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## President's Message

NPS is an important partner for ASCEPT and its members, and as you may well know they are an important national organisation that provides independent, evidence-based information on medicines to health professionals and consumers. We enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship in several ways, for example NPS was a sponsor of our 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting and we are supporters of their ['Be Medicinewise' Week being held 26-31 March](#). And of course, many of our members contribute to the NPS in other ways as well.

NPS have a number of activities planned to take place during the **'Be Medicinewise' week**. These include:

1. A national outdoor advertising campaign to reinforce the importance of being Medicinewise.
2. A launch event at Parliament House in Canberra on Wednesday 21 March - Catherine King will officially launch [Be Medicinewise Week](#) and our upcoming antibiotics campaign. This is focussing on the major problem of antibiotic resistance which I wrote about in the last newsletter.
3. On Thursday 28 March there will be a highly visible event in the Sydney CBD - this will involve activities around children's dosing, identifying active ingredients, asking questions of health professionals and understanding what it means to **Be Medicinewise**.
4. Lynn Weekes will be interviewed by Dr John D'Arcy on the Morning Show.

5. There will be updated website content and an online **Medicinewise Challenge quiz** where participants can win an iPad 3. Visit [www.nps.org.au/bemedicinewise](http://www.nps.org.au/bemedicinewise).

I hope that ASCEPT members can support the NPS during this important campaign.

David Le Couteur

President, ASCEPT

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## Have you renewed your 2012 Membership Yet?

It is that time of year when your ASCEPT membership is now due for renewal. Membership subscriptions are based on a calendar year beginning 1 January and ending on 31 December. To renew your membership simply make an online payment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) go to <http://www.ascept.org/Members/Renew.aspx>.

ASCEPT membership continues to offer many member benefits including:

- Discounted rates to the Annual Scientific Meeting
- A chance to present your work at the ASM in front of peers and a highly informed audience.
- Student/Early Career/Mid-Late Career Awards and prizes
- Opportunities for international travel support
- Special Interest Groups
- Departmental seminar programs
- Networking opportunities
- Job opportunities
- Receive regular updates on ASCEPT ( E-news and website)
- Discounted subscriptions (Clinical and Experimental Physiology and Pharmacology (CEPP) and the Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH))

If you need assistance, please contact our Member Services Team between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday on email [ascept@clems.com.au](mailto:ascept@clems.com.au) or telephone +613 9416 3833.

Your continued support is greatly valued.

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## ASCEPT Events Calendar 2012

### **ASCEPT Clinical Weekend, 28-29 April, St Vincents, Sydney**

Theme: Clinical Toxicology

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

### **ASCEPT NZ Conference, 27 - 29 August 2012, Queenstown** as part of the annual MedSci conference.

Registration opens early May. [Read more information](#)

### **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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## ASCEPT SIG forums proving popular

Since launching the Special Interest Group forums earlier this year, log-ins to the ASCEPT website have more than doubled indicating members are finding this facility very useful. A reminder that the forums are a 'members-only' privilege so if you have not renewed your membership for this year already, please do so by 31 March 2012 in order to access the forums.

- Cardiovascular

- Drug Disposition and Response
- Drug Discovery
- Education
- Gastro-Urogenital Pharmacology
- Pharmacogenomics
- Toxicology
- Students
- Clinical Pharmacology
- New Zealand
- ASCEPT Council (Elected council members only)
- Scientific Advisory Committee (Committee members only)

If you'd like to find out more information, please contact the Secretariat on: [ascept@clems.com.au](mailto:ascept@clems.com.au) or

Telephone (03) 9416 3833.

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## Employment opportunities

### **Senior Lecturer (Molecular Pharmacology) - Monash University, Melbourne**

Applications close Sunday 18 March. [Read more information](#)

### **Senior Ethnopharmacology Scientist - GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Sydney**

Applications close on Monday March 19. [Read more information](#)

### **(2) Positions: Research Assistant & a Postdoctoral Research Fellow - Molecular Neurophysiology The Australian School of Advanced Medicine (ASAM), Macquarie University, Sydney**

Applications close Sunday 1 April. [Read more information](#)

### **Chair of Pharmacology - Department of Pharmacology, Melbourne Medical School, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, The University of Melbourne**

Applications close Tuesday 10 April. [Read more information](#)

### **(2) Positions: Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology - School of Medicine, Flinders Medical Science and Technology, Flinders University, Adelaide**

Applications close 16 April. [Read more information](#)

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## Research Australia Awards - Nominations open

The Research Australia Awards recognizes and celebrates achievement and contribution to the landscape of health and medical research in Australia. Awards are presented for areas such as discovery, advocacy, philanthropy and lifetime achievement, in front of an assembled audience representing Research Australia's member community, supporters, the business community, politicians, and other notable guests. The process for selecting award winners is one which takes many months and begins with your considered nomination of an outstanding individual or organization.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process or the Awards Dinner itself, please contact Melissa Harris on 02 9295 8546 or [melissa.harris@researchaustralia.org](mailto:melissa.harris@researchaustralia.org). Must be a member of Research Australia. Nominations should reach Research Australia by no later than **1 June 2012**.

[Read more information](#) and [download nominaton form](#).

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## Expressions of Interest sought for two new TGA Expert Advisory Committees

The TGA is seeking expressions of interest from experts for various positions on two new statutory advisory committees:

- The Advisory Committee on Biologicals
- The Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medical Devices

These committees provide advice and make recommendations to the Minister for Health and to the TGA, in relation to their respective areas of expertise. Members will be appointed to these committees in an individual capacity by the Minister and not as a representative of an organisation. Also, members will be bound by committee-in-confidence obligations as well as obligations to declare all potential conflicts of interest. The TGA would appreciate your assistance in communicating these vacancies within your membership networks and wider channels, as appropriate.

The vacancies will be advertised in The Weekend Australian on 17 March 2012.

Further information on the positions and instructions for submitting expressions of interest are available on the TGA Internet site at: <http://www.tga.gov.au/about/committees-expert-vacancies.htm>. Enquiries by email can be made to [committee.vacancies@tga.gov.au](mailto:committee.vacancies@tga.gov.au)

Applications must be received by 20 April 2012.

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## Call for IUPHAR Executive Nominations

IUPHAR invites nominations by **October 31, 2012** for the following positions on the IUPHAR Executive Committee for the period between the international meetings in 2014 and 2018:

- President
- Secretary general
- Treasurer
- First vice president
- Second vice president
- Five (5) councilors".....[Read more information](#)

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## Royal Society of New Zealand News

The Council of the Royal Society of New Zealand announced the appointment of Professor Sir David Skegg as its new President effective from 1 July 2012. [Read more information](#)

### **Royal Society of New Zealand responds to plans for new Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment**

On behalf of the Royal Society of New Zealand, Dr Garth Carnaby (President) and Dr Stephen Goldson (Chair of the Academy) note and commend the incorporation of the Ministry of Science and Innovation into the new Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. This recognises the central importance of science and research and innovation in stimulating innovation and wealth creation. The Royal Society of New Zealand further encourages the Government to recognise the broader role of this country's science, research and knowledge expertise, by including the essential contribution that environmental, social, humanities and health research must make to the wellbeing of New Zealand. This also includes the use of research in informing policy development.

The Royal Society anticipates that these matters will be given urgency. For further information contact: Dr Di McCarthy, Chief Executive, Royal Society of New Zealand; Tel: (04) 470 5768 / Email: [di.mccarthy@royalsociety.org.nz](mailto:di.mccarthy@royalsociety.org.nz). **Background information:** The Royal Society of New Zealand promotes science, technology and the humanities in schools, in industry and in society. We administer funds for science and technology, publish science journals, offer advice to Government, and foster international scientific contact and co-

operation. [www.royalsociety.org.nz](http://www.royalsociety.org.nz)

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## British Journal of Pharmacology

Any interest among members or their institutions in obtaining bound British Journal of Pharmacology from Vol 84 (1982) until Vol 130 (2000). If anyone is interested, please contact Jo O'Neil directly via email at [jocelyn.oneil@monash.edu](mailto:jocelyn.oneil@monash.edu)

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## Forthcoming Meetings and Events

**NPS 'Be Medicinewise' Week 26-31 March - [Read more information](#)**

**URMPM Seminar for Risk & Emergency Management for HealthCare 2012, London, 2-4 May**

An international education seminar of patient safety with best professors of patient safety in UK, such as Profs. Sir Brian Jarman, James Reason, Aidan Halligan, Charles Vincent. [Read more information](#) and [Register here](#).

**Want to improve your career prospects? The Walter + Eliza Hall Institute PhD Information Night for Advanced Medical Trainees & their Supervisors, Melbourne, 10 May**

"The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research is hosting an open forum directed toward medical trainees to provide an opportunity to discuss the issues regarding undertaking a PhD as a part of their training and facilitating an introduction to the world of both basic and clinical translational research" [read more information](#) and [download flyer](#)

**Collaborate Innovate 2012, CRC Association, Adelaide, 15-17 May**

The meeting will feature high-level keynote speakers, lots of new information, and a highly interactive format. The sessions are designed to stimulate your thinking and provide you with skills to take away, whether you lead a collaborative research venture, promote it to the public, administer its taxes or are a potential participant in a new collaboration.....[Read more information](#)

**2nd Annual World Congress of Molecular & Cell Biology (CMCB-2012): Beijing, China, May 18-20**

The conference is dedicated to fundamental knowledge and cutting-edge developments in all areas of cellular and molecular biology. Certain aspects of basic research, functional genomics and genetics, application of innovative technologies, mechanisms of severe diseases, microbial molecular and cell biology, plant/animal molecular and cell biology. It will gather for world-leading scientists from different research areas and with varied expertise, also with a shared interest in new and significant information. The program includes invited lectures, co-current session talks, and young scientists' forum.....[Read more information](#)

**EUROTOX 2012, Stockholm, Sweden, 17-20 June**

The Eurotox 2012 scientific programme spans the variety of interests for academia, industry and regulatory agencies from around the world and covers the significant developments and achievements in science and in regulation. [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](#)

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

**URMPM (Union of Risk Management for Preventive Medicine ) [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](#)

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

[Read more information](#) on the conference

**17th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (WCP2014), Cape Town, South Africa from 13-18**

July 2014. More details following shortly.

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## Other Society News

BPS - Pharmacology Matters e-Bulletin [March](#)

RACP - AMD Newsletter [24 February](#), [2 March](#) and [9 March](#)

The Australasian Faculty of Occupational & Environmental Medicine [March](#) Newsletter

Cooperative Research Centre Update - [27 February](#)

Research Australia Philanthropy e-mag [Summer edition](#)

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