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MEDIA RELEASE

NAPSA attends IPSF World Congress 2011

The International Pharmacy Student Federation (IPSF) held its 57th annual World Congress in Hat Yai, Thailand, from 3rd to 13th August 2011. NAPSA was represented well with twelve delegates, an Executive Committee Member, and a past IPSF President in attendance. Stacey Gough, NAPSA Vice President, Curtin University, and Amanda Ven, Monash University, were elected to represent NAPSA as official delegates at the IPSF General Assembly.

NAPSA's strategic plan to increase their international presence and active involvement in IPSF commenced, with two NAPSA members being elected onto IPSF subcommittees. Stacey Gough will spend the next term on IPSF's Constitutional Working Party, and Diana Sandulache, Monash University, will be subcommittee co-ordinator for the IPSF Development Fund.

NAPSA contributed more than 500 Euros to the Development Fund through donation and purchase of items for the annual Auction Night. Beneficiaries of the Development Fund often come from developing countries; this enables individuals to continue their education, participate in IPSF's Student Exchange Program, and attend conferences they would be otherwise unable to.

Australian delegates showcased their exceptional level of clinical training through involvement in both individual and group Clinical Skills Events. Representatives from Monash University; Diana Sandulache, David Vien, Scott Joseph and Michelle Garner; won the group event, while Michelle Garner took out the individual event.

"This Congress was an unforgettable experience, an amazing opportunity to meet many young, developing pharmacists from across the globe. Spending time with so many students and organisations has led to the realisation that NAPSA, as a representative body, demonstrates world class ability with respect to the campaigns it conducts, and furthermore advocacy for its members" Ms. Gough said.

NAPSA encourages pharmacy schools throughout Australia to support students wishing to attend the IPSF World Congress. The event provides valuable insight into pharmacy industry on a global scale, as well as innumerable opportunities, presenting graduates better perspective in representing our profession nationally and within a broader global context.

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