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German illegal meds

PHARMACISTS across northern Germany are coming under fire for allegedly buying and selling illegal ingredients to make up their own antibiotics, pain killers and other medications.

Around 100 pharmacies are under investigation, with authorities hinting that the pharmacists may have bought chemicals at cheaper than usual rates on the "grey market", and mixed them to make common medications, then claimed inflated prices back from German health insurance companies.

Irish delegation

A GROUP from the Irish Pharmacy Union will arrive in Australia later this week for meetings with the Pharmacy Guild.

Guild President Kos Sclavos told attendees at yesterday's Pharmacy Workforce Symposium in Canberra that the delegation wants to look at some of the Guild's IT solutions.

He also highlighted recent developments in Ireland which have seen pharmacists trained and equipped for immunisation, with the likely imminent signing of a deal with the government which will see vaccinations undertaken within the country's community pharmacy sector.

Liesel Wett

THE new ceo of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PD yesterday) is Liesel Wett.

PSA president Warwick Plunkett said that Wett's "strong experience in liaising and negotiating with the Minister's office and staff, senior Department of Health staff as well as staff across the health network, will help to ensure PSA's voice is heard and that the interests of pharmacy are taken into account".

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PSA: Future of Pharmacy

AUSTRALIA'S pharmacy industry could be left behind internationally if the profession fails to develop a shared vision, according to the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia.

The statement comes as the PSA renews its calls for a whole-of-profession vision for the future in the wake of the Future of Pharmacy Stakeholders Forum which was held last month in Melbourne.

According to the PSA, key issues identified at the Forum that need industry-wide policy coverage include addressing aspirations of new pharmacists; as well as the number and quality of new graduates; the effect of the increasing numbers of graduates and the 'corporatisation' of practice on the quality of practice; and adherence to professional standards generally throughout the profession.

"If the pharmacy profession fails to develop its own shared vision there is a risk Australia's leading position in world pharmacy will be undermined and we could be left behind internationally," a statement from the PSA said.

"Importantly, the profession would also face the prospect of being increasingly ignored within Australia by government and other health providers in the development

Clinical update event

CONSULTANT pharmacists Geraldine Moses and Debbie Rigby are hosting a clinical Update Seminar on current therapeutics and drug safety issues.

Worth 12 Group 2 Continuing Professional Development points, the seminar follows on from the recent Advanced Drug Interactions presentations by the pair held recently in Sydney, Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Scheduled for 17 Oct at the Holiday Inn Sydney Airport, the interactive program includes lectures on current drug safety issues, osteoporosis, dry eyes, interpreting common laboratory results, polymyalgia rheumatica, statin-induced myopathy and dizziness, which is a common referral for medication review.

The cost of the seminar is \$275, and for more information contact Debbie Rigby on 0418 772 877 or drigby@bigpond.net.au.

of health policy and delivery.

"The challenges ahead must be met by the entire profession working together if we are to fully grasp the opportunities that will emerge," the statement added.

In terms of moving forward towards an integrated whole of profession vision, the PSA has also advised that a teleconference of key pharmacy stakeholders is scheduled to take place early next month, to "further advance the Future of Pharmacy Project".

Sanofi research

SANOFI-aventis has partnered with a wing of Scripps Health, Scripps Genomic Medicine to advance research and development within the field of individualised genomic medicine.

J&J's Onetouch

JOHNSON & JOHNSON has advised that its new personal blood glucose monitoring system, Onetouch Verio which was featured in yesterday's **PD** will not be on available for sale until 01 Sep.

PSA excellence awards

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia is advising the industry that the cut-off date for nominations for its Awards for Excellence is 01 Sep.

Dished out in recognition of professional achievement for pharmacists involved in innovative practice, or who are striving to raise practice standards, or who through their own professionalism are providing a model of practice which others strive to emulate, the awards are divided into three categories Lifetime Achievement, Pharmacist of the Year and Young Pharmacist of the Year.

To be eligible for nomination, the pharmacist must be a PSA member, however there is no such limitation on those that lodge nominations.

Nominees for the Lifetime award must also be either a current PSA member, or be a retired pharmacist who was a former member for a period of 25 years or more.

In addition nominees for the Young Pharmacist must be under 35 years old, and have less than 10 years experience.

Nominations can be emailed to nicole.campbell@psa.org.au.

WIN A REFRESHING BODY MIST



Congratulations to Melessa Bone from APHS who was yesterday's lucky winner of the Body America's Body Mist.

Every day this week, **Pharmacy Daily** is giving readers the chance to win a Refreshing Body Mist from the Body America. Organics with Attitude range, courtesy of **Total Beauty Network**.

Body America redefines organics with its retro chic look and commitment to protecting the body and the environment with its certified organic body pampering treats.

The 1950s inspired retro packaging pays homage to America's past, present and future, with each flavour honouring a much loved region of the United States. Body America's pin up girls are playful and innocent...an endearing attribute to be celebrated! The range has been

designed for all skin types and is enriched with certified organic Aloe Vera Leaf juice to help naturally soothe and protect skin.

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What are the 3 ingredients not included in the Body America range

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Health, Beauty and New Products

Welcome to our weekly feature with all the latest health, beauty and new products for pharmacy!

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DISPENSARY CORNER

VALERIAN needed here.

Visitors to Janfusun Amusement Park's Horrorwood in Taiwan have caused a large portion of the attraction's actors to take leaves of absence or to transfer altogether.

According to reports, not tipped-off by the attraction's name, the tourists are so scared by Horrorworld's offerings that they will often strike out at the actors by hitting, slapping and pushing them.

Not convinced of the fake/fantasy aspect of Horrorworld, the majority of visitors have been hauled up for getting physical with the actors to see if the ghosts and zombies were in fact real, or as a retaliation for daring to frighten them.

Perhaps Horrorworld is not for everyone.

GOODBYE moobs.

A 53 year old man, Guo Qingpo, from the Chinese Shandong province has gone under the knife in an epic operation to remove the world's biggest set of man boobs.

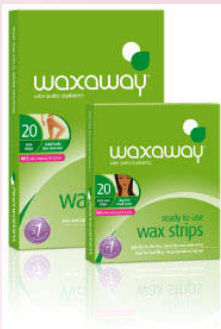
The moobs began to rise from Qingpo's chest ten years ago, however at the time were dismissed as weight gain.

It was only two years ago when they grew to the size of two footballs that Qingpo began to worry.

"People would stare at me wherever I went," he said.

It took 20 experts from across eight hospital departments to come up with a solution to the moobs issue, which saw two teams of medical staff working side-by-side for six hours to each remove one breast.

Qingpo has been recovering in hospital for a month, and having just been released told reporters that he was "over the moon" with the results.



Waxaway on the go!

Waxaway's ready to use wax strips come as pre-waxed plastic strips. Convenient to use, each strip simply needs to be warmed with a quick rub between the hands, before it is peeled into two halves to expose the wax. From here, users simply apply and rip off. The great thing about these strips is that they don't leave any residue, and each strip can be re-used up to five times in the one go. The strips come in two pack sizes, one for the legs and body and one for smaller more sensitive areas like face, underarms and bikini lines. The strips can also be cut to any desired size before they are peeled and applied, and are a great option for people travelling.

RRP: \$9.50 (Ready to Use Strips for Face and Delicate Areas) and \$9.95 (Ready to Use Strips for Body)
Stockist: 1800 245 412

Every Day with Banana Boat

As spring and summer fast approach **Banana Boat** has launched a new product in the fight against sun damaged skin, **Banana Boat Every Day SPF 30+**. As its name suggests, it is made for everyday protection and provides up to four hours of water-resistant broad spectrum UVA and UVB protection. Unlike its other formulations the consistency of this cream is fairly light-weight and non-greasy, thus it absorbs into skin fairly quickly and can be worn easily under make-up. The fragrance-free formulation is also enriched with Vitamin E and aloe vera, to hydrate and nourish skin whilst it blocks harmful rays.

RRP: \$14.95 (200g tube) and \$19.99 (400g pump pack)
Stockist: 1800 810 310



Restore, Replenish and Rebuild Skin

Cetaphil has released a new range of skin care products to treat atopic eczema, **Cetaphil Restoraderm Skin Restoring Body Wash and Moisturiser**. Developed by dermatologists, the soap-free Body Wash contains nourishing oils and emollients including sunflower seed oil and shea butter, and is designed for daily use to soothe itchy, dry and sensitive skin, whilst at the same time restoring moisture. The Restoraderm moisturiser is a light-weight formulation that is absorbed reasonably quickly to relieve itching, dry and sensitive skin, whilst also restoring the skin's natural moisture barrier. As an added bonus, the moisturiser contains patented ceramide technology to replenish lipids and increase the skin's ability to retain moisture, as well as "filaggrin break down products" which are often depleted in atopic eczema sufferers.

RRP: \$19.99 (Body Wash) and \$25.99 (Body Moisturiser)
Stockist: 1800 800 765



Take that Tan Off!

Tan-Off provides a new method for correcting fake tan faux pas. The two sided mitt is created from woven fabric which, with the addition of water, smooths out blotches, streaks and mistakes to provide users with an even looking fake-bake. The mitt can also be used to totally remove the tan altogether, should the user wish. 100% chemical free, the Tan-Off mitt can also be used as a pre-fake-tan exfoliator. The product is set to hit the shelves for sale in mid-September, just in time for spring and the return of skirts, dresses and short sleeves.

RRP: \$24.95
Stockist: 0413 130 103

