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Guild Update

**This week's update
from the Guild**

Are you pandemic prepared?

Business continuity planning:

Business continuity planning (BCP) training events provide an opportunity for attendees to learn from risk management experts and collaborate with other pharmacists.

This workshop provides the theory of BCP development and how to identify pharmacy specific risks.

They will also demonstrate the basics of the new continuity planning software to ensure you are equipped to create a plan after the workshop.

This BCP workshop would be very valuable for anyone who:

- owns or manages a pharmacy, or
- is involved in managing stock and other business management activities in the pharmacy, or
- is thinking about moving into pharmacy management or ownership, or
- is the sole pharmacist practising on a regular basis.

2 CPD points are being offered by the Australian College of Pharmacy for attending the workshop.

3 CPD points are being offered by the Australian College of Pharmacy for a completed BCP

Infection control training:

One of the most recognisable risks to pharmacy during a pandemic is the spread of the influenza virus to staff members and then to other customers.

These infection control training events have been designed to train-the-trainer, so a pharmacist who attends can take their knowledge back to train the whole pharmacy team.

2 CPD points are being offered by the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) for attending the workshop

Visit www.pandemicprepared.org.au to find a workshop near you and register.

For more information call the Program Helpline **1300 764 088**.

The Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing as part of the Fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement.



**The Pharmacy
Guild of Australia**

Pharmacist identity checks

THE new national Pharmacy Board of Australia has confirmed that from 01 Jul it will require new applicants for registration to meet proof of identity requirements, which rely on a 100 point check.

The Board will also be writing to every registered pharmacist later this month to support their transition into the national scheme.

The letter will explain each pharmacist's registration type from 01 Jul and detail the information which will appear in the online national Register of Pharmacists.

In general pharmacists will transition to the category of registration that matches their current registration, and a Board committee will consider cases in which registrants consider that there is an error in their proposed registration type so they can be resolved before 01 Jul.

At its sixth meeting, held late last month, the Board also said it "recognises the skill and experience" of current state and territory board members "and is keen to retain this in the transition to the national scheme" which will see the existing boards disappear.

The Board said it would be writing to current members of state and territory boards seeking expressions of interest to serve on panels under the national scheme.

At the meeting the board also confirmed the registration examination requirements for interns which will apply from 01 Jul, with minimal changes for the current cohort of interns.

Oral examinations will be conducted in each jurisdiction by staff who transition to state and territory offices of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, and these same staff will be a point of contact for interns and preceptors about supervised practice matters of a serious nature.

The Board said it was also continuing its work on developing an accreditation agreement with the Australian Pharmacy Council and approved standards for intern training programs which the APC will use to assess 2011 programs.

FDA animal warning

THE US Food and Drug Administration has warned a pharmacy in Florida to stop compounding its own animal medications, after it was revealed a horse supplement created by the pharmacy had killed 21 elite polo horses in 2009.

The FDA has also brought a federal court injunction against Franck's Compounding Lab in Ocala, saying its animal medications are unsafe and illegal.

The pharmacy has vowed to fight the case.

EU draft replaced

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has replaced the EU draft guidelines it adopted regarding 'The requirements for clinical documentation for orally inhaled products including the requirements for demonstration of therapeutic equivalence between two inhaled products for use in the treatment of asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in children and adolescents'.

See www.tga.gov.au.

6700 PD readers!

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WIN A STYLISH COSMETIC BAG



Congratulations to Robyn Hedges from Mangrove Mountain Pharmacy who was the first reader yesterday to tell us that there is 8 styles of bags in the range.

Every day this week, Pharmacy Daily is giving readers the chance to win a stylish cosmetic bag, courtesy

of Total Beauty Network.

Exclusive to Designer Brands is a wide range of cosmetic bags, for both men and women. All of the bags are fully lined and made from durable fabrics.

With a variety of colours, shapes and sizes from bright to tame for young and old there is something to suit everyone's needs and taste.

For your chance to win one of these stylish cosmetic bags this week, simply send through the correct answer to the daily question below:

All styles have four sizes in the range except for which one?

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Chloramphenicol protocol from PSA

THE PSA has released a new protocol for pharmacists to follow when dealing with chloramphenicol following the ratification by the NDPSC of its earlier decision to reschedule the medication for ophthalmic use to S3.

The new protocol is available for download by PSA members now at www.psa.org.au, while a hard copy version will be made available via the May 2010 issue of *Australian Pharmacist*.

The evidence-based protocol outlines how to appropriately establish patient needs by for example differentiating between bacterial, viral and allergic conjunctivitis, as well as covering key counselling points and advice on referral to GP or optometrist.

OTC advisory committee

THE Therapeutic Goods Administration has named the members of its new Advisory Committee on Non-prescription Medicines, which has been formed to advise and make recommendations regarding the entry of non-prescription medicines on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods.

The ACNM supersedes the TGA's Medicines Evaluation Committee.

The new committee is chaired by Professor David Story from RMIT, who's also chair of the Joint Expert Committee on Labelling Requirements for Medicines.

Other members include Mary Emanuel, QUM manager with the Australian Self-Medication Industry and Professor Joan Faoagali,

Director of Microbiology at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane.

Associate Professor John Gullotta, who's a GP, past president of the AMA in NSW and a registered pharmacist is also on the committee, along with Clinical Associate Peter Goldswain from Royal Perth Hospital who's currently the hospital's chairman of the Drug and Therapeutics Committee.

Other members include paediatrician Professor Henry Kilham from Westmead Children's Hospital, David Newgreen who's a Project Pharmacist with the Pharmacy Board of Victoria and an honorary fellow of the University of Melbourne's dept of pharmacology and Debra Petrys who's a representative of the Consumer Health Forum.

The committee also includes pharmacists Emeritus Professor Barry Reed from Monash University, NHMRC director Professor Michael Roberts and Professor Andrew Somogyi from the University of Adelaide, with the final member being retired pharmaceutical manufacturing executive George Rook.

The ACNM will meet on 06 May, 15 Jul, 23 Sep and 25 Nov this year with the TGA saying that it will finalise and send evaluation reports to sponsors one month prior to the scheduled meeting dates.

UK pharmacy survey

THE Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain has used the results of a recent survey of 10,000 pharmacists to inform its priorities and plans.

According to the RPSGB many pharmacists requested support for CPD, and as such the Society has just recruited and trained a team of CPD advisors.

Other recent member response initiatives instigated by the RPSGB include the commencement of a collaborative inquiry with the Royal College of General Practitioners on into how the two professions can work more closely together, with the results set to be presented after the upcoming British general election to "influence public debate and shape the way forward for pharmacy".



DISPENSARY CORNER

ONE wedding and a birth!

Delivering a baby was the last thing on Annette Soborowicz's mind when she arrived at the church in Wisconsin, USA to witness her daughter's marriage.

But that's exactly what happened, when the celebrations were interrupted by a frantic Ben Sherwood, whose wife had suddenly gone into full-on labour nearby.

After failing to elicit a response from a rather stunned police officer, Ben rushed up to the wedding party to ask if anyone was a doctor.

Soborowicz, an emergency room nurse by training, clad in a formal peach dress and high heels, responded to Ben's dilemma, dropping everything to run over to Mrs. Sherwood and help her deliver the baby, right then and there!

Asked later as to how she felt, Soborowicz told reporters that it was a "wonderful day".

COCKEREL prefers the fairer sex!

An Italian cockerel has stunned the scientific community by changing its gender from male to female.

According to reports, the rooster started his life as a full-blooded male strutting his stuff amongst a brood of hens on a Tuscany farm.

This however all changed after a sudden fox raid of the coop resulted in the annihilation of all the farm's hens.

Days later, the cockerel's owner discovered him laying eggs and trying to hatch them.

Realising the gravity of the situation the farmer called in scientific experts from the UN, who are now looking into the case.

The current theory is that the cockerel may activated a hitherto undiscovered species survival gene.



Cockerel rules the roost- literally!

Pharmacy's new Masters



ABOVE: This month sixty-nine Masters of Pharmacy graduates from the University of Newcastle donned their caps and gowns, and nervously stood in line for presentation to Chancellor Professor Trevor Waring, to mark the completion of what has been the learning journey of a lifetime.

Newcastle's program is the first post-graduate pharmacy Masters' degree in Australia, commencing just six years ago with 27 students.

It's run as part of the University's School of Biomedical Sciences in the Faculty of Health under the leadership of Prof. Shu Chuen Li and Dr. Jenny Schneider.

The degree was started in response to requests from regional hospital and community pharmacists to try and stave off

the "brain drain" that results from country students moving to study in Sydney.

This year's Best in First Year PDL prize went to Daniel Palmer, and the Best in Second Year prize was jointly awarded to Rosa Baleato and Kate McCulloch.

Rosa Baleato took out the Prof Shane Scott Memorial Award for excellence in Pharmacotherapeutics which was donated by the UON Foundation - Pharmacy Fund and presented by Chairman Chris Piggott in memory of the inaugural Chair of Pharmacy, Prof. Shane Scott who died tragically last year.

Piggott told **PD** that jobs have been found for nearly every graduate, and the "community and hospital support for the graduates has been phenomenal".