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NPSMA Releases Report on PSM Programs, Students, and Graduates

"There are nearly as many graduates as enrolled students. This is a strong growth indicator for a relatively new graduate degree."

Stephen Lemire, NPSMA
Executive Director

The NPSMA announced today the release of its *National Inventory of PSM Programs, Students, and Graduates*. The NPSMA cited that there are 58 colleges and universities currently offering 117 PSM degree programs.

With a combined 83% response rate to its Best Practices Survey and Enrollment Questionnaire, the NPSMA estimates 2500 currently enrolled students based on the 2332 students reported by 96 programs. The NPSMA also estimates 2100 PSM graduates based on the 2025 alums reported by 90 programs.

To view the inventory report in its entirety, you may follow this link http://www.npsma.org/assetlibrary/psm_inventory_report.pdf or visit the NPSMA website www.npsma.org and go to the News & Updates section.

NPSMA Projects Continued Rapid Growth in PSM Program Development

As part of its *National Inventory of PSM Programs, Students and Graduates*, the NPSMA began to catalogue the colleges and universities which are in various stages of planning, proposing, or projecting the development of PSM degree programs. The NPSMA notes that with the combination of planned and existing programs, there is PSM activity in 39 states, D.C., and Canada.

The NPSMA projects that a minimum of 140 PSM degree programs will be operating at approximately 75 colleges and universities by the end of 2010.

To read more about these projections go to the NPSMA website www.npsma.org and see News & Updates or follow this link http://www.npsma.org/assetlibrary/psm_inventory_report.pdf.

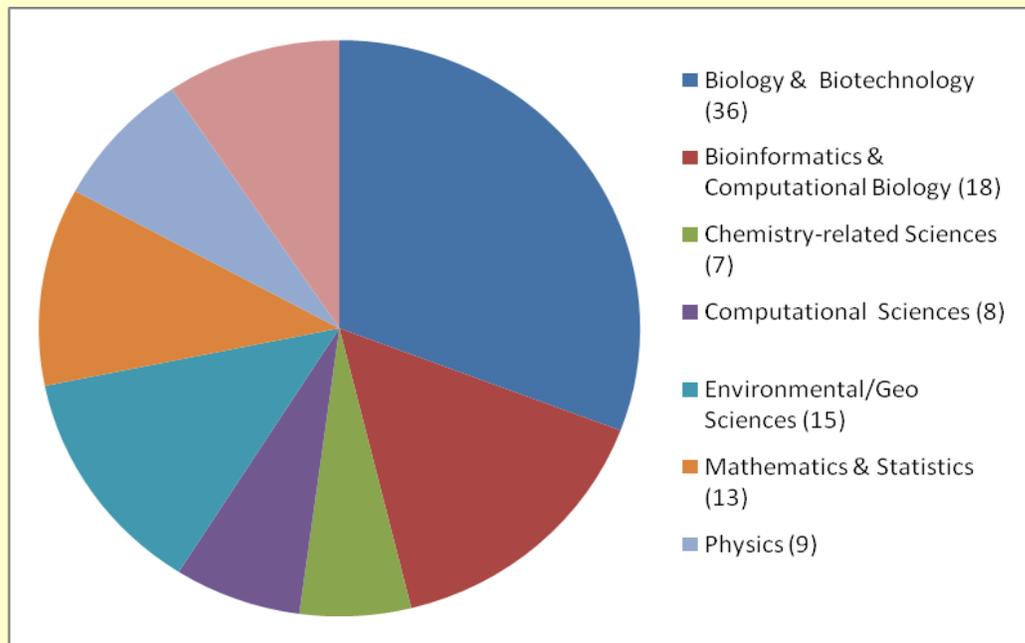


NPSMA President,
Bogdan Vernescu

PSM Degrees Focus Heavily on Life Sciences

ENROLLMENT by DISCIPLINE

Biology/Biotechnology	974
Bioinformatics	302
Chemistry	54
Computational Science	250
Environmental/Geo	289
Mathematics	184
Physics	32
Medical	247



From *The NPSMA National Inventory of Programs, Students, and Graduates* (May, 2008)

NPSMA Services and Events Focus on Networking and Sharing of Practices

Save the Date!

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"It's vitally important for us to promote networking opportunities so that we can share ideas, comments, questions, and suggestions with each other."

Stephen Lemire, NPSMA Executive Director

The 2008 NPSMA Annual Conference will be held on Thursday, November 13 and Friday November 14 at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center in Atlanta. The format for the event will primarily be a series of breakout sessions to provide participants with ample opportunity to network and share ideas. Some topics which are expected to be addressed include: program sustainability, employer relations, student recruitment, and PSM promotion and marketing.

The NPSMA is pleased to announce that we now have an online **Discussion Forum** for members of the PSM community to connect with each other to ask questions and offer recommendations. The Discussion Forum is available through the NPSMA website or directly by going to <http://npsma.org/phpbb/index.php>.

Members of the PSM community are also invited to be **guest authors** and submit articles for publication in this newsletter. Call the NPSMA office at (508) 831-4996 for more details.

NPSMA Offers Membership Categories for Organizations and Individuals



*Jung Choi is the NPSMA's
Finance Officer*

The NPSMA provides several levels of membership to best meet the varying needs of its different participant groups. All categories include many of the same benefits such as electronic and face-to-face networking opportunities and registration discounts to NPSMA-sponsored events.

Institutional memberships for large employers, nonprofit associations, and colleges and universities will offer these groups the greatest level of access to NPSMA databases regarding alumni and best practices. Individual membership is open to program directors, administrators, faculty, and alumni.

The NPSMA is also pleased to invite PSM students to join the association free for their first year. For more details on membership visit <http://www.npsma.org/membership.html> or call the NPSMA office at (508) 831-4996.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Networking Social for PSM Alumni, Students, and Faculty

Monday, June 16, 2008, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
The Fleetwood, 639 J Street, San Diego, CA 92101
619-702-7700, (www.thefleetwood.com)

Appetizers and refreshments will be served; Cash bar

*Network with PSM alumni, students, and Program Directors!

*Learn about the NPSMA and the NPSMA Alumni Network!

*Let us know how we may better serve you!

Held in conjunction with the Biotechnology Industry
Organization International Convention and Career Fair

Please RSVP by Monday, June 9, 2008 to Alaina Levine at Alaina@npsma.org with your name, your PSM Program, and your affiliated university.

Any questions? Please contact Alaina at 520-621-3374 or Alaina@npsma.org.

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