



Today's issue of PD

Pharmacy Daily today has two pages of news plus a full page from **Pharmacy 4 Less**.

Minfos Willach link

FOLLOWING a one month pilot program to integrate Minfos and Willach robotic dispensing and point of sale systems, the companies have made a joint announcement around their plans to rollout the combined operation to other Minfos/CONSIS pharmacies.

Because the two systems can now talk to each other, they can deliver more accuracy and efficiency in the dispensing process giving extra control in dispensing and helping reduce double handling, the joint release said.

The integration automates live updates of stock on hand, stock outages or variances and precludes the need to scan products twice.

When stock is loaded into CONSIS, the quantity is automatically updated in the Minfos dispense and POS modules streamlining the stock receipting process.

To register your interest call Minfos on 1300 887 418 or Willach on 1800 94 55 22.

FIP workforce vision

THE International Pharmacy Federation (FIP) has released a vision to transform the pharmacy sector's education and workforce worldwide, saying change is vital to meet future challenges.

At a conference of pharmacy leaders in Nanjing, China, the FIP released its Global Vision for Education and Workforce which it said would provide the leadership needed to improve patient outcomes and close the gaps in the development, distribution and responsible use of medicines.

The FIP said this could only be achieved through supporting and developing high standards of

education and training, "through a workforce that is adaptable, diverse, committed to lifelong learning and prepared to lead change in practice."

"It is our vision that all patients will have access to the best pharmaceutical health care through a high quality pharmaceutical workforce," FIP education chairman Prof William Charman said.

"There can be no health care without a properly qualified workforce," he said.

The vision is accompanied by a set of 13 Pharmaceutical Workforce Development Goals that set out directions for action and provide a platform for obtaining public and private financial support.

The goals are split into three categories: education providers; the workforce; and policy, strategy, planning and monitoring.

"With this vision and these goals we are providing an objective, and the aspiration for the journey of transforming pharmaceutical education in the context of future workforce needs, in a country relevant manner," Charman said.

For more info **CLICK HERE**.

PBS stationery tender

THE Department of Human Services is seeking tenders for the "ordering, printing, personalisation and storage" of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme stationery products, including prescription forms, claim forms, order forms, yearly safety net kits and envelopes.

A formal Request for Tender closes at 2pm on 05 Dec, with the contract to commence from 01 Jul 2017.

See tenders.gov.au.

Selective reporting?

TRIALSTRACKER, a new EMA automated service launched to shine a spotlight on drug companies and universities, found that nearly half of all trials run by major sponsors in the past 10 years were missing results, raising researcher transparency concerns.

CLICK HERE for the *BMJ* abstract.



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Online version also available.

For more information go to www.amh.net.au.



Dispensary Corner

HERE'S a new idea that will make women swoon: chocolate that eases period pain.

Swiss company, Chocolate with Love, has put out a choccie bar containing 60% cocoa solids and 17 Swiss mountain herbs which is said to do just that.

Head of the company Marc Widner claims the special mix of herbs fights menstrual cramps.

He also pointed out the calming effect that emerges from the interactions between the herbs and molecules in the chocolate.

Widner says he had the idea three years ago after meeting a family who produced a similar herbal tea.

A 100 gram bar will set you back 12.50 Swiss Francs

We're certainly willing to be taste testers!



CREATIVE criminals are always coming up with new places to try and conceal illicit substances during attempted drug trafficking.

Customs agents in Arizona probably thought they'd seen it all, but this week a man tried to conceal nearly 1.5kg of meth in a package of tortillas.

The Mexican flatbreads had been cut out to make room for the drugs but fortunately his carving skills failed to outsmart police.

Skeptics hit TGA light touch

AUSTRALIA'S Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has come under heavy fire again from industry watchdog Ken Harvey for its "light touch" approach to complementary medicines (CMs), in an *MJA InSight* article.

Harvey said the government's *Expert review of medicines and medical devices regulation* recommended many measures which, if implemented, could substantially improve the situation.

He highlighted recently released TGA data on post-marketing compliance reviews of CMs which found 80% of the 408 products assessed were found to be non-compliant, primarily with labelling, advertising and evidence requirements.

Further, around 98% of all complaints assessed by the TGA Advertising Complaints Resolution Panel (TGACRP) were upheld.

Harvey said the "light touch"

approach meant that the TGA believed "low-risk" products required no pre-market evaluation, trusted sponsors to obey the rules and had no timely or effective penalties for breaches of the regulations.

Discussions between the TGA and stakeholders including the Complementary Medicines Association (CMA) have resulted in the TGA planning to release public consultation papers in February, probably for a period of six weeks.

Recently, the TGA was invited to talk at the Australian Skeptics National Convention from 25-27 Nov, but despite stating that they wished to engage more with consumers, no TGA staff were available to accept this invitation.

Harvey emphasised that it was important that the TGA regained community trust around CM regulation via a "more open debate about reform options".

Win with A'kin

This week Pharmacy Daily and A'kin are giving away each day a pack including A'kin Pure Facial Cleansing Gel, Antioxidant Day Cream, Antioxidant Night Cream.

Remove excess oil, makeup and impurities naturally with A'kin Sandalwood & Neroli Pure Facial Cleansing Gel. A synergistic combination of select pure botanic actives like Panama bark, Witch Hazel and Vitamin B5 works to thoroughly cleanse, clarify and soothe the skin. Complement your skincare routine with A'kin Rose de Mai Antioxidant Facial Day Creme and A'kin Lavender & Rose Antioxidant Facial Night Creme for replenished, radiant and revitalised skin the natural way.

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

Which skin type is the Pure Facial Cleansing Gel best suited for?

Congratulations to yesterday's winner, Rebecca Segrott from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.



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PSA leadership open

APPLICATIONS have now opened for the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's 2017 ignite leadership program which supports high-performing Early Career Pharmacists (ECPs).

The eight-month educational program is a mix of interactive workshops, inspirational speakers, networking opportunities, personal mentoring and a practical workplace project.

All PSA members and ECPs, preferably in management roles, can apply at psa.org.au.



Guild Update

Intern positions in demand

AS FINAL year pharmacy students prepare for graduation at the end of the year, intern positions will be in demand.

If you've previously employed an intern you'll know how rewarding it can be; not only for the intern but for your business as well.

The Guild Intern Training Program is at the forefront of community pharmacy, teaching practical skills and staying abreast of the latest clinical knowledge to ensure quality pharmacy in the future.

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