

Wheelchair recall

AUSMEDIC Australia has launched a recall for product correction of certain models of Viper and Viper Plus powered wheelchairs.

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API extends pharmacy loans

AUSTRALIAN Pharmaceutical Industries has announced a five year extension of financial assistance to "certain pharmacy customers," with long term loans due for repayment this month having been renegotiated.

According to a statement issued on the ASX earlier this week, API said it had signed a Heads of Agreement, having re-negotiated the terms and conditions of the loans including the principal amount due, the interest rate and the repayment dates.

"The re-negotiated facility includes an extension of the repayment date for five years to October 2018 on terms acceptable to all parties," the company said.

Documentation on the re-negotiated terms and conditions

PAC13 on sad blokes

BARRY Taylor, who has worked in suicide prevention for 25 years at the local, national and international levels, will be presenting a workshop at PAC13 10-13 Oct on the topic of *Male mental health – sad blokes, understanding men and depression*.

His workshop also will cover an overview of how depression and anxiety affects men and the social-cultural factors that influence a man's decision to seek help.

Helpful strategies for engaging men to discuss their depression or to motivate men to be compliant with treatment regimens will also be covered.

To register, go to psa.org.au/pac.

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is expected to be finalised shortly, with API currently in the process of finalising its financial statements for the year to 31 Aug.

The API board said it would consider these new commercial terms as part of its review and approval of the financial statements, which are due for release on 24 Oct.

ASMI on social media

THE Australian Self Medication Industry will launch its social media guidelines for the consumer health industry at its upcoming annual conference in Sydney on 14 Nov.

The guidelines, which will shortly be released for public consultation, have been developed in conjunction with Jye Smith, who's an expert in the field.

Smith is vice president - digital Asia Pacific for Weber Shandwick and will also make a presentation at the conference.

New Marken chief

PHARMACEUTICAL supply chains solution provider Marken has appointed Michael Culme-Seymour as vice president Asia Pacific, in which he will be responsible for its seven branches across the region incl Australia, Singapore, India, China, Japan, Hong Kong and Korea.

No issue on Monday

THE next issue of *Pharmacy Daily* will be published on Tue 08 Oct due to the NSW public holiday on Mon.

NPS on acne therapy

NPS MedicineWise has issued an update on the use of oral antibiotics in acne treatment, with pharmacists often the first point of call for sufferers of the condition.

The severity of acne varies considerably and in some individuals it persists well beyond the teenage years.

The update advises that while "teenagers are more likely to adhere to oral antibiotics," clinicians are reminded to reserve oral antibiotics for moderate-to-severe acne because of their greater potential for serious side effects, compared with topical treatments alone.

CLICK HERE for more info.

NSW Guild leaders

NEWLY appointed NSW Guild President Paul Sinclair (**PD** yesterday), has announced two new appointments to join existing NSW Branch executive members Denis Leahy and Peter McBeath.

The additions include Rick Samimi who has been appointed as Vice President of the branch, while Mark Douglass is a new NSW Branch National Councillor.

Samimi is a Director and Fellow of the Australian College of Pharmacy and a founding partner of the CLS Pharmacy Group, which owns and operates community pharmacies that employ over 60 staff.

And Douglass owns and operates 3 community pharmacies in Central NSW, and is a strong advocate of promoting the benefits of community pharmacy to regional and rural communities.

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Events Calendar

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If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@pharmacydaily.com.au.

8-9 Oct: Sales and Marketing Excellence Australia 2013; ParkRoyal, Darling Harbour, for details go to: www.eyeforpharma.com/au

11-13 Oct: Pharmacy Australia Congress in Brisbane - details www.psa.org.au/pac.

17-19 Oct: Pharmacy Assistant National Conference, Gold Coast - visit www.pharmacyassistants.com.

19-20 Oct: Medication Management Review; St Leonards, details at www.psa.org.au.

23-26 Oct: DenTech China 2013; Shanghai World Expo Exhibition and Convention Center, China; more info at: www.dentech.com.cn

30 Oct: Medici Capital Pharmacy Ownership Ready Series seminar, Sydney - to register call 03 9853 7933.

14 Nov: 2013 ASMI AGM, Conference & Awards - see www.asmi.com.au

16-17 Nov: NSW Pharmacy in focus, Newcastle; visit www.psa.org.au.

DFAT urged on drug pact

SEVEN Australia health NGOs have banded together to urge the new Coalition government to reject "extreme intellectual property privileges" which are being proposed as part of the negotiations for a major regional trade deal.

The Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement will be discussed in Bali, Indonesia next week, and the new Australian government has not yet revealed its positions on health and medicines for the pact.

The NGOs include the Public Health Association Australia, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Palliative Care Australia and the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations.

They say that proposals by the United States mean that the Agreement "has the potential to become the most harmful trade pact ever for access to medicines"

Conflicts of interests

THE European Medicines Agency (EMA) has conducted a workshop on the issue of *Best expertise vs conflicts of interests: striking the right balance* as it applies to key opinion leaders and their advice on drug usage within the European Union.

The workshop was designed to elicit the views and concerns from academia, patient organisations, committee representatives, non-governmental organisations, the pharmaceutical industry and the scientific media on the Agency's current conflicts-of-interests policy.

Documents from the workshop can be accessed by **CLICKING HERE**.



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THE rapid rise of the middle class in China has seen a boom in tourist numbers - and apparently some of them need a little bit of hygiene and etiquette help.

The China National Tourism Administration has published a new 64-page *Guidebook for Civilised Tourism*, giving tips for Chinese travellers so they don't offend people in the places they visit across the globe.

Suggestions include not picking your nose in public, as well as the handy reminder to avoid leaving footprints on public toilet seats.

Another key tip is to not urinate in swimming pools, while an important safety idea is for tourists to not steal life jackets from underneath aircraft seats.

Detailed instructions also urge Chinese travellers to ensure they keep their nose hair neatly trimmed, and to use a toothpick rather than their fingers to remove food items stuck between the teeth.

Win a Nature's Treats Gift Box from Burt's Bees

Pharmacy Daily has teamed up with **Burt's Bees** this week and is giving 5 lucky readers the chance to win a Nature's Treats Gift Box.

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