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### President's Message

The NSW Health and Medical Research Strategic Review has just been published ([http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2012/pdf/medical\\_strategic\\_review\\_.pdf](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2012/pdf/medical_strategic_review_.pdf)). Of course this is most relevant if you are a scientist in NSW and it is gratifying that the State Government has recognized the importance of medical research. (The recent award of the Companion of the Order of Australia AC to Professor Ian Frazer is another very welcome example of our country's appreciation of the value of medical research.) But the document also has a number of facts that are interesting for all medical and health researchers in Australia. For example, between 1992 and 2005, Australian research delivered a net gain to the Australian economy of \$29.5 billion. And for the average dollar invested, there has been a \$2.17 gain in health directly from improvements in mortality and morbidity. These are very useful figures for those of us who have to argue the value of medical research with our hospitals and universities who increasingly demand to know the 'dollar value' of what we do.

The NSW Strategic Review also provides an excellent template for developing research strategic plans in general. There are two major strategies (1. foster translation and innovation, 2. build globally relevant research capacity) and eleven research themes. Although much of the strategy predictably focuses on administration and infrastructure, there was a significant appreciation of the importance of providing career support, particularly in the early post doctoral period and the need for support for clinical trials. It is an encouraging read, and it is important for ASCEPT to keep abreast with what's happening at the political level.

## ASCEPT Upcoming Events

### ASCEPT NZ Conference - **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS OPEN**

27 - 29 August 2012, Queenstown as part of the annual MedSci conference

#### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 13th July 2012**

Abstracts are welcome from any biomedical or medical researchers on all aspects of health research. Delegates and presenters do **NOT** have to be members of participating societies or interest groups. All abstracts should be E-mailed to [colin.brown@otago.ac.nz](mailto:colin.brown@otago.ac.nz) stating 'MedSci 2012 Abstract Submission' as the subject line. Confirmation of abstract acceptance and programming as an oral or poster presentation will be E-mailed as a reply to your 'MedSci 2012 Abstract Submission' E-mail by 6th August 2012. Read more information <http://www.ascept.org/NZ.aspx>

### ASCEPT-APSA Joint Meeting 2012

2 - 5 December, Sydney  
Theme: Medication Safety

Pre-register your interest by emailing the Secretariat: [ascept@clems.com.au](mailto:ascept@clems.com.au)

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## REMINDER: ASCEPT Achievement Award and Teaching Excellence Award - Call for Nominations

These prestigious awards will be presented at the 46th Annual Scientific Meeting of ASCEPT to be held in Sydney, 2 - 5 December 2012. Submissions should be sent to the ASCEPT Secretariat email [ascept@clems.com.au](mailto:ascept@clems.com.au) by **Monday 30 July 2012**. [Read more information](#) regarding the criteria for these awards.

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## REMINDER: Call for Nominations for ASCEPT representatives on three committees

ASCEPT has representation on the following committees associated with Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM). Nominations are invited from ASCEPT members to fill the following positions:

### **RACP QAP Chemical Pathology Advisory Group**

Requirements: association with a lab performing TDM and exposed to RCPAQAP program.

### **Pathology Associations Council**

Requirements: DM advocate

### **Pathology Associations Council Workforce Committee**

Requirements: TDM advocate

Nominations should be forwarded to the ASCEPT Secretariat email [ascept@clems.com.au](mailto:ascept@clems.com.au).

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## Employment Opportunities

**Chair in Pharmaceutical Sciences**, National School of Pharmacy, Dunedin, New Zealand

Closing date: Friday 17 August 2012. [Read more information](#)

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## Expression of Interest sought by the Therapeutic Goods Administration

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is seeking expressions of interest from appropriately qualified persons resident in Australia and New Zealand interested in submitting tenders for the evaluation of Population Pharmacokinetic studies included in applications for registration in Australia. Tenders will be sought occasionally

when the evaluations are not able to be undertaken by persons currently included in the TGA's Expert Panel of Evaluators.

As an evaluator of a Population Pharmacokinetic study, you will be required to critically review the study report against the Guideline on Reporting the Results of Population Pharmacokinetic Analyses CHMP/EWP/185990/06 published by the European Medicines Agency and adopted by the TGA. You will be required to provide a detailed written report, following a specified format. Please note that for these reviews the TGA is NOT requesting the evaluator to rework data including those on any files that are provided.

Expressions of interest including a Curriculum vitae should be submitted to Ms Bev Boulton, Office of Marketing

Authorisation, TGA, PO Box 100, Woden ACT 2606 or [bev.boulton@tga.gov.au](mailto:bev.boulton@tga.gov.au)

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## Science and Technology Australia Media Release and Chief Scientists' Health of Australian Science Report

The Chief Scientists' Health of Australian Science Report was released on 23rd May....[read more information](#). STA was a member of the Advisory Group for this report....[read more information](#).

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## Royal Society of New Zealand News

**NZ-UK Link Foundation: Visiting Professorship Programme 2013 – applications sought**

[Read more information](#) regarding the program and NZ-UK Link details...[read more information](#)

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## NSW Medical Research Support Program (MRSP) funding applications now open

The funding for MRSP has increased and is now a \$37.3 million p.a program, with successful applicants remaining in the program for 4 years. The Application kit and Guidelines and associated forms can be found at the Office for Health and Medical Research website [here](#). Applications will be open from the 13 June and close 5pm 16 July

2012.

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## Forthcoming Meetings and Events

**Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia Incorporated (HERDSA) Conference, Hobart, 2-5 July**

The main theme for the 2012 HERDSA International Conference is Connections in Higher Education. Conference delegates will explore the policies, research, leadership and student outcomes we should be pursuing in higher education world-wide to establish and sustain our connections with the entire sector. [Read more information](#)

**6th International Congress of Asian Society of Toxicology (ASIATOX-VI), Sendai, Japan, 17-20 July**

[Read more information](#)

**6th Congress of Pharmacology, Granada, Spain, 17-20 July**

The program will ensure the participation of the most relevant speakers in the different fields of Pharmacology, and will be planned to make it attractive to all pharmacological scientists, with a special emphasis for young investigators. [Read more information](#)

**World Congress on Risk 2012, Sydney, 18-20 July**

Theme: Risk and Development in a Changing World. [Read more information](#)

**Research Australia's Philanthropy in Health & Medical Research Conference – 'The Funding Formula', Melbourne, 13-14 August**

Research Australia recognises that in today's competitive funding space, our members and other health and medical research organisations often rely on a diverse range of strategies and income streams to fund their research and operations. These strategies will often require different skills, resources and knowledge bases, and can at times have conflicting requirements. It is the aim of the 2012 Philanthropy in Health & Medical Research Conference to address some of these areas and promote discussion in the Research Australia community as to

how we can, not just juggle but manage this diversity to make it work for us. [Read more information](#)

**Emerging Health Policy Research Conference, Sydney, 15 August**

Abstract close **2 July**. [Read more information](#)

**17th European Congress on Alternatives to Animal Testing - LINZ 2012 and 14th Annual Congress of EUSAAT – EUSAAT 2012, Austria, 5-8 September**

[Read more information](#)

**World Congress for Health and Safety 2012, London, 8 - 9 September**

URMPM (Union of Risk Management for Preventive Medicine ) [Read more information](#)

**8CTDC Congress on Toxicology in Developing Countries, Bangkok, Thailand, 10-14 September**

[Read more information](#)

**North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology (NACCT), Las Vegas, USA, 1-6 October**

[Read more information](#)

**European Society of Toxicology In Vitro 2012 International Conference (ESTIV2012), Portugal, 16-19 October**

[Read more information](#)

**Research Australia Awards, Sydney, 14 November**

The Research Australia Awards recognizes and celebrates achievement and contribution to the landscape of health and medical research in Australia. [Read more information](#)

**51st American College of Neuropsychopharmacology Annual Meeting, Florida, USA, 2-6 December**

The ACNP Annual Meeting is open only to members and their invited guests. The Annual Meeting is one of the world's leading forums for the exchange of cutting edge scientific information about the brain, behavior, and psychotropic drugs. [Read more information](#)

**World Healthcare Congress of Clinical Lipidology, Budapest, Hungary, 6-8 December**

This is the first conference of this kind and aimed at health care professionals, who would like to increase their knowledge in lipid disorders. [Read more information](#)

**The 2nd International Conference on Prehypertension and Cardio Metabolic Syndrome, Barcelona, Spain, 31 January - 3 February 2013**

The Conference will aim to deal with all aspects related to early diagnosis, including innovative technologies and treatments, as well as bringing together professionals from the fields of Hypertension, Diabetes, Lipidology, Cardiology, Nephrology, Endocrinology, Internal Medicine, Pharmacology and more. [Read more information](#)

**The International Symposium on Ocular Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Paris, France, 7-10 March, 2013**

Over the years, ISOPT has repeatedly shaped its form so it can accommodate to provide a collaborative atmosphere for clinicians, clinical trialists, pharma industry and regulatory officers. Our formed vision has been to increase knowledge and awareness of drug usage in ophthalmology reflecting innovations and their utilization in practice. [Read more information](#)

**Molecular Pharmacology Gordon Research Conference, Lucca (Barga), Italy, 28 April - 3 May, 2013, Lucca (Barga), Italy, 28 April - 3 May 2013**

A key event gathering scientists from basic, applied and clinical science in G protein coupled receptor (GPCR) research. The 2013 conference, 24th GRC edition, will emphasize both emerging and rapidly growing areas in the field, from receptor dynamics at molecular level to system-level analysis of receptor function. [Read more information](#)

**XIII International Congress of Toxicology, Seoul, Korea, 30 June-4 July, 2013**

Abstract submissions close **31 January 2013**. [Read more information](#)

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## Other Society News

**BPS** - Pharmacology Matters e-Bulletin [May](#), [June](#), [Journal Update](#)

**RACP - AMD Newsletter** [18 May](#), [25 May](#), [1 June](#), [8 June](#), [15 June](#), [22 June](#)

**The Australasian Faculty of Occupational & Environmental Medicine Newsletter** [11 May](#), [25 May](#), [22 June](#)

**Research Australia Newsletter** [Winter](#)

**RSNZ Newsletter**

**Cooperative Research Centre Update** - [5 June](#), [19 June](#)

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