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## MEDIA RELEASE

### NAPSA meet at PAC and PSOTY celebrations

Over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October NAPSA's executive, committee chairs and several national councillors met at the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia's annual Pharmacy Australia Congress (PAC) to exhibit and plan for the coming months.

The weekend had a distinct early career focus, with NAPSA delegates attending both the Early Career Pharmacist (ECP) breakfast and the ECP cocktail party. It also provided a fantastic opportunity to network with many of NAPSA's alumni.

NAPSA is thrilled to continue working with PSA and Alphapharm to promote the Pharmacy Student of the Year Competition to our members, and were honoured to have Ashleigh Coome, National President as a member of the judging panel.

NAPSA extends congratulations to all finalists, in particular Marissa Ioannou from James Cook University in Townsville who took away the top honour of 2010 Pharmacy Student of the Year.

When asked about the value of the competition from one of the international American delegates, NAPSA President Ashleigh Coome was quick to comment "the competition is a fantastic opportunity to allow some of the country's future pharmacists to exhibit their skills on a national stage. It provides opportunities to develop counselling skills and it is hoped that the competition will continue to run with the generous support of PSA and Alphapharm for many years to come".

NAPSA thank the PSA for their continued support to attend this year's conference. NAPSA also commends the organising committee, in particular Nicole Campbell and Michaela Andelova for their hard work in the lead up to a truly memorable and successful conference. NAPSA hope to see you at PAC 2011 in Melbourne!

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L to R: Tim Mizzi (Treasurer), Ashleigh Coome (President), Sarah Sinclair (Secretary) and Daniel Bowtell (Vice President)