

ASCEPT E-news - Sep 2012

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President's Message

It is a great pleasure to welcome [Jen Coulls](#) from Tincat Consulting who has taken over as the ASCEPT secretariat. Jen has enormous experience in administration, higher education and science sectors and all of us in the ASCEPT Council are really pleased to have her support into the future.

I am sure that all the members will be very happy with the improvements in the efficiency and levels of communication. Of course there will be a transition period and we will need the help and understanding of all members during this time. In particular it will be important to let Jen know if there are any problems (for example inaccurate email addresses, membership details and so on). The new contact details are telephone (08) 8274 3741 and email jen.coulls@ascept.org



I would like to express my gratitude to Associate Professor Peter Molenaar, the secretary of ASCEPT. Peter has dealt with all the issues related to the secretariat services over the last 18 months and has invested a huge amount of time and energy. It is no understatement to point out that the survival and future of ASCEPT relied on Peter's commitment. I would like everyone in ASCEPT to let Peter know how much you appreciate his support of ASCEPT during what has been a difficult time.

To the future! Our arrangements for the 2012 Sydney and 2013 Melbourne ASCEPT annual meetings are going ahead very well. I hope that you are all planning to come to the ASCEPT/APSA meeting in Sydney and please register and submit your abstracts as soon as possible. We are also organising a joint standalone meeting with the British Pharmacological Society in 2015, probably in Hong Kong. This will be a fabulous event and I will let you know more details as the organisation of this develops. We have also put in a bid for the 2022 IUPHAR WPC conference in Melbourne. Let's hope we are successful in this bid as it would be a major event on the horizon for our society.

A final note. Like most organizations in the world, ASCEPT needs to consider its financial situation. I would like all members to talk to their industry contacts and representatives about sponsorship possibilities for ASCEPT and our annual meetings. If there is any interest at all, please email Jen Coulls. Also, talk to your non-ASCEPT colleagues and convince them to become members of ASCEPT. If we all recruited one new member, it would revolutionize our society!

David Le Couteur
President, ASCEPT

ASCEPT Upcoming Events



ASCEPT-APSA Joint Meeting 2012, 2 - 5 December, Sydney

Theme: Medication Safety

www.ascept-apsa.com - Meeting Information, Registration, Abstract Submission & Scientific Program

Pharmacogenomics SIG workshop - Sun Dec 2nd, 2012

The Pharmacogenomics SIG are in the process of organising a workshop for Sunday Dec 2 10am - noon prior to the start of the ASCEPT/APSA meeting. The format will be similar to last year's workshop with opportunity for ECRs / Postdocs to present, note that all members are welcome especially students. In order to finalise the venue we need to have preliminary numbers for attendance. Could you please reply by return email to Janet Coller:

janet.coller@adelaide.edu.au to indicate if you are able to attend. Further announcements will follow with more details.

Advances in Urogenital and Gut Research – Fri 30th Nov, 2012

The 4th Advances in Urogenital and Gut Research Symposium will be held at the Coogee Bay Hotel, in Sydney on Friday, 30 November, prior to the ASCEPT/APSA meeting in Sydney (2-5 December). This meeting continues the successful series “Advances in Urogenital Research”, held since 2004. For more information visit the website [Urogenital and Gut Research Forum](#)

Employment Opportunities

Program Authority (Senior Lecturer): Faculty of Medicine, School of Medical Sciences, University of New South Wales. Expressions of interest are invited for the position of Senior Lecturer and Program Authority for the Pharmaceutical Medicine and Drug Development program. This program offers high quality postgraduate educational opportunities in the field of pharmaceutical drug development. The program is delivered in a distance education format, and targets graduates from a range of disciplines who are active in, or seek roles in the pharmaceutical industry. [Read more information](#) **Applications close: 12 October 2012.**

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer positions: Call for Expressions of Interest for Lecturer/Senior Lecturer positions within the School of Medical Sciences, University of New South Wales. Please contact Professor Margaret Morris directly for more information (m.morris@unsw.edu.au). **Expressions of Interest due: 3rd October 2012.** [Read more information](#)

Senior Lecturer / Associate Professor in Pharmacology / Clinical Pharmacology: School of Medicine Flinders University, South Australia. Ref (12266) The appointee will provide teaching and research leadership in pharmacology and therapeutics. In particular, the appointee will develop a successful research program in an area of pharmacology and therapeutics relevant to the research strengths of the Discipline of Clinical Pharmacology, publish findings and obtain competitive grant funding. The appointee will develop, coordinate, and deliver teaching in therapeutics to the Graduate Entry Medical Program and other Health Professional Degree Programs. Full details including how to apply on-line can be found at: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment>.

ASCEPT Mentoring Program at 2012 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. Applications from mentees will be advertised 6 - 8 weeks

prior to the Annual Scientific Meeting. Mentors can then be matched with mentees prior to the ASM, allowing face-to-face meetings if both parties are attending the meeting.

Forthcoming Meetings and Events

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](#)

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, behaviour, 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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