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ASMI Annual Report

THE Australian Self Medication Industry (ASMI) has released its 2012-13 Annual Report.

ASMI President Mark Sargent said that a major investment of effort for the organisation this year has been to intensify lobbying in Canberra on the issue of the non-prescription medications industry as an integral part of Australia's sustainable healthcare system and working towards the establishment of an Australian Self Care Alliance.

In addition he highlighted the appointment of CM strategy manager Brenda Davy and in-house PR manager Michelle Sollitt-Davis, working closely with the TGA Labelling and Packaging Review, improving patient communications around S3 products, and an extensive review of the process of evaluation of OTC medications in Australia and NZ.

CLICK HERE to read the report.

EBOS ASX listing tomorrow

SYMBION owner, New Zealand-listed EBOS has confirmed that the company's application to list on the ASX (PD 30 May) has been approved and is slated for tomorrow.

Code named EBO, trading will commence on the ASX while the primary listing of the company will remain on the NZX.

EBOS managing director Mark Waller says the dual listing on the ASX will facilitate the ability of Australian institutional and retail investors to trade the Company's shares, deepening liquidity for the benefit of all shareholders.

"The \$1.1 billion acquisition of Symbion earlier this year transformed EBOS into the largest diversified Australasian marketer, wholesaler and distributor of healthcare, medical and pharmaceutical products by

revenue and a leading Australasian animal care products marketer, wholesaler and distributor.

"Since this acquisition we have received increasing interest from Australian investors who want to participate in the EBOS growth story," Waller said.

EBOS gained further recognition last week when it was awarded "Best Growth Strategy" in the Deloitte Top 200 Awards.

"EBOS is delighted to receive recognition for its strategy which continues to deliver exceptional performance for our shareholders amounting to compounding returns of 19 per cent over the last 10 years," says Waller.

The listing on the ASX is not seeking any new capital, but rather aims to provide access to and visibility of the company's shares for Australian investors.

Shareholders will be able to trade their stakes on either the ASX or NZX, where this morning they are worth NZ\$9.15 each, valuing the business at NZ\$1.35 billion.

The Zuellig Group holds 40% of the company.

A copy of the information memorandum relating to the ASX listing can be accessed **HERE**.

CPD conferencing

HEALTH conference specialist CPD Conferencing is seeking prospective presenters for a pharmacy conference which is set to take place in Canada in Jan 2015.

Expressions of interest are being sought to speak at the event which is proposed for the luxury Westin Whistler Hotel 04-11 Jan 2015.

It's expected that the conference will enable pharmacists to earn CPD points, while family packages will also be available.

For more information or to express interest in taking part email cpd@cpdconferencing.com.au.

CSL Janssen deal

CSL Limited this morning announced a new agreement with Janssen Biotech to progress the development of a novel therapy for haematological cancers and autoimmune diseases.

Under the pact, Janssen has been granted an exclusive worldwide license to develop and commercialise CSL362, a novel monoclonal antibody therapy which is currently being studied in a Phase I clinical trial in acute myeloid leukaemia patients who achieved remission after chemotherapy and are at high risk of relapse.

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CHC supports WHO strategy

THE Complementary Healthcare Council of Australia (CHC) has welcomed the publication of the *World Health Organization (WHO) Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023*, with CHC ceo Carl Gibson saying he is heartened to see that it stresses the importance of traditional medicines to the totality of health care.

"Complementary medicines are an often underestimated part of the health care system that contribute strongly to wellbeing and to ensuring that all people have access to care, and the WHO Strategy emphasises this," said Gibson.

"It is pleasing to read of a growing global recognition, not just by the WHO but also by many countries, for the need to develop a cohesive and integrative approach to health care that allows governments, health care practitioners and, most importantly, consumers, to access complementary medicines in an effective, safe and respectful manner.

"As highlighted in the WHO strategy," he continued, "the use of complementary medicines has

a long history of use in health maintenance and in disease prevention and treatment, particular for chronic disease.

"In Australia, our vibrant complementary medicines industry has much to offer in terms of contribution to the preventative health agenda."

The CHC urged the federal government to use the principles outlined in the *WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023* to inspire policies that recognise the vital contribution of complementary medicines to a comprehensive Australian health care system.

iTherapeutics diabetes

ONLINE pharmacy portal iTherapeutics has announced the launch of its third "Condition-based" education module for pharmacists and pharmacy assistants, covering diabetes and blood glucose testing and how to help patients manage their levels.

The module joins the almost 70 other free e-Learning modules now online at itherapeutics.com.au.

NSW Guild celebration

LAST night the NSW Branch of the Pharmacy Guild hosted a festive season celebration in Sydney, with *Pharmacy Daily* taking these on-the-spot pics of the event.

Pictured at right is NSW Guild President



Paul Sinclair with Bill McNally, while left are Haydn Dale from Virtue Partners with inveterate Tweeter Rick Samimi, NSW Guild Councillor.

More pictures from the event online at pharmacydaily.com.au, also available at facebook.com/pharmacydaily.

WIN HYDRALYTE FOR CHRISTMAS

Every day this week *Pharmacy Daily* is giving ten lucky readers the chance to win a **Hydralyte** prize pack including an Orange and Apple Black Currant Effervescent Tube, valued at \$30 each.

Planning a Christmas Party? Drinking Alcohol?

Fact 1: Alcohol acts as a diuretic (a substance that increases urine output).

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Fact 3: Symptoms of dehydration include, fatigue, headache & dizziness.

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Coral Coast Pharmacies

Pharmacist Vacancy

Coral Coast Pharmacies are currently seeking a motivated Pharmacist, either recently registered or experienced to join our team. Coral Coast Pharmacies operate five retail pharmacies servicing the community and patients from local medical centres and aged care facilities, in Bundaberg and the surrounding districts.

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Including the saving, the trip is priced from \$6,995 per person twin share including all shore excursions and sightseeing, with experiences on offer including exploring ancient Pompeii, visiting the Island of Capri, sailing along the Amalfi Coast and viewing active volcanoes on the Lipari Islands.

As well as large suites, on-board facilities include a library and a mini-spa, with the intimate cruise carrying a maximum of 70 passengers.

Meals, house wines, beers and soft drinks are also included along with all tipping and the services of an APT Cruise Manager.

For more information see your travel agent or go to the website www.aptouring.com.au.

Pharmacist-led CV care

THE highly competitive 2014 Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at UTS has funded a new pharmacist-led public health program that will benefit thousands of Australians.

Dr Daniel Sabater Hernandez will head up the project which will see community pharmacists leading a range of cardiovascular health interventions across Australia.

Existing research demonstrating that community pharmacist interventions can have a positive impact on a range of cardiovascular risk factors has driven the initiative, filling a gap in pharmacist-originated public healthcare programs.

"Community pharmacists are ideally placed in the health system to offer this type of patient oriented service as a result of their accessibility to the general public," says Hernandez.

"Most people have access to a local pharmacy, and pharmacists are known and trusted for their ability to give advice and support on a range of health care issues and associated medicines.

"Additionally, pharmacists have an excellent track record of undertaking interventions as part of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement between the Australian Government and the Pharmacy Guild of Australia."

The program will have a focus on chronic disease monitoring and medication management, and will be multidisciplinary along with GP's, specialists, nurses and other allied health care workers to provide patients with a holistic approach to their cardiovascular care.

2nd Eylea indication

THE TGA has approved a second indication for Bayer's Eylea (aflibercept): the treatment of visual impairment due to macular oedema secondary to central retinal vein occlusion (CRVO) in adults, a condition affecting nearly 30,000 Australians aged 50 years or over.

This approval may allow for longer injection intervals following the first three monthly injections based on a patient's visual and anatomic outcomes.

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SNOW sports can be great for both physical and mental health - but according to a new study, skiers gain significantly more pleasure from the activity than snowboarders.

Sports psychologists from Florida State University in the USA and Korea's Yonsei University questioned 279 skiers and boarders at three different ski resorts in South Korea about how they felt while on the slopes.

Skier responses were found to show about five times higher levels of "pleasure and involvement" compared to people who snowboarded or did both skiing and boarding.

The researchers said that the findings may be because skiers are more "immersed in their activity" than snowboarders, with the flow as they glide down the slopes leading to increased satisfaction.

However it's also possible that snowboarders are more laid back and so had a tendency to downplay their enthusiasm when questioned for the survey.

PARACETAMOL-LACED dead mice have been dropped over a US Air Force base in Guam, as part of a campaign to eradicate a snake infestation.

About 2,000 of the deceased rodents with cardboard parachutes were thrown out of a helicopter, in the hope that poisonous brown snakes will eat them and then die of an overdose.

The snakes are apparently causing harm to exotic native birds as well as interfering with the island's power grid.

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