

Today's issue of PD

PHARMACY Daily today includes a full page promoting Willach+Heise's CONSIG robotic dispensing solutions - see p2.

Women make history

TWO women now concurrently hold the top jobs in two branches of the Pharmacy Guild for the first time in its 80-year history.

Judith Liauw and Lenette Mullen have been elected unopposed as the branch presidents of Tasmania and Western Australia respectively.

The only other female to person the post was former ACT branch president Kate Carnell.



The Pharmacy Guild of Australia

This week's update from the Guild

Pharmacy Women's Congress

The Pharmacy Women's Congress is in its fifth year and the theme for the 2008 event is 'Motivate, Inspire, Empower'.

The Pharmacy Guild of Australia invites you to attend this successful event, to be held 29-31 August at the Crown Promenade Hotel in Melbourne.

The Pharmacy Women's Congress was established to encourage women to own and/or manage a pharmacy and the 2008 Congress will highlight this with clinical and business sessions to tie in with the theme.

The social program will also include the best Melbourne has to offer with a range of choices - the best restaurants, a trip to the theatre, spa treatment and fantastic opportunities to browse Melbourne's many shopping precincts and galleries.

For more information click on the Pharmacy Women's Congress link in the Events section of the Guild website www.guild.org.au or contact Megan Spielvogel at the Victorian Branch by email megan.spielvogel@vic.guild.org.au or phone (03) 9810 9999.

Dowling resigns from Guild

JOHN Dowling has resigned as president of the Tasmanian branch of the Pharmacy Guild amid allegations of inappropriate behaviour at a conference.

Mr Dowling was accused of harassing a female delegate at the Australian College of Pharmacy Practice and Management on Norfolk Island during May, but the incident had been unreported until a *Financial Review* story today.

According to witnesses, Dowling is alleged to have sat on the woman's lap and rubbed her back.

The woman claims she told him his advances were unwelcome and he had to be pulled away.

Several official complaints were made to the Guild executive.

The Guild's official line is that Mr Dowling resigned for private

reasons to "spend more time as a community pharmacist".

A source confirmed that Mr Dowling had talked of his desire to return to focus on his work as a pharmacist several months before the conference took place.

Mr Dowling was still representing the Guild as late as last week at a Senate Community Affairs Committee hearing about the Government plan to charge pharmaceutical companies to have their medicines considered for listing on the PBS.

The hearing was held on the day before Mr Dowling's resignation took effect.

Mr Dowling is also a director of Guild Group Holdings, owned by the Guild, but it is not known if he maintains this role.

PSA awards students

TOP students from the University of Canberra's Master of Pharmacy program have received awards from the newly formed ACT branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.

Adam Walsh was awarded the Gold Medal for achieving the highest grade-point average across the two-year program, while Belinda Riley was presented with the Certificate for Pharmacy Practice.

Kids lack calcium

THIS week is National Healthy Bones Week, and Dairy Australia and Osteoporosis Australia are highlighting the need for children to protect bone health.

A Roy Morgan study shows only one in five children are eating cheese at lunchtime, fewer than 7% are drinking milk and only 6% are having yogurt.

It also revealed 84% of children consumed less than the recommended three serves of dairy a day.

WIN A COPY OF 'THE OTHER WOMEN'S MOVEMENT'

EACH day this week *Pharmacy Daily* is giving you the chance to win a copy of Dr Michael Levitt's book 'The Other Women's Movement'.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Bennett of Health Information Pharmacy** who was the first reader yesterday to tell us that when an individual becomes troubled by the fact that their bowel actions are not frequent enough or are too difficult to expel, this is referred to as **constipation**.

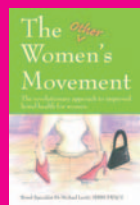
The book is a must read for women who suffer with problems associated with sluggish bowels and disordered rectal evacuation.

Bowel specialist Dr Michael Levitt explodes the myths of good health and shows by example how to overcome problems that can affect women's life and health.

To enter, email your answer to the question below to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au.

Name one of the symptoms of constipation.

The prize will be awarded to the first correct response. Hint! Visit Dr Levitt's websites - www.michaellevitt.com.au and www.colocappharma.com



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DISPENSARY CORNER

COULD special milk from pampered dairy cows in Holland help stave off osteoporosis?

The 80 cows at Wapse Farm in the Netherlands receive regular massages and also sleep on special mattresses.

The London *Sun* reported farmer Nancy Vermeer saying "The cows have to be happy. If they're not they won't give milk."

"Our cows used to lie on concrete but now they have mattresses made of soft rubber."

"If a person is unwell their breath can smell, so I personally think you can taste the difference in the milk of a happy cow. It tastes sweeter."

The farm supplies milk to ice-cream maker Ben & Jerry's, which promotes the idea as part of a 'Caring Dairy' initiative.

ANTIOXIDANTS will have had more than 100 years to develop in some now 'priceless' bottles of wine discovered recently in a Scottish castle.

Owner of Torosay Castle on the Isle of Mull, Chris James, said he had become curious about the contents of a very heavy sideboard which had always been locked.

He employed a specialist locksmith to cut a key for the door, and when it was opened he found a bottle of claret, a port decanter, a bottle of brandy and a bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne, vintage 1893, in mint condition.

The bubbly will go on display at Veuve Clicquot, but reports don't say what happened to the magnificently aged claret.

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