

King Review letters

WHILE the number of submissions to the King Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation is still low, four pharmacists (including one retiree and one "young" clinical pharmacist) have submitted, and a particularly cutting letter has been received from a GP.

Highlighting the regulations in place separating nine-year trained GPs from dispensing to avoid conflict of interest, Canberra GP Dr FM Janse van Rensburg describes the "hypocrisy" of "shonky" pharmacists selling weight-loss programs, homeopathic drugs, flu injections, magnets and more.

New Willach rental option

DISPENSARY solutions provider Willach has announced a new finance program which will enable Australian pharmacies to rent a complete CONSYS automated dispensing system.

The launch of the scheme follows the conclusion of negotiations with financial services providers, with Willach md John Koot saying it's a response to requests from clients wanting an alternative to purchasing a system outright.

Pharmacies can rent a Willach B0 or B2 CONSYS solution on a fixed, all inclusive five year rental program, with Koot saying Willach Australia's

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AIDS pharmacist win

THE International Pharmaceutical Federation has bestowed its highest honour, the Andre Bedat Award, on Dr Ana I. Martinez, a hospital pharmacist from Puerto Rico who developed a model to incorporate pharmacists in the design and conduct of HIV/AIDS clinical trials.

strong balance sheet, long pipeline and investment in infrastructure had given financiers the security to support a full rental offering.

"A CONSYS is always the first in and last to leave, it's never sick, always on time and requires no holidays or superannuation.

"We call it the most reliable employee a pharmacy will ever find," Koot added, saying it can cost as little as \$9.55 per hour for every hour the pharmacy is open.

CSL relocation

CSL Behring Australia has moved its Melbourne customer-facing teams from the Broadmeadows manufacturing facility to a new CBD office in order to be closer to customers, with the 40-strong team to be based at 850 Collins St.

The move will also help CSL "attract the talent we will need to support our expanding product portfolio," said gm commercial operations Loretta Croker.

Monash clarification

MONASH University has clarified that its relationship with ABC International (PD 24 Aug) is "in no way a partnership with Swisse or the Victorian Government".

Following concerns raised by stakeholders including Medreach's Ken Harvey, the Monash, Swisse and Victorian govt logos have been removed from the ABC Australia Plus website, and replaced with rotating images of each partner individually, with Harvey saying this is a "considerable improvement".

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* When compared to standard cow's milk; Source: Urashima and Taufik, 2010.

DDS free diabetes clinics

DISCOUNT Drug Stores has announced the national roll-out of free clinics through Sep to help assess risk levels and discuss diabetes.

The program will also see DDS replace damaged or dated blood glucose monitors at no cost.

Changes to the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) supply system have prompted the initiative.

DDS pharmacists will not only be supplying all NDSS products, including insulin pump consumables (IPCs), but also providing patients with tips and strategies to help increase confidence in managing their



diabetes, as well as conducting risk assessment screenings, discussing hypoglycaemia management and cleaning and checking blood glucose monitors.

Pictured are Discount Drug Stores' Professional Services Manager Stephanie Shea with her customer.

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Weight loss warning

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has urged consumers to exercise "extreme caution" when considering purchasing weight loss products from overseas websites. "Far from being 'natural' many of these products contain ingredients which may be harmful and are not disclosed on the product label," the TGA said, particularly highlighting sibutramine and phenolphthalein in many of the items, which can cause dangerous interactions.

New FIP Bureau appointees

EFFECTIVE 02 Sep, the board of the International Pharmaceutical Federation's board (known as the Bureau) has elected three new officers on the weekend.

Professor Tatsuro Irimura (pictured right) project professor at Jutendo University School of



Medicine, Japan, will take the position of the chair of the FIP Board of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Two of nine FIP vice-president positions are to be filled by Dr Linda Hakes from Germany and Dr Tom Menighan of the USA.



Dr Hakes (pictured above) is a pharmacist originally from the UK and currently chair of the country's Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Dr Menighan (pictured above right) has been ceo of the American Pharmacists Association since 2009

and has been a pharmacy owner for 38 years.

The FIP Bureau consists of

15 elected officers and the voting also saw Professor Ross McKinnon (pictured below) foundation director and professor



in cancer research at Flinders University, Australia, and Ms Eeva Teräsalmi, a community pharmacy owner and member of the faculty at Helsinki University, Finland, each elected for a further term as VPs.



Zika in Singapore

AUTHORITIES in Singapore have confirmed 41 cases of the Zika virus in people who had not travelled to Zika-affected areas.

The Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade has urged Australian travellers to protect themselves from mosquito bites and defer non-essential travel if pregnant.



Dispensary Corner

ONE man's 'genius' idea to jump into what he describes as 'the hottest bath on earth' backfired just a little.

YouTuber Cemre Candar (pictured below) had the ingenious idea of filling his bathtub up with 1,250 bottles of hot chilli sauce and a sprinkling of fresh chillies before jumping in.

Not only did he let the liquid burn through his skin for over a minute but he decided to take a mouthful of the sauce and a bite of chilli before dunking his whole body under the spicy liquid.

"I feel like I've been through hell and come back I can still feel it in every cell of my body," he said in a clip taken hours after he exited the bath and showered off

If you would like to see his 'greatest idea ever' in action **CLICK HERE.**



BARS of soap just aren't trendy anymore, according to the latest data released from consumer research firm Mintel.

Mintel revealed a huge drop in the sales of classic soap bars in America, and no the country isn't going hippy and ditching self cleaning products altogether.

Turns out millennials are opting for liquid soaps with the younger generation fearing traditional-style soaps stay covered in germs after they're used.

So who is still buying bar soap? They tend to be aged over 60 and are male and they use it for just about everything - including washing their faces.

Guild Update

Pharmacy Review - online survey: have your say now

THE Review of Pharmacy Remuneration and Regulation is encouraging pharmacists, pharmacy staff and members of the general public to complete an online survey about attitudes to community pharmacy in Australia.

The online survey is now available at www.health.gov.au/pharmacyreview#Questionnaire

The survey will be open for responses until 30 September 2016.

Respondents are invited to complete the survey in lieu of, or in addition to, providing a formal written submission to the Review - which can be submitted by email to pharmacy.review@health.gov.au

The online survey takes 15-20 minutes to complete. The Guild strongly encourages Members, pharmacy staff, patients and other supporters of pharmacy to complete the survey.

Win with Blistex

This week to celebrate the launch of NEW Blistex Happy Lips Melon lip balm on 1st September in pharmacy, *Pharmacy Daily* and Blistex are giving you the chance to WIN a Blistex prize pack valued at \$36.05. Blistex is a leading lip care brand delivering superb moisture and protection to lips to keep them beautifully healthy all year round.



Each prize pack contains Happy Lips Melon, Strawberry & Mango, Lip Conditioner, Ultra, Intensive Repair and Deep Renewal.

To win, be the first person from QLD to send the right answer to the question to comp@pharmacydaily.com.au

What are the names of the two Blistex pots?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Sarah MacCuish from Mundi Pharma.