

Immunity wins out

MONASH University Professor of Immunology, Charles Mackay has been awarded the annual GlaxoSmithKline Australia Award for Research Excellence 2010.

An Australian Fellow Mackay has published more than 135 papers (together cited over 20,000 times), the majority of which deal with the role and utility of chemoattractant receptors for understanding biology and developing new treatments.

Most recently Mackay's research group identified GPR43 as a major regulator of innate and inflammatory response.

For his years of effort Mackay has received \$60,000 worth of funding from GSK to further his knowledge and research.

CSL profit drops

VACCINE manufacturer CSL has reported a \$10m drop in its year on year net profits to \$1.05 billion from \$1.15 billion for the period to June.

Moving forward the company has said that it expects its 2011 net profits to be between \$980m and \$1.03b.

Although slightly less than 2009/10, this represents a growth of up to (around) 10 per cent on the underlying operational profit, largely reflecting CSL's global plasma therapeutics business, which is expected to deliver this growth," CSL said in a statement.

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Guild gets governmental

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has managed to extract election promises for community pharmacy from both the Liberal and Labor camps.

Keeping its hat in the ring throughout the election, the Guild sought expressions of support for the community pharmacy model from the major political players, and in turn has been rewarded with support from both sides for the maintenance of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement, as well as ongoing support for the expansion of the role of pharmacists in the Australian healthcare system.

"The Gillard Labor Government recognises the important role that community pharmacists play in the provision of primary health care through the delivery of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) medicines and related services and supports the current health care model of pharmacy," a letter to the Guild from the PM Julia Gillard said.

"As part of this health reform, the Gillard Labor Government is committed to strengthening Australia's primary health care system, and community pharmacy is an essential element of this," Gillard added.

Liberal leader Tony Abbott also wrote to the Guild and its

membership ranks saying it was his belief that "professional pharmacy is best practiced by Community pharmacists in the current pharmacy setting", as opposed to pharmacy premises within supermarkets.

"My colleagues and I acknowledge the valuable contributions to the Australian community made by your profession....we have worked effectively with you in the past and we reconfirm our commitment to help consolidate your role in the health care system into the future," Abbott said.

"The trend in community pharmacy practice to provide more professional and cognitive services to the patient is growing and the Coalition has always supported the expansion of the role of the pharmacist in this way," he added.

Pharmacy Guild of Australia national president, Kos Sclavos, expressed his delight with the expressions of support, adding that the Guild will "continue the dialogue with the Government on behalf of our members come what may on Saturday 21 August".

Pharmacy knitting

THE 2010 Guardian Angel Knitting Program has so far reaped 80,000 knitted garments from Aussies who picked up their free pattern books from Guardian Pharmacies, knitted clothing and then dropped them back into pharmacies for donation to the Salvation Army.

Now in its 12th year, the program, which sees the garments distributed by the Salvos to Australians in marginalised and disadvantaged situations, has been a huge success.

"We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everybody who participated in this year's campaign and with last minute donations still coming in, it's hoped that we'll beat last year's total of 100,000 items," said Guardian Pharmacy's Angie Moore.

For more information see www.guardianpharmacies.com.au.

Guild constitution

THE Pharmacy Guild of Australia has made a few minor changes to its constitution, reflecting the shift from 'The Workplace Relations Act' to the 'Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009'.

Other changes include the replacement of the title 'Industrial Registrar' in section 27 (Referendum) with the title 'General Manager of Fair Work Australia' -see guild.org.au.

Shire pulls ProAmatine

IN response to the US FDA warning (**PD** yesterday), Shire has pulled its blood pressure drug, ProAmatine off the market.

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Grab an apple from the family tree

Le Paradis de Nina is the latest edition of the popular Nina by Nina Ricci fragrance. Designed for those that love very feminine/romantic floral fruity scents, Le Paradis features the acidulated smells of orange and mandarin peels, alongside almond and orange blossoms, apple candy and gardenia. Le Paradis also includes elements of sandalwood, patchouli and vanilla. The bottle itself is designed to resemble an apple and visually continues its feminine theme through its pale pink colouring and silver flacon leaf decoration. The scent is due for public release on 05 Sep.

RRP: \$89 (50ml)

Stockist: (02) 9663 4277

Calm & Clear in a spray

Created by a team of naturopaths the new 'Australian Bush Flower Essences Calm & Clear Oral Spray' has been formulated to promote clarity of thought, calmness and a feeling of calm. The drug-free calming spray is made using black-eyed susan, boronia, bush fuchsia, crowea, jacaranda, little flannel flower and paw paw, in a base of purified water (66.6%) and brandy (33.3%) as a preservative. The spray comes in a convenient purse/pocket size, for use on the go.

RRP: \$23.75 (20ml)

Stockist: 02 9450 1388



Olive exfoliation

St Ives newest scrub combines conditioning emollients from olive oil (rich in skin softening glycerides) and natural jojoba beads to gently exfoliate skin and nurture skin. The product also contains traces of olive leaf extract to provide the skin with a boost of anti-oxidants (vitamins A and E). The scrub is quite thick in consistency and the fall-out of its moisturising qualities is that it takes a bit of effort to get off the skin, however it is not as gritty as its sister Apricot Scrub. In addition the Olive Scrub is relatively gentle and smells amazing.

RRP: \$9.99 (200ml)

Stockist: (02) 8264 5400

One product- stacks of uses!

Bio Oil utilises a synthesised version of the preen gland oil of ducks, PurCellin Oil, as a base to protect the potency of its active plant and vitamin ingredients. The use of this 'dry oil' also means that the product's consistency is non-sticky, non-greasy and absorbed almost instantly, leaving skin incredibly silky and smooth. Bio Oil is formulated to improve the appearance of scars (new and old), stretch marks, uneven skin tone and dehydrated skin. The product has also been found to ease symptoms of itchy skin, psoriasis, eczema, dermatitis, and heat rash.

Active ingredients include calendula, lavender, rosemary and chamomile oils as well as Vitamins A and E. It is also great as a daily body moisturiser as it is not heavy and leaves skin soft all day long (and for those worried about acne and pimples, fear not, Bio Oil has been found to be non-acnegenic).

RRP: \$14.95 (60ml), \$24.95 (125ml), \$34.95 (200ml)

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Goodbye ingrown hairs!

Waxaway's Ingrown Hair Serum both prevents and treats ingrown hairs. Unlike most other ingrown hair products, Waxaway does not use glycolic acid, but rather aloe vera and chamomile to cool, calm and soothe areas already affected by ingrown growth. When used regularly (particularly the week prior to waxing), the serum also works to keep the area soft and prevent the future growth of ingrown hairs. A very gentle option, it is great for sensitive areas like the face, chest and bikini line.

RRP: \$15.95

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DISPENSARY CORNER

UK pharmacists may have a run on antidepressants after the death of a fish titled the 'Marriage Wrecker'.

Responsible for the breakdown of at least four marriages the 45 year old minor carp, also fondly known as Two Tone, has finally carked it in Conningbrook Lake in Kent.

According to locals, fisherman would often get obsessed with catching the 30kg fish, neglecting wives, jobs and general hygiene.

But it was not the hook that did Two Tone in, having eluded his pursuers for more than 28 years when he was dumped into the lake, but rather simply old age.

"A couple of anglers called to say they'd seen a big carp floating dead on the surface which they thought might be Two Tone, so my son and I went straight over to investigate," said Conningbrook fisheries manager Chris Logsdon.

"Sure enough it was the old boy - I was gutted," he added.

Anglers from all over the country are now sending in tributes to the fish, which is set for its very own funeral next to the lake this coming weekend.

FINES for endangered wildlife.

A private zoo in Taiwan is looking down the barrel of some hefty fines, following the birth of three liger cubs on its premises.

A cross between a tiger and a lion, the breeding of Ligers is particularly frowned on due to the likelihood of behavioural issues due to conflicting inherited traits, as well as its high cub mortality rates and inability to reproduce.

The largest of all the big cats there are only ten known Ligers remaining in the world, most of which were rescued from travelling circuses by zoos.

One of the newborn cubs has already died shortly after birth, and the other two have been seized by authorities to be relocated to a park for wild animals.

The zoo has denied any wrongdoing in the matter.