



Borneo conference

EARLY bird registration rates for the upcoming Borneo Conference close 31st May.

Organisers are urging pharmacist to book now to secure a place at the Sep conference, to be held at the Shangri-La Rasa Ria Resort Kota Kinabalu during the school holidays.

For more information see **page three**, the conference website www.cpdconferencing.com.au or phone 02 9233 6466.

One in 7 have arthritis

ABOUT 3.3 million Australians or one in seven had some form of arthritis in 2011-12, according to a new report released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

Presented as part of the AIHW's web-based Musculoskeletal Conditions Compendium, the report shows that 1.8 million had osteoarthritis affecting joints such as hips, knees and ankles while a further 445,000 had the immunological disorder of rheumatoid arthritis.

AIHW spokesperson Tim Beard said women are still most affected by all forms of arthritis, accounting for 60%, or two million, self-reported cases.

The report also showed that hospitalisation rates for the condition have increased.

"Hospitalisation rates for both rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis have increased markedly despite little change in their prevalence over last 10 years," Beard said.

For a summary **CLICK HERE**.

Pharma reputation ranked

BAYER has come out on top of a poll investigating the reputation of twelve global pharmaceutical companies, conducted by The Reputation Institute.

The German pharmaceutical manufacturer has retained the lead position in the Global RepTrak survey for four years, and in the most recent version was followed by Roche, Abbott, Lilly and GSK.

Data was collected from more than 61,000 general public across 15 countries during February and March this year, evaluating companies across seven parameters that define reputation: products & services, innovation, workplace, governance, citizenship, leadership and financial performance.

The strongest improvements in reputation were seen for Lilly, GSK and Bristol-Myers Squibb, while Novo Nordisk and Novartis declined.

The report concluded that overall global pharma's reputation is mixed, with 34% perceiving the industry as having an excellent reputation while 23% thought it was weak or poor.

The pharma sector as a whole

has the most positive reputation in Russia, Australia and the US, being the only countries to score the industry as 'strong/robust' while the rest of the world scored the industry lower.

RepTrak said general familiarity with pharma companies remains low compared to other high profile businesses tracked in the study.

The survey company found that an improved reputation meant an increased willingness to recommend a particular company. **CLICK HERE** for the full report.

Hospira deal ticked

THE sale of Hospira to Pfizer (**PD** 06 Feb) has been overwhelmingly endorsed by Hospira shareholders, who will receive US\$90 per share in cash once the deal goes through.

At a special meeting held this week 140.7 million votes were cast in favour of the sale, versus just 327,000 against.

The deal values Hospira at around US\$17 billion, with the transaction expected to settle in the second half of 2015 subject to obtaining regulatory approvals in a number of jurisdictions.

RGH site up for grabs

EXPRESSIONS of interest (EOIs) are invited from private and non-government organisations to identify alternate uses for South Australia's Repatriation General Hospital site.

The site is earmarked for healthcare or community-related uses and the EOI process will commence with an industry briefing and site tour, SA Health has said, with formal proposals to then be submitted for consideration by Government.

Officials have ruled out selling the land for commercial development, with MP Martin Hamilton-Smith saying it's likely to be of interest to private healthcare operators such as private hospitals, aged care and nursing homes.

Interested parties can forward their contact details by 22 May to SA Health by **CLICKING HERE**.

Pharmacy honour

MONASH University this week awarded an honorary doctorate to globally respected pharmaceutical scientist, Dr Ian Wilding.

He was the guest speaker at the Emeritus Professor Barry L. Reed Distinguished Lecture, which is hosted annually by the University's Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Faculty dean Professor Bill Charman said Wilding had published over 250 research papers, abstracts and patents and was an "internationally recognised thought-leader, scientific innovator and entrepreneur in drug discovery and delivery.

Wilding's career had included the invention of the Enterion capsule, a remote-controlled device for site-specific delivery within the intestine to evaluate drug absorption.

In his presentation Wilding discussed potential trends for those working in the pharmaceutical industry, with 300 guests attending.

UK NHS service video

A NEW video demonstrating the role of pharmacists as the "accessible primary healthcare provider" supported by the UK National Health Service (NHS) has been created and launched by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

It highlights the NHS minor ailment service which is being rolled out across 80 community pharmacies in the Wirral region in North West England.

The animation explains that pharmacists are not only very accessible but highly trained and well qualified to treat "eczema, indigestion, hayfever or an upset stomach" to avoid the need to visit under-pressure GP surgeries or hospital emergency departments.

CLICK HERE to access the video.

Gardasil AE tracking

AN ENHANCED school-based surveillance report of acute adverse events (AEs) following administration of the human papillomavirus vaccine, Gardasil, has found no safety concerns in either males or females were observed in the program.

US phcy credentialing

A SPECIAL feature in *The Consultant Pharmacist* summarises credentialing and privileging of pharmacists in the US.

Aiming to provide and reward more efficient, affordable and higher quality healthcare, the processes are in place to ensure capabilities and competence of professionals the feature says.

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25 May: PSA Immunisation Training; Gosford Golf Club; more info at: www.psa.org.au

29-31 May: ConPharm 2015; Park Hyatt Melbourne; more info at: www.aacp.com.au

30 May: HIV Workshop introduction; Sydney; see: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

3 Jun: 2015 Quality Learning Seminar; Swisshotel, Sydney; visit: www.cmaustralia.org.au

6 Jun: Provide First Aid; Neutral Bay Club; see: www.psa.org.au

13-14 Jun: Cardiology Seminar; Brisbane; details at: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

14 Jun: PSA Immunisation Training; Rydges, Port Macquarie; see: www.psa.org.au

19 Jun: Australian Seminar Series; Adina Apartment Hotel, Sydney; for details visit: www.cpdconferencing.com.au

20-21 Jun: Evidence Based Seminar; Sydney; details at: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

6-9 Jul: Pharmacy Alliance Members' Forum; Honolulu USA; more details at: www.pharmacyalliance.com.au

10-12 Jul: Clinical Pharmacy Practice Seminar (foundation); Mercure Hotel, Sydney; details at: www.cpd.shpa.org.au

UK cannabis chemist

BRITAIN'S first ever cannabis pharmacy will open its doors tomorrow, offering a range of health and beauty products using the "healing powers of hemp".

However the items sold by Carun UK in Twickenham, south London, only contain a small fraction of the chemicals required to get high.

Unlike marijuana which contains around 30% of psychoactive THC, Carun's products only contain about 0.3%.

The hemp treatments on offer are claimed to be suitable for rashes, psoriasis, eczema, wrinkles, allergies and more.

Salt intake kills

HIGH levels of salt intake are leading to the death of six times more Victorians than road accidents, says VicHealth ceo Jerril Rechter.

Launching a plan of action to reduce salt consumption, Rechter said too much salt was increasing their risk of high blood pressure which accounts for about half of all strokes, heart disease and chronic kidney disease deaths.

The plan aims to reduce dietary salt by 30% by 2025, as part of the World Health Organization global target, with initiatives including increasing public awareness and working with the food industry.

Antibiotic research

A UK government review of antibiotic resistance has urged the creation of a US\$2 billion global innovation fund, to help revitalise research into antibiotics.

Economist Jim O'Neill, who led the review, said it was vital to "kick-start" drug development in order to find new antibiotics "to enable modern medicine and surgery to continue as we know it".

He warned that antibiotic resistant infections had the potential to kill 10 million people annually worldwide by 2050.

The proposed research funding would be directed to 'blue sky' research into new medications as well as so-called "resistance breakers" which can boost the effectiveness of existing antibiotics.

O'Neill said pharmaceutical firms should contribute to the fund out of "enlightened self-interest".

Medsafe recruits complaints advisor

THE New Zealand Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority is looking for an "Advisor/Senior Advisor Medicines Complaints and Recalls" to be based in Wellington.

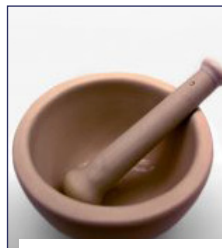
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A VERY fruitful couple from the US have maintained their perfect male record, after welcoming their 13th boy into the world earlier this week.

Jay and Kateri Schwandt already had 12 sons - 22-year-old Tyler, Zach, aged 19; Drew, 18; Brandon, 16; Tommy, 13; Vinnie, 12; Calvin, 10; Gabe, 8; Wesley, 6; Charlie, 5; Luke, 3; and one-year-old Tucker.

The family from Rockford in Michigan said they didn't know the gender of their new baby before it arrived because they wanted it to be a surprise.

Jay Schwandt said he had wanted a girl, but told *ABC News* that "being a dad, having 12 boys, one more boy is pretty cool".

THERE was some considerable confusion at a funeral in the UK earlier this week, after a group of mourners followed the wrong hearse for about 20km.

The bereaved family were left waiting at their mother's graveside in torrential rain, after some of the relatives got stuck in traffic at a roundabout and became separated from the rest of the funeral train.

The convoy had left together after the church service, but in an "amazing coincidence" at the roundabout ended up latching onto a different hearse which was heading for another cemetery in the wrong direction at exactly the same time.

They only discovered their mistake when other members of the waiting party gave them a call to ask where they were.

Despite the mix-up, the dead woman's son said she would have been amused by the situation.

"It was, of course, a sad occasion but despite getting soaking wet everyone had a good laugh - and I know Mam would have as well".

WIN WITH DESIGNER BRANDS

This week *Pharmacy Daily* and *Designer Brands* are giving readers the chance to win DB's new Blur Primer (RRP \$14.99), new DB BB Lips (\$6.99) and CC Concealer Pen (RRP \$12.99).

Blur products or 'photoshop finish' products are the hottest trend right now, with women looking to get the airbrushed finish we see on red carpets and glamorous events. Designer Brands has all the hottest Blur products at the lowest prices. As well as the Blur Primer, Designer Brands is also giving away the new BB Lip Balm and the simple to use, multi-functional CC Concealer Pen (RRP \$12.99).

To win, be the first person from **VIC** or **TAS** to send the correct answer to the following question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

How many shades does the CC Concealer Pen come in?

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Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Lisa Robertson from SA Health.



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