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President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone. For many of us, unfortunately celebrating the New Year means sitting in front of our computers writing grants. The cycle starts again. Sometimes it is a futile cycle when the success rates for funding are so low, but I am sure there is academic value in preparing grants beyond getting funds.

We have had a few changes in the Council of ASCEPT at our council meeting earlier in January. Emilio Badoer has taken on the role of Treasurer, Dominic Geraghty will be the Chair Elect of the SAC and Nicole Jones will be the Editor of the Newsletter. I have now officially become President although this year there will neither be a Past-President or President-Elect to provide much-needed assistance.

So we will have Nicole to thank for the Newsletters from now on and we look forward to the Annual Conference for 2012 organized by Carl Kirkpatrick (Chair) and Dominic Geraghty (Chair Elect). This conference will be a joint conference in association with APSA (Australian Pharmaceutical Science Association) in Sydney and the theme will be around toxicology and adverse drug effects.

What are the challenges for the year ahead for ASCEPT? One obvious challenge is to grow our membership. I think that we can do this by strengthening our commitment to some areas that are somewhat underrepresented in ASCEPT and encouraging scientists in those areas to see ASCEPT as their home society. Another challenge is to develop our international collaborations. We have been incredibly lucky that the British Pharmacological Society has been so willing to develop their relationship with ASCEPT. There are a number of new ventures being developed, and the two societies have agreed to co-host a scientific meeting in mid-2015, probably in Hong Kong

because this is almost midway between Australia and the UK. So add that to your diary now!

David Le Couteur

President, ASCEPT

2012 ASCEPT Membership now due

It is that time of year when your ASCEPT membership is now due for renewal. Membership subscriptions are based on a calendar year beginning 1 January and ending on 31 December. To renew your membership simply make an online payment by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) go to <http://www.ascept.org/Members/Renew.aspx>.

ASCEPT membership continues to offer many member benefits including:

- Discounted rates to the Annual Scientific Meeting
- A chance to present your work at the ASM in front of peers and a highly informed audience.
- Student/Early Career/Mid-Late Career Awards and prizes
- Opportunities for international travel support
- Special Interest Groups
- Departmental seminar programs
- Networking opportunities
- Job opportunities
- Receive regular updates on ASCEPT (E-news and website)
- Discounted subscriptions (Clinical and Experimental Physiology and Pharmacology (CEPP) and the Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH))

If you need assistance, please contact our Member Services Team between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday on email ascept@clems.com.au or telephone +613 9416 3833.

Your continued support is greatly valued.

ASCEPT Events Calendar 2012

Drug Discovery Special Interest Group Symposium, 12-5pm, 2 February, Nedlands, WA

Theme: Molecular Pharmacology Symposium

For registration details please see the [ASCEPT website](#)

Sponsored by BMG LabTech

ASCEPT Clinical Weekend, 28-29 April, St Vincents, Sydney

Theme: Clinical Toxicology

Pre-register by emailing the Secretariat: ascept@clems.com.au

ASCEPT-APSA Joint Meeting 2012, 2-5 December, Sydney

Theme: Medication Safety.

Pre-register your interest by emailing the Secretariat: ascept@clems.com.au

Join ASCEPT'S Social Media!

Join ASCEPT on Twitter and LinkedIn. We are hopeful that it will improve networking between members and special interest group members and facilitate local and global discussions on topical issues that impact on pharmacology and toxicology.

LinkedIn - ASCEPT ANZ is our name so if you are already a member please join. If you would like to join go to www.linkedin.com and follow the prompts.

Twitter - users can send and read text "tweets" of up to 140 characters as a blog. If you'd like to follow ASCEPT on Twitter, simply add **@ASCEPTanz** to your account. Alternatively, visit the ASCEPT homepage for the latest twitter

updates. Ian Musgrave is a champ at this so take a look at his “tweets”.

ASCEPT launches new forum platform for the Special Interest Groups

Many ASCEPT members belong to one or more SIGs and consequently, we would like you to have the opportunity to meet other like minded professionals working on extraordinary projects. The forums are near completion and within the first two weeks of January, they will have full functionality. If you've registered your interest in being part of a SIG, then we've put you in those respective forums. The forums are a members-only privilege. The current forums developed are:

- Cardiovascular
- Drug Disposition
- Drug Discovery
- Education
- Gastro-Urogenital Pharmacology
- Pharmacogenomics
- Toxicology
- Students
- Clinical Pharmacology
- New Zealand
- ASCEPT Council (Elected council members only)
- Scientific Advisory Committee (Committee members only)

If you'd like to find out more information, please contact the Secretariat on: ascept@clems.com.au or (03) 9416 3833.

Expressions of Interest sought for TGA Expert Advisory Committee

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is seeking expressions of interest for a number of positions on the following expert Advisory Committees on:

- the Advisory Committee on Prescription Medicines (ACPM)
- the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Medicines (ACSOM)
- the Advisory Committee on Medical Devices (ACMD)
- the Advisory Committee on Non-prescription Medicines (ACNM)
- the Advisory Committee on Complementary Medicines (ACCM).

Please find attached a letter inviting individual members of your organisation to submit expressions of interest for these committees. The letter includes references to details on the positions and to the process for submitting expressions of interest.

Expressions of interest close on **29 February 2012**. [More information available here](#)

Charles Fleming Fund – Call for Applications

We are now calling for applications for the following awards:

- Charles Fleming Fund - Senior Scientist Award
- Charles Fleming Fund - Publishing Award

The closing date for applications is **31 March 2012**. Information on these awards, and application form are

available on the Society's website: <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/programmes/funds/fleming/>

Forthcoming Meetings and Events

Maths for the future: Keep Australia Competitive - Professor Celia Hoyles, ANU, Canberra, 7-8 February

A national forum proposing strategies to secure future mathematical and statistical skills for Australia, skills that are critical for Australian innovation and competitiveness. [Further details available here](#)

Science Meets Policy Makers, Science and Technology Australia, Canberra, 24 February

Science meets Policymakers will, for the first time, bring together researchers from a range of disciplines and policymakers from various government departments to take a closer look at the intersection. [Free registration here](#) until 3 February. [More information available here.](#)

Conjoint Medical Education Seminar, 29 February, Melbourne

The theme is "*The Medical Professional in the 21st Century: Competent, Fit and Safe*"...[more information here](#)

The Human Genome Meeting (HGM2012): Sydney, Australia, from 11-14 March

The theme is "*Genetics, Genomics and Personalised Medicine*". HGM 2012 will explore the fundamental, translational, and clinical sciences driving the progress of this personalised medicine movement. With the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia, the HGM 2012 event will feature a session on Genomic Pathology. Meeting website is www.hgm2012.org. Please also view the meeting synopsis on the website for further information about program development.

SOT Annual Meeting & ToxExpo, San Francisco, USA, 11-15 March

The SOT Annual Meeting is the forum to showcase toxicology's novel discoveries. For the science of toxicology, this 5-day event is the culmination of a year's worth of achievements in research and education. Early Bird registration closes 27 January. [More information here.](#)

Collaborate Innovate 2012, CRC Association, Adelaide, 15-17 May

The meeting will feature high-level keynote speakers, lots of new information, and a highly interactive format. The sessions are designed to stimulate your thinking and provide you with skills to take away, whether you lead a collaborative research venture, promote it to the public, administer its taxes or are a potential participant in a new collaboration.....[further details here](#)

2nd Annual World Congress of Molecular & Cell Biology (CMCB-2012): Beijing, China, May 18-20

The conference is dedicated to fundamental knowledge and cutting-edge developments in all areas of cellular and molecular biology. Certain aspects of basic research, functional genomics and genetics, application of innovative technologies, mechanisms of severe diseases, microbial molecular and cell biology, plant/animal molecular and cell biology. It will gather for world-leading scientists from different research areas and with varied expertise, also with a shared interest in new and significant information. The program includes invited lectures, co-current session talks, and young scientists' forum....[further details](#)

The XIII International Congress of Toxicology: Korea, 30 June - 4 July 2013

[More information](#) on the conference

Other Society News

BPS - Pharmacology Matters e-Bulletin [January](#)

RACP - AMD Newsletter [January](#)

The Australasian Faculty of Occupational & Environmental Medicine [January](#) Newsletter

Cooperative Research Centre Update - [17 January](#)

ASCEPT E-news is a snapshot of updates, industry news and other information relevant to ASCEPT. If you have any suggestions or would like to contribute to the E-news, please send it along to [Dominic Geraghty](#) for consideration.

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