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Welcome to the June 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

Closing date for E-News contributions is the 15th of each month for end of month publication

Closing date for the weekly News Alerts is 5pm each Wednesday for a Friday publication.

Nicole Jones
ASCEPT Newsletter Editor

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President's Message

Time for a name change?

There is a lot of history in our society's name. It reflects the evolving nature of our membership and the diversity of its members. Many of us – including me - hold the name 'ASCEPT' very dearly. On the other hand, in a recent Newsletter, I raised the observation that our name is not very good for our external relationships -- for example with potential sponsors, in the media and in our role as advocates. I asked for any comments – and there were no responses – which surprised me somewhat because in the past, the name ASCEPT has been fervently protected by its members. But it is a clunky name.

We have a 50th birthday for the society coming up soon, so maybe the time is right to consider a name change that incorporates the importance of our history, but also is more useful for promoting the society in the broader community. At our recent Council and SIG meeting I suggested the possibility of a name such as "PHARMACOLOGY AUSTRALASIA: the Society for Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists". This would allow us to retain our current name in the byline, but give us something short and punchy as the main name for promoting the society.

What do you think? Do you have any other suggestions? Or should we leave well enough alone?

If there is general support for this type of approach then we might considering looking at this at our Annual General Meeting in Melbourne at the end of the year.

David Le Couteur
President, ASCEPT

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

We are looking for expressions of interest from ASCEPT members who are 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 contact.

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

ASCEPT Clinical Pharmacology Trainee Weekend 2013, Sydney, May 25-26

This year's event (the fourth since its inception in 2010) was based on the theme "adverse drug reactions". A successful mix of insightful senior speakers and trainee presentations was complemented by the entertainment of a trainees versus consultants debate.

Further details of the Weekend (including presentations) are available at the website Clinical Weekend.

Congratulations to Dr Ganessan Kichenadasse (Adelaide) for being the recipient of the best trainee presentation award, for "Ifosfamide - do we know how to use it safely?"

Paul Chin, Clinical Pharmacology
Christchurch Hospital / University of Otago

With four years of consistently excellent meetings the Clinical Weekend is firmly established in the ASCEPT calendar. Council thanks Paul Chin, Jon Brett & Catherine Lucas for many hours of hard work organising the weekend and the Department of Clinical Pharmacology & Toxicology of St Vincent's Hospital Sydney & UNSW for hosting the meeting.

Matt Doogue

Pharmacogenetics in the news!!

It's not often that Pharmacogenetics (PGx) makes the headlines in newspapers, but last year saw the culmination of a series of US court battles that sent shudders through the medical diagnostics industry, which was closely following the case. Read more.

New career opportunities

Hazardous Substances Advisor (Ecotoxicology)

Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)
Applications close: Monday 8 July 2013

If you want to make a significant, lasting contribution to the well-being of New Zealanders, and are looking for the opportunity to further your career in ecotoxicology then this could be the opportunity you have been waiting for.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) enables better future environments for New Zealanders by being a world leading regulator. We are seeking a skilled and enthusiastic ecotoxicologist to join our Hazardous Substances Applications & Assessment team. The role involves evaluating applications for import and manufacture or reassessment of chemicals.

In return, we can offer a fantastic working environment with a strong developmental focus. You'll have the opportunity to join a supportive and experienced team, where the nature of the work is varied and you will be provided with interesting and challenging opportunities to enhance your career. This is a permanent position, located in our head office in downtown Wellington.

For a job description and application form, please visit our website or contact Damian Millington, Human Resources Advisor on +64 4 474 5445. To apply, please email your Curriculum Vitae with a covering letter and job application form to recruit@epa.govt.nz

Chair of Pharmacogenomics or Personalised Medicine

University of Sydney, Faculty of Pharmacy
Applications close: 31 July 2013

Applicants are invited for a Chair of Pharmacogenomics or a Chair of Personalised Medicine. This position provides a pivotal opportunity for a suitably qualified, internationally recognised and high achieving pharmaceutical or biomedical scientist. You will have an established academic and research reputation in the growing areas of pharmaceutical, medical and/or therapeutic application of genomics to drug therapy as it applies to the treatment and prevention of various diseases such as cancer. You will be responsible for the promotion and facilitation of research in the field of pharmacogenomics or personalised medicine at the University within the Faculty of Pharmacy; undertaking research and maintaining a high international reputation in one or more of these areas by interacting with local hospitals and pharmaceutical industry and other relevant bodies outside the University; coordination with other Faculty staff to develop programs for undergraduate and postgraduate students specialising in pharmacogenomics or personalised medicine.

Specific inquiries concerning the position should be directed to Professor Iqbal Ramzan via email or for general recruitment enquiries please contact Mr Rodney Waterson, Senior Recruitment Manager, via email or on +61 2 8627 1214.

All applications must be submitted via the University of Sydney careers website. For more information, and to apply, visit website.

AMH – new national guide

The AMH Children's Dosing Companion - Australia's new national guide to paediatric medicines usage - is being released this Saturday, June 29.

This is your last chance to pre-order and save!

Order before midnight this Friday, June 28 to pay only $60 for your first year's subscription - that's a saving of more than 10% on the retail price of $67.50.

Please see the brochure here for more information and ordering details.

New Upcoming Events

ASCEPT Education Forum Workshop
Friday July 26, 2013 Department of Pharmacology, Melbourne University.

Using threshold learning outcomes (TLOs) for pharmacology curriculum development and renewal.

The Education Forum is hosting this workshop on Friday July 26, 2013 in the Department of Pharmacology, Melbourne University.

Guest speakers:

- Associate Professor Elizabeth Johnson Associate Dean (Academic); Faculty of Science,

Technology & Engineering, La Trobe University

- Associate Professor Janet Macaulay Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Monash University & Coordinator of CUBENet Assessing Student Learning Group

In this workshop, participants will consider how threshold learning outcomes that have been developed for Science/Biomedical Science can be incorporated in the teaching and assessment of pharmacology within science/biomedical science/health science and related degree programs. (see link for program).

In addition, time has been allocated for sharing of ideas and data from ongoing projects.

Registration $35 due by July 19, 2013 (link to registration)

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

More details:
http://www.esptcongress.eu/

Other events

Pharmacology Teaching and Learning Innovation workshop 5 July 2013

University teaching and learning is undergoing an unprecedented rate of change, with advances in technology, larger class sizes and a more diverse range of students.

The Pharmacology, Pharmacy and Anaesthesiology Unit at the University of Western Australia is hosting a teaching and learning innovation workshop. This ASCEPT-sponsored workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to share innovations in teaching and learning to improve the student learning experience and provide efficiencies.

Associate Professor Moira Maley, who has broad expertise in Medical Education Technology will be an invited guest at this workshop and share developments in e-Learning that could be incorporated into university teaching.

Date: Friday 5th July
Time: 9.00 am – 12noon
Venue: E-learning Computer Suite 3 (G.17, Red), M Block, Pharmacology, QEII Medical Center, Nedlands, WA 6009 (entrance and parking from Caladenia Crescent)
Contact: Lynette Fernandes, email: Lynette.Fernandes@uwa.edu.au Phone (08) 9346 4517

International Narcotics Research Conference July 14 – 18, 2013

The 44th INRC will take place in Cairns, Queensland from July 14 – 18, 2013. The INRC Annual Meeting features all aspects of opioid research from cellular signaling, molecular biology and medicinal chemistry through addiction research and pain management. Since 1969, the INRC meeting has been a unique forum where scientists, clinicians and Pharma share the latest information about the key questions in opioid research. The 44th annual meeting in Cairns is

great chance to get together with colleagues old and new, and learn about the most exciting findings in the opioid world.

More Information

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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 www.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 www.gds2013.org.

8th International Human Peroxidase Meeting, Sydney, Australia,
9 - 12 September, 2013

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

5th FIP Pharmaceutical Sciences World Congress, Melbourne

13-16 April 2014

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

12th meeting of the Asia Pacific Federation of Pharmacologists (APFP) Shanghai, China
9 – 13 July, 2013

The meeting will consist of plenary lectures, invited lectures, symposia, oral presentation, poster presentations and discussion sections, all focusing on basic and clinical pharmacological research as well as on new drug discovery. The meeting will offer a golden opportunity for all delegates and guests to expose and communicate their results, new ideas, new methods and technologies in pharmacology.

For more information, please click here

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

Read more information

1st Annual International Conference on Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences (PHARMA)
Bangkok, Thailand

18-19 November 2013

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

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

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

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 June issue of "Pharmacology International", the newsletter of the International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (IUPHAR), is now available for download at 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. The coupon code for this special promotion is found exclusively on page 17.

New AIHW report:

National opioid pharmacotherapy statistics annual data

Gates backs social network for researchers

Consultations

Therapeutic Goods Administration

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

International harmonisation of ingredient names
Closes 10 July 2013
more information

ACCS and joint ACCS/ACMS meetings, July 2013
Newsroom

Draft TGA approach to disclosure of commercially confidential information.
Closes on 29 August 2013

more information

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