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### RACF survey

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## Sinclair named FIP President-elect

SYDNEY-BASED community pharmacist, Paul Sinclair, will start his four-year term as President of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) at next year's World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science in Brisbane.

Sinclair, who has previously served as FIP Community Pharmacy Section President, Pharmacy Guild of Australia National Vice President, Australia Association of Consultant Pharmacy Chair, and on the Pharmacy Council of NSW, will be the first Australian to hold the office in the organisation's 110-year history.

Sinclair will start his term as "President-elect" on 23 Sep, before replacing incumbent President, Dominique Jordan, next year (PD breaking news).

"I am both excited and humbled to be elected president of FIP and to be the first Australian president reinforces the global reach and importance of our federation," Sinclair said.



"I look forward to continuing the strong tradition of service to our profession that has defined previous FIP presidents." Acknowledging the challenges of COVID-19 in his election statement, Sinclair said that he had taken an active leadership role in adapting and developing FIP's business and practice models to help the federation both survive and prosper during the pandemic.

"I see the challenge ahead as building on our successes over the past two years to make FIP an even stronger and a more member-facing organisation," he said.

Congratulating Sinclair on his appointment, Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) National President, Dr Fei Sim (pictured

with Sinclair), said he would have the organisation's "100% support" during his four years in office.

Meanwhile, Australian Pharmacy Council CEO, Bronwyn Clark, has been appointed as the new FIP Consortium Chair.

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## Dispensary Corner

**YET** another pharmacist has put their career in jeopardy to satisfy COVID-19 vaccine hesitant patients.

Geoffrey W Reynolds' decision to provide fraudulent vaccine certificates to two firefighters in East Wenatchee, Washington, led to him being fired by Walgreens.

In addition to losing his job, Reynolds now faces sanctions from the Department of Health Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, including the possible suspension or cancellation of his licence.

The Commission has charged Reynolds with unprofessional conduct.

Local police are investigating claims that Reynolds may have provided fake COVID vaccination records to 20 or more patients, *The Wenatchee World* reported.

## FIP honours Australians

**AUSTRALIAN** pharmacists, Dr Carl Schneider and Dr Betty Exintaris, were among 12 pharmacy professionals from nine countries honoured at the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Seville.

Monash University Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Senior Lecturer Drug Discovery Biology, Exintaris, was presented with the FIP Pharmaceutical Education Recognition Award (Early Career).

University of Sydney Senior Lecturer in Pharmacy Practice, and FIP Academic Pharmacy Section Treasurer, Schneider, was one of nine candidates to receive FIP Fellowships.

Joining Schneider in being awarded FIP Fellowships were US-based quartet, Dr Ryan Forrey, Dr John B Hertig, Dr Michael D Hogue and Dr Jenelle L Sobotka, Britain's Dr Naoko Arakawa, Dr Andreia Bruno-Tome from Portugal, Leonila Ocampo from the Philippines and



Canadian-Kuwaiti, Professor Pierre Moreau.

FIP's highest honour for pharmacy practitioners, the Andre Bedat Award, was presented to University Hospital of Leipzig's Director of Pharmacy, Dr Roberto Frontini, from Germany.

South African National Research Foundation Chair in Biomaterials and Polymer-Engineered Drug Delivery Technologies, and University of Witwatersrand Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Yahya Choonara, won the FIP Distinguished Pharmaceutical Science Award.



## Weekly Comment

Welcome to *Pharmacy Daily's* weekly comment feature. This week's contributor is **Kavita Nadan, Co-founder, Locumate.**



### Solving the staffing shortage crisis

**THE** shortage of pharmacy staff has been a reality over the last few years. And it's no surprise, with practical reasons for absences such as isolation and sickness, as well as the long term impact of burnout, stress, and exposure risk leaving many pharmacists questioning their career choice.

More universities than ever are now offering pharmacy, however almost a third of students don't register as pharmacists at the end of their internship. Combined with a lack of career progression and opportunities for ownership, it's little wonder there's a staffing shortage in our industry.

We want to help solve this challenge at Locumate, by using the power of technology to give pharmacies access to a network of locums for short and long term work. At the same time, we want to highlight the opportunities that come with locum work, by empowering locum pharmacists to choose the type of shifts they want, set their own rates, and connect with a pharmacy directly.

Of course, solving the pharmacy staffing shortage is going to take a multidimensional approach; giving pharmacies access to locums and locums access to jobs is just one part of the equation.

If you're looking for locum pharmacists for your pharmacy, check out our locum network on [Locumate](https://www.locumate.com).

## Armed robbery

**SOUTH** Australian Police are hunting a knife wielding bandit following a robbery at a pharmacy in Gawler South, on Sat morning.

The man described as of Caucasian appearance, with a slim build and short beard, entered the pharmacy on Adelaide Road, shortly before midday.

He stole an unspecified amount of cash and medications before fleeing the scene in a blue Holden VY Commodore.

## Drug dealing pharmacist gets jail time

**DISGRACED** Sydney pharmacist, Rohan Rapyal, will spend up to six and a half years behind bars for his role in an international drug syndicate.

The 30-year-old entered guilty pleas to two counts of supplying commercial quantities of prohibited drugs and attempting to possess a commercial quantity of an unlawfully imported border controlled drug, last month (**PD** 29 Aug).

A sentencing hearing at Sydney's Downing Centre was told that Rapyal developed a

drug addiction in 2018, which led to him being deregistered as a pharmacist in 2019, and he subsequently started working for the crime gang, before he was arrested in Jul 2020.

The court heard he had racked up a \$500,000 debt with the syndicate, with his family paying off \$400,000, and he was forced to work at a safe house to distribute drugs to cover the remaining \$100,000.

Rapyal reported that he had continued working for the gang out of fear.