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Today's issue of PD

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

Seoul of Pharmacy

THE 77th International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is being held in Seoul, South Korea this year with the theme 'Medicines and beyond! The soul of pharmacy - New ways for pharmacy to provide more than just medicines.'

All pharmacy professionals and pharmaceutical scientists are invited to join discussions to go beyond medicines and answer patients' demand for high quality help and advice, FIP says.



Second earlybird registration rates for the six-day event 10-14 Sep 2017 start at €350 for students and recent graduates, €750 for FIP members and €950 for non-members.

Pharmacy Technicians Symposium registration fees and social events are also defined on the FIP site. Visit fip.org for more details.

Queen's Birthday gongs

THE contributions of several leading Australian pharmacists have been highlighted in the annual Queen's Birthday Honours list (PD breaking news yesterday), including former Pharmacy Guild president **Kos Sclavos** being made a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia.

Sclavos was cited for "significant service to the pharmacy profession through a range of retail, advisory and executive roles, to education and to community health".

Current Guild president George Tambassis said the AM for Sclavos was "well deserved recognition of a powerhouse contribution to the pharmacist profession" with key contributions including the development and implementation of the QCPP quality assurance standard, the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement and the expansion of the APP conference.

Also honoured was **Graham Slade** of Slade Pharmacy Services which marked its 50th anniversary in 2015.

Slade was named a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia for "significant service to the community as a supporter of aged care, medical and multicultural associations, and to the pharmacy profession".

Victorian pharmacist **Harry Jones** was recognised with an Order of

Australia (OAM) for "service to people with a disability and the pharmacy profession".

Across the wider industry other Queen's Birthday honours went to former TGA senior manager **Terence Slater** who received an AM for "significant service to public administration through pharmaceutical and food regulatory agencies, and to community health".

Judith Smith from the Pharmacy Regulation Authority of South Australia was cited for "significant service to community health through pharmacy regulation and health practitioner roles, to nursing and to aged persons".

And health activist **Ken Harvey** from Monash University received an AM for "significant service to community health and the pharmaceutical industry through roles in developing guidelines for the ethical use of antibiotics".

Fake Ultiboost caps

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has undertaken laboratory testing of suspected fake Swisse Ultiboost High Strength Cranberry 30 capsules and found Batch 06798, Expiry Nov 2017 to be counterfeit.

The counterfeit product can be differentiated from the real deal through different appearance of the bottle, capsules, and label, and Swisse has been notified.

Nevertheless the TGA said it found no safety concerns in the case of this counterfeit product.

See more at tga.gov.au.

More TGA recalls

FOLLOWING last month's recall of diazepam resulting from tampering allegations (PD 29 May), the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) in conjunction with Arrow Pharmaceuticals is recalling all batches of Valpam 5 again because of evidence of tampering with the packaging.

It is believed that blister pack sheets containing other medicines have been substituted and may include Amlodipine Sandoz and possibly others.

Consequently, Sandoz and the TGA have recalled one batch of Amlodipine Sandoz tablets (batch number GT3446, expiry date Oct 2019) - go to tga.gov.au.

Valeant sells iNova

SYDNEY-BASED Pacific Equity Partners (PEP) together with global investment company The Carlyle Group won what has become a virtual six-month auction process to purchase pharmaceutical company iNova from US-listed Valeant Pharmaceuticals for US\$930m (AU\$1.23b).

Carlyle md David Bluff said that iNova was a strong company with great products and growth opportunities and private investors would look to grow iNova's footprint.

PEP md David Brown said the plan was to build on iNova's broadly diversified healthcare platform by investment in "product development, geographical expansion, marketing, staff and potential acquisitions of additional brands".

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Dispensary Corner

WEDDED bliss increases survival chances according to new research out of the UK and presented at the British Cardiovascular Society conference this year.

Scientists suspect marriage helps buffer against big heart disease risk factors, including cholesterol and high blood pressure.

The same was true for diabetes and high blood pressure, with married people having a survival advantage.

The picture was less clear for people cohabiting, separated, divorced or widowed and researchers did not test if the wedded people were in 'happy' marriages.



POLICE in Mozambique have issued a formal warning to men without hair, alerting them to the fact they may be targeted in ritual killings.

Officers were responding to the brutal murders of two bald men, with their body parts believed to have been used in witchcraft.

The motivations of the killers "come from superstition and culture: the local community thinks bald individuals are rich," said a police spokesman.

The suspects, aged about 20, are now in custody, with officers likening the killings to a series of albino slayings in Mozambique in recent years, with witch doctors also believing their body parts have magical powers.

Analgesics appropriate - ASMI

PARACETAMOL-IBUPROFEN combination medicines are safe and effective for the short-term relief of acute pain when taken in accordance with the directions on the label, the Australian Self Medication Industry (ASMI) says.

ASMI issued a formal statement on the matter following revelations of a ten-fold increase in calls to the NSW Poisons Information Centre about common dosing errors in relation to the medications (*PD* 08 Jun).

An NPS Medicinewise article also addressed confusion among consumers regarding OTC paracetamol-ibuprofen combination analgesic medicines.

The brands involved were Nuromol and Maxigesic, with the most common errors being adults accidentally exceeding the recommended dose.

The increase in dosage concerns over the last year followed a TGA review of the safety and efficacy of the pharmacy-only products, which were permitted to be advertised from 01 Jun 2016.

ASMI says labelling for these products is reviewed and approved by the TGA and contains all the information necessary for consumers to select and use the products correctly, stressing that consumers should always read the label before use and to follow the warnings and dosage instructions on the pack.



OTC paracetamol-ibuprofen combination analgesics should be used as directed for the short-term management of moderate pain, for no more than a few days at a time, unless on medical advice.

US opioid removal

THE US Food and Drug Administration has requested that Endo Pharmaceuticals remove its opioid pain medication Opana ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride) from the market, on the basis that the benefits of the drug may no longer outweigh its risks.

The decision is based on post marketing data showing a significant shift in abuse patterns.

Win with Milkman Shaving Co

This week Pharmacy Daily and Milkman Shaving Co are giving away each day a bottle of their Clear Shave Gel.

The boys at Milkman Grooming Co. have launched something that will change the shaving game and the faces of men across Australia - the new Milkman "Clear Shave Gel". Water-based not soap based, so it doesn't dry your skin, making it perfect for teens learning how to shave and those with sensitive skin. It allows for the blade to glide across your face with minimal resistance. Its peppermint and menthol fragrance serves to invigorate your sense of smell and touch with a soothing freshness on the skin, that keeps your face feeling cool before, during and after you shave. Good for 100 shaves. RRP \$25.00. **SEE MORE HERE.**



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

How much does a bottle of Clear Shave Gel cost?

Check here tomorrow for today's winner.

Vaseline healing plan

UNILEVER'S iconic petroleum jelly Vaseline is the focus of a global mission to "Help heal the skin of five million people by 2020".

The Vaseline healing project aims to provide dermatological care to millions of people in need, with a project team travelling to the Bohol region in the Philippines, an area devastated by earthquake in 2013 just weeks prior to Typhoon Haiyan.

CLICK HERE for more details.



Guild Update

Reaching the standard

COMMUNITY pharmacy's Quality Care Pharmacy Program has been updated and revised to meet the changing business and practice environment.

The new QCPP Requirements are a major innovation and simplification of the program, while maintaining robustness in supporting quality patient care in pharmacy services.

Key changes include:

- Remapping the current 18 elements of the program into five domains aimed at supporting business growth and encouraging continuous quality improvement and innovation:
 - Business Management and Governance
 - Human Resources
 - Premises, Infrastructure and Stock
 - Customer Experience
 - Pharmacy Services
- Adopting relevant standards, guidelines and legislation by reference. This has replaced checklists (red section) and procedures (green section) contained in the current QCPP Requirements (blue folder).

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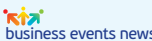
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