



Welcome to the July E-News

of the Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists

If you would like to contribute any items to the eNews, please send to the Secretariat for consideration

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Nicole Jones
ASCEPT Newsletter Editor

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President's Message



TWO DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

ASCEPT Council has been working with the British Pharmacological Society to organise a joint conference in Hong Kong. We have now all agreed to go ahead with this conference and we are into the planning phase. The proposed date is May 19 to May 21, 2015. We hope to have at least 300 attendees including scientists from the UK, Australia and Asia. At this stage we don't have a particular theme for the conference but obviously it will have a strong pharmacological focus and will be a great event for every ASCEPT member to attend. It's something to look forward to so please add this date to your diary and plan now to come to this conference. It will be a great opportunity to develop networks, be involved with fabulous science, and to continue to grow our strong relationship with the BPS.

ASCEPT Council have also put in a bid to host the 2022 IUPHAR World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology. We have put in the application with the Melbourne Convention Bureau who have been wonderfully helpful and supportive. In addition, we are extremely grateful to Nobel Laureate, Professor Barry Marshall who is the patron for this bid. There is considerable competition including Serbia, Hungary, Brazil, UK, Italy, India, Spain and Canada. The vote is being held at the 2014 WCP Congress in Capetown, South Africa. So please, tell everyone that Melbourne will be a great place for the 2022 Congress and to support our bid! The Capetown WCP is on 13-18 July 2014 and so please plan to come this conference and support our ASCEPT's bid, and also our ASCEPT member, Professor Arthur Christopoulos who is the plenary IUPHAR speaker at the congress.

David Le Couteur
President, ASCEPT

Professor William Bowman BPharm, PhD, DSc, FIBiol, FPS, FRSE

A reflection on the life of Bill Bowman



Bill and Colin at Bills home in Rockcliffe.

Please click the PDF to view [Professor Bill Bowman A reflection.pdf](#)

2013 ASM Registrations NOW OPEN

The Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists (ASCEPT) invites you to attend the 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting at the RACV City Club, Melbourne from 1 – 4 December 2013.

The theme is Breaking down the silos – academia, industry and the government collaboratively developing medicines.

This scientific meeting will bring together leading national and international researchers, academics, clinicians and educators. The focus of the meeting is on sharing recent research findings and hearing from international and local invited speakers who will be presenting on significant findings in their areas of expertise.

Submission of abstracts

A reminder that abstract proposals are sought in the following areas:

- Cardiovascular
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Clinical Pharmacology Trainee
- Drug Discovery
- Drug Disposition and Response
- Education
- Inflammation/Respiratory
- Neuro- and Behavioural Pharmacology
- Pharmacogenomics
- Toxicology
- Urogenital and Gastrointestinal

We encourage you to contribute your research, knowledge and experience by submitting an abstract for consideration as an oral or poster presentation. The abstract submission deadline is Friday 13 September 2013.

Before submitting an abstract, ensure you have read all of the instructions on the abstract submission page. You MUST download the abstract submission template and type your abstract

into this MS Word document. Abstracts that are not submitted on this template and that do not follow the submission instructions will not be accepted by the editors.

Visit [asceptasm](#) for registration fees, information and to register online.

Expression of interest for editor of ASCEPT Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) abstracts

We are looking for expressions of interest from ASCEPT members who would like to be involved in editing abstracts for our ASM.

Please Note: This editorial work is purely to check format and conformity of abstracts with the instructions, and will not be assessing the scientific content.

Please contact either the ASCEPT secretariat jen.coulls@ascept.org or Dom Geraghty D.Geraghty@utas.edu.au if you are interested.

International Travel Award Report

*Michael Dolton, PhD Candidate
Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sydney*

I would like to gratefully acknowledge the support of ASCEPT for the International Travel Award that assisted in my travel to attend and present my work at the American Conference on Pharmacometrics (ACoP), held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on May 12-15, 2013.

A range of experts in the field of pharmacometrics from both academia and the pharmaceutical industry gave a number of exceptional presentations on a diverse range of topics, covering the use of pharmacometrics in drug development through to its application in clinical practice. One of the highlights of the scientific program was the Lewis B. Sheiner Lecture presented by Professor France Metr e, titled "From Drug Use to Statistical Models and Vice Versa".

I presented my current research on the population pharmacokinetics of the antifungal voriconazole as a poster presentation. My presentation was well received, and I received helpful feedback and had a number of discussions with other researchers in the field which proved to be very useful.

As part of ACoP I was also able to attend a number of pre- and post-conference workshops on a range of pharmacometric topics, including advanced training with the pharmacometric software NONMEM. These workshops were very interesting and allowed me to develop skills in a range of new areas that will be highly useful in my future research.

I would like to express my gratitude to ASCEPT for their invaluable support in attending this conference.

New Career Opportunities

Scientific Head of Pharmacology and Toxicology St Vincents Hospital, Sydney

Applications Close: 14/08/2013 5:00PM

An opportunity exists for the Scientific Head of the Division of Pharmacology and Toxicology for SydPath, St Vincents Hospital, Sydney. The successful applicant will head up a team

responsible for the effective and efficient delivery of drug monitoring services for St Vincent's Hospital campus, SydPath collection centres and is a major referral centre for both State and National Health Care institutes. We are seeking a suitably qualified Scientist with experience in Mass Spectrometry, Chromatography along with driving the development of new testing procedures in line with the organisations strategic direction.

Enquiries: Please visit [website](#) and/or further details are available from Antonella Screnci, Senior Operations Manager Sydpath on 02 8382 9159.

Position No: 194680

Professor of Clinical Pharmacology School of Medical Sciences, Sydney Medical School & RPA Hospital

Applications close: 8 September 2013

The School of Medical Sciences is currently seeking a senior academic with a high-profile international reputation in the field of clinical pharmacology to undertake a leadership role within the discipline and school. You will be responsible for academic activities in the fields of pharmacology and/or toxicology, including undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and research, and also have the opportunity to shape the future direction of pharmacology teaching and research at the University and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital as a Clinical Academic. As a medical practitioner eligible to be registered in New South Wales and qualified to seek membership of an appropriate Australian specialist medical college, you will have substantial clinical experience in the fields of clinical pharmacology and or toxicology and a demonstrable distinguished personal contribution to teaching at all levels. Also essential to the position is the evidence to take an active role in the maintenance of academic standards in the development of educational policy and curriculum areas within pharmacology.

Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to Professor Robert Vandenberg at robert.vandenberg@sydney.edu.au or on +61 2 9351 6734 and/or for enquiries about the recruitment process, please contact Mr Rodney Waterson, Senior Recruitment Manager, at: rodney.waterson@sydney.edu.au or on +61 2 8627 1214.

All applications must be submitted via the University of Sydney careers website. For more information and to apply, search by the reference number 1385/0613 on [website](#)

TGA undertaking recruitment process to fill more than 50 membership vacancies

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) plays an important role in the regulation of therapeutic goods and their use in the delivery of health care. There are now opportunities for us to participate in its activities and to bring our expertise to its deliberations.

The TGA is currently undertaking a recruitment process to fill more than 50 membership vacancies across the following seven statutory advisory committees:

- The Advisory Committee on Biologicals (ACB)
- The Advisory Committee on Complementary Medicines (ACCM)
- The Advisory Committee on Medical Devices (ACMD)
- The Advisory Committee on Non-prescription Medicines (ACNM)
- The Advisory Committee on Prescription Medicines (ACPM)

- The Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medical Devices (ACSMD)
- The Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medicines (ACSOM)

These committees provide independent expert advice to the Minister for Health and to the TGA on specific scientific and technical matters, which aids the TGA's regulatory decision making and other regulatory processes. The TGA is seeking expressions of interest from experts who have expertise in relevant clinical or scientific fields or appropriate consumer issues and want to contribute to the regulation of therapeutic goods in Australia. Terms of appointment are for a period of up to three years, commencing in early 2014. Enquiries can be made by email to committee.vacancies@tga.gov.au or contact Kylie Barsley on 02 6232 8172.

Instructions for submitting expressions of interest are available on the [TGA website](#)

Expressions of interest must be received by: 5pm (AEST) 4 August 2013.

New Upcoming Events

GLOBAL INITIATIVES IN PAEDIATRIC MEDICINES, RESEARCH & REGULATION

Working together to improve the development and use of better medicines for children

21 August 2013

We invite all researchers and health care professionals interested in the care of children, educators, regulators, medicines policy makers and members of the pharmaceutical industry to join us for what will be a very informative and stimulating seminar, with important implications for practice in Australia and New Zealand.

Please join us for a unique opportunity to hear from world leaders in the field of Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics about exciting new developments in paediatric medicines research from the Global Research in Paediatrics (GRIP) Network of Excellence. Established in 2011, GRIP is a global collaboration of leading scientists with the common goal of facilitating the development and use of better medicines for children. More information is available at www.grip-network.org

This seminar will be of interest to all who are involved in drug development and medicines research generally, drug regulation, drug safety and Quality Use of Medicines, with particular focus on optimising these to address the special needs of the paediatric population.

[Global Initiatives in Paediatric Medicines Research & Regulation Flyer.pdf](#) for further information

Guest speakers (see flyer attached for bios)

KALLE HOPPU M.D., Ph.D.,
Associate Professor of Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology, Hospital for Children and Adolescents and Dept. of Clinical Pharmacology, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland. Chair of the Section of Paediatric Clinical Pharmacology, International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology, Division of Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR). Technical Advisor in the area of Better Medicines for Children, International Pediatric Association (IPA).

GREGORY L. KEARNS Pharm.D., Ph.D.,
Professor of Pediatrics and Pharmacology, University of Missouri-Kansas City. Clinical Professor

of Pediatrics, University of Kansas School of Medicine, Associate Chairman, Department of Pediatrics, Director, Pediatric Trial Network, Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, Kansas City, Missouri, USA.

Information

CHAIRS: Associate Professor Madlen Gazarian & Professor David Le Couteur

DATE/TIME: Wednesday 21 August 2013, 3.30pm – 6.00pm

VENUE: New Law Building Lecture Theatre 101, University of Sydney

REGISTRATION COST: Free

RSVP/ ENQUIRIES: RSVP by 12 August 2013 to ASCEPT Secretariat: Jen Coulls
email: <mailto:%20jen.coulls@ascept.org>

ASCEPT Mentoring Program at 2013 ASM

The ASCEPT mentoring programme matches a mentor with a more junior person (mentee) from within the ASCEPT membership. Mentors can provide support, information and advice, and share professional and personal skills and experiences. The match is based on needs and criteria identified by the mentee. This program includes students, postdoctoral fellows and early-mid career scientists. Mentees can place special requests for mentors with regards to discipline or location and have the option of naming a mentor.

The deadline for applications from mentees is Thursday 31st October. Mentors can then be matched with mentees prior to the ASM, allowing face-to-face meetings if both parties are attending the meeting.

[Mentee profile](#) and [development goals](#), [Mentor profile](#) and [guidelines](#).

European Society for Pharmacogenomics and Theranostics 2nd Conference "Pharmacogenomics: from cell to clinic" September 26-28 2013 Lisbon

More details:
[ESPT Congress](#)

Symposium - "Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals: Science and Regulation" and ACTRA 6th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) 16-18th October 2013, University House, Australian National University (ANU) Canberra

[More details](#)

Other events

8th International Human Peroxidase Meeting

9 - 12 September, 2013

Sydney, Australia

The International Human Peroxidase Meetings represent the foremost meeting series focused on all research into the mammalian heme peroxidases, ranging from basic science to clinical studies. The Meetings of SFRR(A) bring together researchers from Australia, New Zealand and the surrounding area with an interest in free radicals, reactive oxygen and nitrogen species and redox biology.

[More Information](#)

Global Drug Safety (GDS) Conference and Exposition

14-16 October 2013

Brisbane

Registrations have now opened for the Global Drug Safety (GDS) Conference and Exposition which will attract national and international delegates and speakers from across a wide spectrum of stakeholder groups to advance the global drug safety mission in all corners of the world.

With the theme of Revitalising Drug Safety – The Decade of the Patient, the conference will be held at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre from 14-16 October 2013 and will feature leading international speakers including Professor Zubin Austin from the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto, Canada.

To register go to <http://www.ascept.org/EmRedirect.aspx?nid=5c4bb560-9359-46c5-b6e9-9b29bcaf0252&sid=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.gds2013.org>

Organisers of the Global Drug Safety (GDS) Conference and Exposition have called for abstract submissions. Abstracts on the following and related topics are invited for consideration as oral or poster presentations:

- The Safe Drug: Discovery and Distribution
- Medication Safety: Systems and Practice
- Safe Medicine: Safe Patient

The abstract submission guidelines can found on the conference website <http://www.ascept.org/EmRedirect.aspx?nid=5c4bb560-9359-46c5-b6e9-9b29bcaf0252&sid=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000&url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.gds2013.org>.

5th FIP Pharmaceutical Sciences World Congress

13-16 April 2014

Melbourne

Join leading pharmaceutical scientists from around the world to discuss cutting edge research

and up-and-coming developments under the theme of 'Pharmaceutical Sciences 2020: Realising the Vision'. The 2014 PSWC will also foster a new generation of visionary and ground-breaking pharmaceutical scientists via a special stream for students.

[More information](#)

International Events

13th International Congress of Therapeutic Drug Monitoring & Clinical Toxicology **22-26 September, 2013** **Salt Lake City, USA**

This is the key international congress with a focus on Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Clinical Toxicology. Registrants typically include Students (esp. PhD degree, or equivalent), Scientists, Clinical Pharmacists, Clinical Biochemists, Clinical Pharmacologists, Clinical Pathologists, Clinical Toxicologists, Pharmacogeneticists.

Early registration deadline: 30 June

Congress Secretariat [email](#) or for [further information](#)

1st Annual International Conference on Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences (PHARMA) **18-19 November, 2013** **Singapore**

The conference aims to explore pharmacology, its relation with pharmaceutical sciences and application in the development of healthcare products. Through sharing and networking, PHARMA 2013 will provide an opportunity for researchers, practitioners and educators to exchange research evidence, practical experiences and innovative ideas on issues related to pharmacology and pharmaceutical sciences.

More info please visit the [website](#)

BPS Pharmacology 2013 **17-19 December** **London, UK**

Formerly known as the BPS Winter Meeting, Pharmacology 2013 reaffirms our commitment to 'Today's science, tomorrow's medicine' by providing the highest quality scientific content and invaluable networking opportunities for attendees from the UK and overseas.

Preliminary information is already available [here](#):

Other News

Below is information of events and news from other groups and associations

[British Pharmacological Society \(BPS\)](#)
[The Royal Australasian College of Physicians \(RACP\)](#)
[NHMRC Research Tracker](#)

IUPHAR

The 17th World Congress of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology, scheduled in Cape Town, South Africa during July 13-18, 2014 is highlighted in the lead article.

The IUPHAR Integrative Organ and Systems Pharmacology (IOSP) initiative is offering assistance to organizations interested in having an IOSP course in their own country or region, or in collaboration with a national/regional pharmacological society. See page 6 for information.

For a limited time, IUPHAR is offering a 50% discount on advertising pharmacology-related career opportunities on PharmacoCareers. [Visit website for more information.](#)

Consultations

Therapeutic Goods Administration

The following consultation has been added to the TGA Internet site:

Draft TGA approach to disclosure of commercially confidential information.

Closes on 29 August 2013

[more information](#)

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