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## **PROFESSOR RIC DAY TAKES OVER AS PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG INFORMATION ASSOCIATION**

Professor Richard Day AM MD PhD has been elected President of the Drug Information Association (DIA) and is the first non-US citizen to hold this position.

Ric is Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, University of UNSW, and Director of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology, St Vincent's Hospital Sydney. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in June 2000 "for service to medicine in the fields of pharmacology and toxicology through education, research and policy development, and for the development of guidelines for the safe use of pharmaceuticals."

He has been a member of ASCEPT for over 30 years and has contributed enormously to the Society. He was President in 1995 and has played an active role as a regular presenter at the Annual Scientific Meetings, been a member of the Mentoring Committee, a long standing member of Council and has represented ASCEPT on national and international committees and at conferences.

In June 2010, he will take up the elected position of President of the DIA. The DIA was founded in 1964 and is an international professional association of more than 18,000 members worldwide. Members are involved in discovery, development, regulation, surveillance, or marketing of pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical products. A key feature of the organisation is the provision of a neutral forum for the exchange of ideas. DIA operates as a financially independent non-profit organisation. Amongst other things, the DIA has provided opportunities for numerous Australian professionals to attend international meetings and workshops.

Professor Day's transition from President-elect to President will occur at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the DIA, being held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washing, DC from 13-17 June 2010. This meeting is expected to attract more than 8000 attendees from about 80 countries.

Ends.

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