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NAPSA attends PAC11 - October 6th-9th

The NAPSA Executive and Committee Chairs met at Pharmacy Australia Congress 2011 (PAC11) in Melbourne recently, to plan for the coming months and discuss the execution of goals for the next quarter.

NAPSA delegates were invited to attend the Pharmacy in Health Forum, ECP Functions and many of the CPD sessions organised for the event. The Executive were invited to the PSA National Presidents' Cocktail Reception prior to the Gala Dinner, both of which were brilliant networking opportunities.

The Executive and Rural & Indigenous Chair met with Kim Bessel, Principal Pharmacy Advisor to the PBD and Assistant Secretary of the Community Pharmacy Branch of DoHA. NAPSA looks forward to working with Mr. Bessel to further realise NAPSA's endeavour to increase member awareness with regard to such issues as access to pharmacy services, improvement of health outcomes through medicines administration, and quality use of medicines.

NAPSA is proud to have the 2011 Pharmacy Student of the Year (PSOTY) Ezekiel Steindl as a member of our Executive. NAPSA was well represented with past and present Chairs making up three of the eight finalists. Congratulations to all who were involved with PSOTY this year.

National President Timothy Mizzi says that "PSOTY is a fantastic opportunity for pharmacy students to benchmark themselves against their colleagues. This competition is testament to PSA's active involvement in fostering and continuing a standard for future pharmacy practice".

"PAC11 provides an opportunity for students to experience some realities of and engage with the profession, in a context of future focus. It would be fantastic to see PAC12 more competitively priced for students, to entice more of our members to access the benefits of attending events such as this", says Mr. Mizzi.

NAPSA would like to thank the PSA for supporting our attendance at yet another memorable PAC, where we as students can immerse ourselves and further NAPSA's involvement in industry. Moving forward, NAPSA will be further exploring the themes of PAC11 of *Discovery, Development and Diversification*.

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