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PHARMACY Daily continues to grow as Australia's favourite pharmacy industry publication, with more than 7200 people from across the pharmacy sector reading **PD** daily.

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Registration checks

PHARMACISTS can now immediately check their registration status (and that of other practitioners) via the Register of Practitioners at www.pharmacyboard.gov.au.

PAC10 CPD points

THE Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has clarified its CPD points tabulation for this year's PAC10 (**PD** yesterday) as follows:

Thursday- Military Pharmacy Special Interest, 6 credits in the Group 1 CPD category; Pharmacy in Health Forum (open session) 3 credits in the Group 1 CPD category; Pharmacy in Health Workshop, 6 credits in the Group 2 CPD category; Pharmacy Practice in Government, 3 credits in the Group 1 CPD category; Mandatory CPD – Making it Work for You, 6 credits in the Group 2 CPD category and AACP Accredited Pharmacist Forum 12 credits in the Group 2 CPD category.

Friday - Opening Plenary Session, 1 credit in the Group 1 CPD category; Concurrent Sessions: Morning, 1.5 Group 1 credits; Concurrent Sessions: Afternoon 1.5 Group 1 credits; PSOTY 1.5 Group 1 credits.

Saturday - Plenary Session: Practicing Professionally in a Commercial Environment, 1.5 Group 1 credits; Concurrent Sessions: Morning, 1.5 Group 1 CPD credits; Plenary Session: Pharmacists as Communicators, 1.5 Group 1 CPD credits; Concurrent Sessions: Afternoon, 1.5 Group 1 CPD credits and Motivational Interviewing Workshop 6 Group 2 CPD credits.

Sunday - Breakfast: Marketing for Pharmacists, 0.5 Group 1 CPD credits; Concurrent Sessions: Morning, 1.5 Group 1 CPD credits; Plenary Session, 2 Group 1 CPD credits; Concurrent Sessions: Afternoon, 1.5 Group 1 CPD credits or 3 Group 2 CPD credits and Motivational Interviewing Workshop 6 Group 2 CPD credits.

Gollmann operations to stay

THE appointment of administrators to Guild-endorsed pharmacy automation supplier Gollmann Bouw (**PD** Wed) is part of a restructure which will see the firm continue operating here under a new business model, according to the company's German partner Daniell Gollmann.

Gollmann is the founder and chairman of pharmacy robotics manufacturer Gollmann Kommissionersysteme, and told **PD** that the change follows recent rapid growth for the operations here, with multiple systems installed and "future customised projects committed.

"Gollmann recognised that significant additional investment would be required to meet the operational expansion across the market place," he said.

"The local distributor found significant challenges in raising the required capital to meet the growth requirements," Gollmann added.

SA pharmacy forum

THE South Australian 'Development Committee' has announced details of this year's South Australian Pharmacy Community Forum, which is set to take place from 20 to 21 Aug, at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The two day event will be comprised of professional, business, clinical and motivational presentations and workshops targeted to pharmacy proprietors, employed pharmacists, pharmacy staff, and pharmacy students.

Organised by the Development Committee, which is made up of members from the Guild, PSA, industry delegates and SA's leading pharmacy consortiums, the forum will include over 30 exhibitors and around 20 presentations and workshops.

This year, Nick Xenophon, Independent Senator for SA, has been secured as the Forum's keynote speaker, and there will also be a Pharmacy Profession Dinner.

In addition, pharmacy students are also set to be catered to with tailored 30 minute presentations, whilst selected sessions will also help attendees accrue ENRICH CPD PI points- for more info see www.sapcf.com.au.

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Pfizer/GSK JV opens up pipeline

THE joint venture company between GlaxoSmithKline and Pfizer for HIV drugs has announced it will open up its entire product line to generic drugmakers in an attempt to help AIDS sufferers in the world's poorest countries.

ViiV Healthcare launched last November, and combined the two companies' HIV/AIDS businesses into a new company owned 15% by Pfizer and 85% by GSK.

Under the new announcement, the entire current ViiV portfolio as well as its product pipeline will be opened up for generic makers, who will be able to obtain royalty-free voluntary licenses.

The deal covers 69 countries, including all low-income and least-developed nations and the whole of sub-Saharan Africa, which ViiV said accounts for about 80% of all people currently living with HIV.

ViiV ceo Dominique Limet said the move would help reduce the costs of second-line treatments for HIV which will be needed as more people in poor countries develop resistance to cheaper first-line medications for the condition.

The company called Gollmann Bouw Pty Ltd has been placed into administration, but just last week another company was formed named Gollmann Automated Dispensaries Pty Ltd.

The directors of Gollmann Bouw are Gollmann himself and Mark Bouw, while the directors of the new company are pharmacist Jennifer Milner from Benalla, Vic and German-based Iwan Zwick.

Gollmann said that the new company is committed long term to the Australian market, and customers will continue to receive factory trained technical support.

The Gollmann Bouw website has not yet been updated with the new information, and continues to list Gollmann Bouw Pty Ltd as the operating company, headed up by md Mark Bouw, despite it being placed into administration.

Until earlier this week the Pharmacy Guild continued to list Gollmann Bouw as its endorsed pharmacy automation supplier, but since **PD**'s report on Wednesday the company has now been removed from the Gold Cross website.

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This week **Pharmacy Daily** has teamed up with **The Purist Company** and is giving readers the chance to win the Al'chemy Ginkgo & Jojoba Intensive Moisture Vitamin Masque valued at \$17.95.

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GPs earn less

AUSTRALIAN General

Practitioners earn about 32% less than specialist doctors, according to a survey released this week by Monash University and the Melbourne Institute.

More than 5000 doctors from across Australia took part in the survey - about half of them GPs - with the results concluding that GPs on average earned about \$175,000 compared with \$316,000 for specialists.

The intriguing study also found that female GPs earned about 25% less than their male counterparts.

For both GPs and specialists, earnings were higher for those who were self-employed, who do after hours or on-call work, and who work in areas with a high cost of living.

GPs were the lowest paid doctors, with diagnostic radiologists having incomes twice as big.

APLF issues CPD clarification

PEAK pharmacy group, The Australian Pharmacy Liaison Forum, has issued a statement which aims to address concerns being raised by pharmacists across the country in the light of the Pharmacy Board of Australia's new compulsory CPD registration requirements.

The APLF comprises the AACPS, PSA, Guild, SHPA, Australian Pharmacy Council, PDL, pharmacy schools and the Australian College of Pharmacy, and has reassured pharmacists that "these CPD requirements are achievable, regardless of where they live or whether they can easily attend face to face sessions".

The forum says the Board is inclusive and recognises that pharmacists work in a variety of practice and geographic environments.

Pharmacists are encouraged to think about their area of pharmacy practice and their individual CPD learning needs by considering competence and assessing any gaps that exist; creating a plan to fulfil the gaps; implementing the plan by undertaking the necessary learning; and then evaluating and reviewing the impact of the learning activity on practice.

The Pharmacy Board of Australia has adopted a three level CPD approach, with varying credits assigned to each level.

Group 1 CPD activities involve time spent accessing information

without assessment - such as reading a journal or evaluating a new medicine.

Group 2 points apply when knowledge or skills are improved with assessment, such as when a National Prescribing Service article is accompanied by self-assessment questions which are undertaken.

And Group 3 CPD activities occur when a pharmacist facilitates quality or practice improvement, such as presenting information on a topic to colleagues.

The first CPD annual return to the Pharmacy Board of Australia will be due in September 2011, with 20 credits required, only ten of which can come from Group 1.

The APLF says CPD is not just about undertaking courses, as new situations that arise in everyday practice can often represent a great opportunity for CPD.

The extra steps to meet CPD requirements are mostly about keeping a summary record, describing 'learning needs' that underpin the activity and then reflect on the 'value' achieved in improved knowledge and skills.

"In addition, pharmacists should keep a CPD portfolio which could include any certificates, flyers, conference materials, handwritten notes or Group 2 assessment question summaries for eventual audit purposes," the APLF said.

Both accredited and non-accredited CPD activities may be undertaken, with assessment of potential activities for suitability and relevance the responsibility of the pharmacist, to ensure they address individual learning needs.

The APLF guidance document also includes a range of typical examples of Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 activities; for more information the official media release can be downloaded from our website by clicking **HERE**.

PAC10 reminder

THE PSA is reminding pharmacists that they only have until 29 Jul to secure early-bird rates for its upcoming Pharmacy Australia Congress.

The PSA is also urging those who want to submit a poster abstraction to do so before the closing date next week, see www.pac10.com.au.



DISPENSARY CORNER

THIS must be handy when doing metric conversions.

A 12-year-old boy in China is leading a completely normal life, despite being born with six digits on each of his hands and feet.

Ouyang Guangchun from Songpo in the Hunan province in China's south has the very unusual condition known as polydactylism - particularly out of the ordinary because it is rare for the extra digits to look and function normally.

"If people don't look at his hands or feet carefully they can hardly tell any unusualness," said his mother.

STICK 'em up, sweetheart.

Police in New York City in the USA have arrested a man known as the "bouquet bandit," who robbed several banks armed only with a bunch of flowers.

44-year-old Edward Pemberton is a suspect in two bank robberies with CCTV footage of one incident showing him holding a large bouquet while handing over a note telling a staffer to hand over some cash.

In another incident he reportedly brandished a large potted houseplant before making off with about \$2000.

COULD this work to reduce rates of malaria around the globe?

A village in Poland has declared war on swarms of mosquitoes - by attempting to attract insect-eating bats to the region.

Officials in Lelow have distributed about fifty special wooden "bat boxes" to locals.

Kind of like a bird house, the bat boxes are said to provide an ideal environment for the flying mammals to snooze during the day - before coming out at night ravenously hungry for mozzies.

"One small bat is able to eat even 2000 mosquitoes per day," said village head Jerzy Szydowski.

Mosquito numbers across Poland have soared during the current northern hemisphere summer, after major flooding during May and June.

CPD Calendar

WELCOME to *Pharmacy Daily's*

Continuing Professional Development Calendar, featuring upcoming events and opportunities to earn CPE and CPD points.

If you have an upcoming event you'd like us to feature, email info@pharmacydaily.com.au.

28 Jul, 30 Jul: One day intensive conference on Pharmaceutical Law - Melbourne (28th) and Sydney (30th) - 02 9224 6011.

28 Aug-02 Sep: 70th FIP World Congress, Lisbon, Portugal - www.fip.org/lisbon2010.

11-12 Sep: Australasian Conference for Compounding Pharmacists - www.accp.net.au.

15-18 Sep: Pharmacy 2010, the Pharmacy Management Conference on Hamilton Island - www.pharmacyconference.com.au.

28-31 Oct: PSA's Pharmacy Australia Congress in Melbourne - details www.pac10.com.au.

11-14 Nov: The 36th National SHPA Conference, Medicines Management 2010 in Melbourne - mm2010shpa.com.

01-10 May 2011: The PSA's 2011 Offshore Conference in Venice, Italy and Salzburg, Austria - expressions of interest at www.psa.org.au.

Pharmacy Ball details

THIS year's North Queensland Pharmacy Ball will be held on 16 Oct, at Jupiter's Townsville.

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