

PD comp winners

THANKS to the hundreds of readers who entered last week's Blender Bottle competition.

Congratulations to Michelle Collins, PGA (NSW); Lyn Banner, National Pharmacies; Karen Playford, Marlin Coast Amcal; Vanessa Carroll, Ayr Hospital and Elisa Gavin of Regional Pharmaceuticals, who were the first to tell us that the two sizes the Blender Bottles are available in are 20 oz and 28 oz.

The five lucky winners will be sent their very own Blender Bottle, courtesy of Hipp Future.

If you didn't win, don't despair - see below for another *Pharmacy Daily* competition.

Women's congress

THIS year's Pharmacy Women's Congress will be held this weekend at the Crown Promenade Hotel, Melbourne.

Attendees to the event can visit the PD stand for great freebies.

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Over 100 co's to sue TGA

MORE than 100 companies are considering suing the Government for compensation over the collapse of Pan Pharmaceuticals five years ago.

And fuelling the fire, Pan's founder Jim Selim has pledged to give some of his \$55m payout to support any class actions.

However, some companies are steering clear of the courts out of fear they will end up in the bad books of the Therapeutic Goods

Vic office bearers

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia, Victoria, has announced the results of its recent elections.

Vic branch president is Dipak Sanghvi, who's also a national councillor and national Guild vice president.

The three Vic branch vice-presidents are Rob Foster, Toni Riley and Bruce Robertson, while Rob Foster and Toni Riley are also national councillors.

The appointments become effective 30 Sep.

Ski conference deal

SKI Tours Canada has announced a series of special travel deals to the upcoming 'Medicine on the Edge' conference which will take place during Jan at two of Canada's premier skiing resorts, Big White and Silver Star.

There will be two components - The Update on Paediatric Emergency and Critical Care, on 04-12 Jan; and a post-conference Emergency Medicine Workshop on 12-17 Jan - info 02 9499 9639.

Administration.

According to a report in *The Australian*, there are two pending class actions against the TGA - one on behalf of Pan's shareholders and another by companies who used Pan to manufacture their products or were suppliers of raw materials.

But others in the industry said they are scared of being targeted by the TGA if they join legal action.

Documents outlining the claims will soon be filed in the Federal Court by Selim's legal firm, McLachlan Thorpe, which is running the suits.

Hearing Funding

THE Government has announced \$3.6 million in funding for research into ways to prevent avoidable hearing loss.

Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot said the five research projects will examine a number of areas, including hearing loss in Aboriginal children and hearing protection in the workplace.

This year's Hearing Awareness Week theme, 'One in Six - its more common than you think', was launched in Melbourne today.

Falls QUM kit

THE PSA is selling a QUM kit for Preventing Falls for purchase by members on CD-ROM.

The resource aims to help pharmacists to provide education on medicine and falls to residential care nurses, carers and the community, and costs \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members - books@psa.org.au.

Win Designer Cosmetics!

EACH day this week *Pharmacy Daily* is giving you the chance to win cosmetics from Designer Brands, courtesy of Total Beauty Network.

The Budget Brand cosmetics deliver designer quality at a fraction of the price.

Get all the ingredients, colour and feel of designer label cosmetics, but without any damage to your accounts.

For a chance to win, send your answer to the below question to: comp@pharmacydaily.com.au.

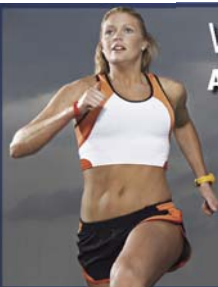
Name three fruity lip colours in the Designer Brands range.

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DISPENSARY CORNER

A BEMUSING hospital admission occurred in Austria last week after a man broke his own nose, jaw and arm with an iron bar.

Josef Reiner of Vienna beat himself up in an attempt to fake an armed robbery, because he was too frightened to tell his wife that he had lost several thousand dollars gambling.

After suspicious health professionals called in officers the man confessed, with a police spokesman saying "He must have been very afraid of his wife to inflict so much pain on himself rather than just confess to her."

MUSLIMS in Turkey are turning to diet patches in an attempt to help them through daily fasting during the Ramadan holy month.

A helpline run by Turkey's religious affairs directorate says it's been inundated with questions asking whether the appetite suppressing patches are suitable for fasting.

Theologians have assured them the patches don't corrupt the fast because their effect is similar to "showering or applying a pomade on the skin," rather than eating.

PHARMACIES should now add gelatine to their hair care sections, after Olympic synchronised swimmers revealed they use it to keep their hair in place underwater.

In fact, why not set up a dedicated synchronised swimming display, where nose clips and waterproof makeup could also be sold.

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