efficient sample chain-of-custody process and documentation
- Effective procedure review and compliance
- Skilled at equipment maintenance and equipment SOP compliance
- Constructive SOP reviews and feedback
- Minimal audit findings and good audit turnaround time
- Recognition as a mentor and leader by peers
- Effective data and report reviewer
- Outstanding contribution to quality in daily support functions

QPS would like to recognize the following 2008 Quality Award recipients and thank them for their continuous contribution to quality:



#### **Wenbin Liu, Ph.D. (Preclinical ADME Senior Research Scientist)**

“Wenbin works on mostly protein binding studies and PK analysis. Although mostly discovery, some non-GLP and a few GLP, he handles all projects with high quality and attends to detail. The quality of his work does not change because of volume or a tight timeline.”

“... Demonstrating that protein binding studies can be completed in a GLP-compliant manner is not only an important addition to QPS service offerings, but also demonstrates that the processes, techniques and record-keeping used for protein binding studies meet the highest quality expectations. The high quality of work in Wenbin’s area of responsibility is apparent in all discovery, non-GLP and GLP protein binding studies. ...”



**Brandi Muehlethaler (Bioanalytical Lab Coordinator)**

“...Over the past year, Brandi has led the effort in bringing the BA [Regulated LC-MS/MS] labs to new level of compliance. Through her efforts, she has coordinated the archival and consolidation of all of the miscellaneous GLP records (solution, compound receipt, equipment, etc.) in the labs. This was a huge task but her effort has raised our level of compliance and she deserves recognition. ...She takes pride in what she does and puts quality first.”

“...Brandi is responsible for [providing initial] training for all new Analysts and Ph.D.s joining the BA [Regulated LC-MS/MS] Department. She has done an outstanding job of this and through her efforts all new employees joining our group are not released to their respective groups until she is confident they are ready... Through all her efforts we are able to function well as a team and individually.”



**David Quirico (Bioanalytical Research Associate)**

“David achieves a consistently high level of quality with a low level of drama. He expresses a sincere concern about 'getting it right' – not just quick, convenient fixes...”

“...David has shown strong compliance as can be seen in his minimal audit findings, proactive approach in scheduling phase inspections, performing detail investigations, and revising analytical procedures. He effectively communicates to his fellow PI; working closely and collaborating ideas and recommendations as well as to other scientists and the quality assurance unit. He is detailed-oriented and timeline conscious...”

“...He never compromised in attaining the high quality product in all the jobs he did...”

“...David always notifies the client if there are any abnormal results and suggests a path forward to resolve potential issues...”

