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Adelaide gets set for 2011 NAPSA Congress - January 24th - 30th

Final preparations are currently underway for the biggest event on NAPSA's calendar. The 2011 NAPSA Congress, hosted by the South Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (SAPSA), will be held in Adelaide at the University of South Australia from January 24th through to January 30th. Two hundred and forty pharmacy students, ranging from first year of study to recent interns, will converge on Adelaide in just under a week to take part in festivities celebrating ten years since the reformation of NAPSA.

To mark this 10th anniversary year, the theme for the congress is "Reflection, Celebration, Progression", where we will reflect back on what NAPSA has achieved in the past decade, celebrate reaching this milestone together, and finally, we will look to the future and consider the role that NAPSA might play in the next 10 years of pharmacy. Across the week, delegates will be participating in education sessions, social events, as well as a "Future of Pharmacy" forum which will give students a chance to debate and discuss the direction of the profession, voice concerns and consider opportunities that may present to us over the coming years. NAPSA is proud to have Emeritus Professor Lloyd Sansom as the keynote speaker for the Opening Ceremony of the Congress, which will be officially opened by Congress Chair Jennifer Gordon and NAPSA President Ashleigh Coome.

Other highlights of the week will include the Pharmacy Student of the Year (PSOTY) NAPSA Wild Card final, the official launch of the 2011 Pharmacy Guild National Student Business Plan Competition and presentations from notable speakers including Assoc. Professor Geoff Sussman, Mr. Andrew "Robbo" Roberts and Ms. Debra Rowett to name but a few.

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