

Qld CPD sessions

PSA Qld will run a continuing professional development event next Tue 11 Nov at the University of Qld titled *Managing the Cancer Patient in the Outpatient Setting*.

There's also a talk on the role of the pharmacist in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder on Mon 17 Nov at Griffith University. More info 07 3844 4900.

Win a Shimmering Mineral Bronzer

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



The Mineral Bronzing Crème goes on smooth, dries instantly and looks deliciously natural.

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

Name 4 other bronzing products featured in the DB range.

The first person to answer correctly each day will win.

HINT: Go to www.tbn.com.au each day and click on the Designer Brands logo at the top of the page.

CONGRATULATIONS to yesterday's winner, **Joyce Cooper**, lecturer in Pharmacy Practice at the University of Newcastle



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Aussie oral insulin move

CURTIN University of Technology has announced plans to develop an oral insulin mimetic in conjunction with listed Australian biotech PharmAust.

PharmAust will form a joint venture between its wholly owned subsidiary Epichem Pty Ltd and Curtin, which will "expand on Curtin's existing intellectual property" in relation to the drug.

Epichem will provide the synthetic and medicinal chemistry services of one chemist for up to a year in return for 40% of the project, while Curtin will

contribute biological testing and assist with the design of potential new medications.

A joint statement said that with diabetes affecting more than 194 million people across the globe it's one of the most costly health problems in the world.

"The development of an orally available insulin mimetic to avoid the use of needles would be a major breakthrough in the treatment of the disease," the statement said.

TGA payment move

PAYMENT of annual Therapeutic Goods Administration charges for registered therapeutic goods will be simplified from 01 Jan 2009 under new legislation which has recently been passed in federal parliament.

The *Therapeutic Goods Amendment Legislation (Annual Charges) Bill 2008* makes a number of changes relating to the "collection and imposition of annual charges, and the implementation of exemptions from liability to pay annual charges because of low value turnover of therapeutic goods."

The Act is amended to allow for the setting of a uniform date for payment of annual charges, allowing sponsors to make a single payment for all goods rather than on the anniversary dates of the listing of the items.

Corum cash crisis

PHARMACY IT supplier Corum Group has issued a stock market announcement confirming that it's currently in breach of its banking covenants.

The firm said it's in negotiations with financiers about how to "recapitalise the Company to the satisfaction to the bank."

The company has 6.7m unsecured convertible notes on offer which were due to be redeemed or converted by 30 Sep.

However due to the low price of the shares (2.1c) and share market volatility, noteholders have not converted their notes.

Corum said it's confident of coming up with an acceptable proposal and will be advising shareholders of a meeting to approve a plan shortly.

HOT Travel Deals

WELCOME to *Pharmacy Daily's* travel feature.

Each week we plan to highlight a couple of great travel deals which we're sure will be of interest to everyone in the pharmacy industry.

Time to start planning for Christmas holidays! For tennis fans *Escape Travel* has a 5 night package to the finals of next year's Australian Open. The package includes reserve seating for 5 sessions for the semi and final matches. Staying at Travelodge Southbank, prices start from \$2950pp and include 5 nights accomm. entry to Melbourne Park, seating, program, free tram travel and more. On sale until Dec 31. For bookings call 1300 799 783.

How about a white Christmas in Canada at Red Mountain Resort? *Ski Tours Canada* has a

'White Christmas' package which includes 7 nights accomm at the luxury ski in/ski out Slalom Creek, 6 day lift pass, transfers and return airfares with Air Canada ex Sydney starting from just \$5,479pp. Book by 30 Nov. For more details see www.skittourscanada.com.au.

Value Tours also has great ski packages available, such as 10 nights in Whistler from just \$2105pp four share. This includes accomm. and lift passes. Valid for travel 04-26 Jan.09. For this deal and more see www.valuetours.com.au.

Zuellig deal done

SYMBION Pharmacy has now been officially acquired by The Zuellig Group, with the \$505m transaction settled last Fri.

Symbion Pharmacy gm Patrick Davies said the completion heralded an "exciting new era" for the two companies.

He said Symbion is looking forward to leveraging off Zuellig's "vast experience in this industry."

Zuellig is one of the largest privately-owned companies in the world, with Zuellig Australia ceo Christian Stoeckling saying "we believe we have now acquired the best performing pharmacy distribution assets in the Australian market, a region where we are committed to establishing a long-term presence."



DISPENSARY CORNER

PUBLIC health crusaders from around the globe have this week descended on the Chinese enclave of Macau for the eighth annual World Toilet Summit.

The event kicked off this week, this year drawing hundreds of public sanitation aficionados to witness the historic signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the World Toilet Organisation and the International Code Council which will "see the introduction of initiatives to promote global codes of practice for the design and construction of toilets."

The first of these initiatives, believe it or not, is titled 'Potty Parity' and will be a hot topic of debate at the event, aiming to "review and address the ratio of female to male cubicles in public toilets" around the globe.

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