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Biomed/Biotech Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting
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“Patent Overview and Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)”

To be presented by

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Thursday, June 12, 2014

6:00 – 6:20 PM – Networking; Pizza/drink

6:20 – 8:45 PM – Program

8:45 – 9:00 PM – Door-prizes drawing; Networking

Online Registration site: <http://www.asq509.org/ht/d/DoSurvey/i/35817>

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\$5: non-ASQ members to cover pizza/drink cost;

Free: ASQ members, veterans, senior citizens, teachers, students, interns, residents, postdocs, FDA Commissioner’s Fellows, MJ-DC members, NTUAADC members, CAPA members, CCACC volunteers/employees, FAPAC members, CBA members, AAGEN members, Commissioned Corp officers, and current job-seekers.

Location: Kelly’s Deli Conference Center, 7519 Standish Place, Rockville (Derwood, for GPS users), MD 20855

Registration Deadline: Please register by Thursday noon, June 12, 2014.

Question: Please contact Dr. C.J. George Chang, Chair of Biomed/Biotech SIG, ASQ509; gchang2008@yahoo.com or 240-793-8425 (cell).

Driving directions: By Cars: From I-270 (N or S bound): Take Exit 9A and exit from the FIRST right exit; turn left (east) onto Shady Grove Dr.; turn right (south) onto Rockville Pike (**Route 355**); turn left (east) onto East Gude Dr.; turn left (north) immediately onto Crabb’s Branch Dr.; turn left (west) immediately onto Standish Place. The first building on your right side is 7519 Standish Place; open parking). The venue is on the first floor with its entrance opposite to the left side of building main entrance. **By Metro trains:** Off from Red Line **Shady Grove Station**, and take RideOn **Route 59 TOWARD ROCKVILLE** and get off from “**Calhoun Place**” stop. Standish Place is next to the Bus stop. Our venue is within 2 min of walking distance from the stop.

Summary:

This presentation will cover the basics of US patent law, pre-AIA and AIA coverage for novelty (35 USC 102), the US patent examination process, business considerations in filing in US, PCT practice, business considerations in filing overseas, strategies for overseas filing, and common sense concerns.

The following topics will also be briefly touched upon:

- 1) Contrasting national practices from region to region or country to country;
- 2) Best practices for global challenges;
- 3) Career guidance for the inventor, the patent holder, business owner, and/or patent searcher/examiner.

(AIA: American Invents Act; PCT: Patent Cooperation Treaty)

Presenter's Bio: Lynn Bristol, PhD, Esq

Dr. Lynn Bristol spent several years after graduating with a B.A. from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, pursuing basic research in the study of immunology, inflammation, neurosciences and molecular biology. The scope of her research focused on its applications and use towards furthering the understanding of the mechanisms of disease processes.

With an eye on a bigger picture, and as a **co-inventor**, she obtained U.S. patents on some of her inventions. Her recognition of the importance of intellectual property as a foundation for business development drew her to the field of intellectual property law.

With a law degree from the University of Maryland, she transitioned to working in private law firms in all matters related to patents, e.g., prosecution, interference, opinion work, and licensing. As a **primary patent examiner** for the past 8 years with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, she has rounded her expertise on patents and the bridge they help create towards building new and better businesses.

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