THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY TURNS 10!

Join us in celebrating the Faculty’s Big 1-0. A formal dinner and celebration will be held on Thursday 7th October 2010, in the MacLaurin Hall at the University of Sydney, and all Pharmacy alumni and friends are urged to attend.

“We are not only celebrating the 10 years the Faculty of Pharmacy has been in place, but also the 111 years of pharmacy education and research at the University” says Professor Iqbal Ramzan, Dean of Pharmacy.

The highlight of the celebration will take the form of a light-hearted debate on the future of the pharmacy profession in Australia, involving academics, students and alumni.

So, save the date in your diary, get a group of former classmates together, make sure the University has your details correct so you don’t miss the formal invitation, and we hope to see you there!

For more details contact the Pharmacy Alumni Officer on jo.bilous@sydney.edu.au or on +61 2 9351 7829. To update your university email or contact details go to sydney.edu.au/alumni or ring +61 2 9036 9222.
The University of Sydney's Graduate Options (GO) Expo will be held on the 22nd September 2010 in the Great Hall between 3pm and 8pm. If you have ever considered coming back to the University for postgraduate study, the GO Expo is worth a visit. It is designed to help you make the right choices, and give you the right information about all your postgraduate options.

Last year was the first year of the GO Expo and the event attracted record numbers of visitors who were keen to learn more. This year, market-style booths in the Great Hall and specialist advisors from each Faculty will help to highlight all the graduate options available at the University of Sydney - options for Honours, Graduate Entry programs, Postgraduate Coursework, PhD and other research opportunities. The evening will also include a comprehensive lecture program which includes specialty talks from each of the faculties, plus general information on graduate options, and how to study now, pay later with the federal government's FEE-HELP scheme.

Pharmacy mini lectures at the event will cover the graduate entry requirements of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney, including the Master of Pharmacy, the Master of Herbal Medicines program and research degrees available at or associated with the Faculty. For more information visit sydney.edu.au/graduate_options.

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This year also sees the Faculty reach its ten-year anniversary and we hope to see you at the Anniversary Celebration on Thursday the 7th October in MacLaurin Hall to help us mark this special occasion. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Alumni events and I hope you will continue to engage with the Pharmacy Alumni Association and support the Faculty in its many endeavours. As always I look forward to receiving any comments and feedback you may have about the Faculty’s activities and initiatives.

PROFESSOR IGBAL RAMZAN
(MSc 1977, PhD 1981)
Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy

Welcome to the Winter Edition of Fiat Mist. A number of exciting new changes have occurred within the Faculty since the beginning of the year. Part of our strategic planning process, the Faculty of Pharmacy’s Executive Committee and Professorate agreed that the Faculty would move from its discipline-based structure to a research theme structure to better reflect the cross-disciplinary nature of the new Bachelor of Pharmacy curriculum and to ensure the Faculty would meet the developing research needs of the future.

From April 2010, the Faculty of Pharmacy has been structured around the research themes; Respiratory Diseases, Cardiovascular and Diabetes, Cancer, Mental Health and Healthy Ageing. The research themes replace the former discipline-based structure of the Faculty of Pharmacy and more closely reflect the Australian Government’s national health priorities.

Looking ahead to the second half of the year, the Faculty will also be working closely with the newly elected Pharmacy Practice Foundation (PPF) Council. The new Council, chaired by Mr Maurice Rendah will take up the Foundation’s role of ‘bridging the gap’ between the University, industry and others in the profession to achieve world-class results in a wide variety of fields.

This year we have instituted two new awards for our graduates. These are the Pharmacy Alumni Award for Achievement and the Pharmacy Young Alumni Award for Achievement. Heartiest congratulations to Patti Payne and to Young Pharmacist Daniel Rifkin, winners of the inaugural Awards. We continue to strive for excellence and toward that end it is of note that we now have eleven Professors in our Faculty of Pharmacy. Quite an achievement.

Activities undertaken by our Association include reunions, cocktail parties and receptions, fine dining dinners, seminars, sporting events, mentor programs, barbecues and gala events for friends raising and important occasions such as Faculty anniversaries. We have our Faculty’s 10th anniversary coming up on Thursday 7th October 2010 so please record this date and make certain that you and partner come along. I look forward to seeing you there.
I heard evidence that 26% of the 27,000 hospital related incidents within our hospitals has continued focused on avoiding harm, often Garling Report, the implementation the report of the National Health and Monitoring Systems to 2002 were of health service changes has complex social organisation and high Garling identity issues for health service providers and governments, and are meaningful for us all, as consumers as well as practitioners. The debate about healthcare reform is rarely around whether or not there is a problem. More often than not, the debate is around who and what changes are to be made. Robust discussions are appropriate but what is disappointing is where the heat is around a ‘turf battle’ rather than evidence-based, achievable, equitable, fiscally responsible models for clinical care. This is a political process that has little to do with the interests of patients. There is an opportunity for health professionals to show leadership in the advocacy for patients and improved health outcomes. The development of models of change, and subsequent implementation, should not be left only to the politically active professional groups, particularly if those groups appear to advocate for the practitioners’ incomes rather than patients. All practitioners who are at the ‘coal face’ are aware of patients’ concerns and the need to appropriately respond in professional and effective ways. A component of healthcare that has relevance for both reports is the importance of achieving Quality Use of Medicines (QUM). Australia is fortunate to have an articulated policy for medicines use and health outcomes’. The engagement of the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme to ensure timely and appropriate access to safe, effective, and cost effective, drugs is well understood. The partnerships between health practitioners and consumers to achieve Quality Use of Medicines are key. Interprofessional allegiances, for example in ‘super clinics’, are to be welcomed. The National Prescribing Service supports the implementation of policy and through evidence-based practice initiatives. ‘Quality use of medicines’ means that medicines are used judiciously, safely and effectively to achieve a specific health outcome. Delivering QUM is difficult, given the complexities of both the health system and human behaviour, and that medicines may be expensive, may or may not deliver benefit, and may themselves cause harm. Both the use and lack of use of medicines may cause harm. Timely, accurately, reliable health information, including medication histories, is needed to manage medicines well. Technology may be able to deliver ‘personalised’ medicines routinely in the future but right now we need basic clinical information available for our patients, whether they are an inpatient or in the community, and especially when they are transitioning between one sector and the other, and have several health care providers. Recommendations for patient-held integrated electronic health records are not new. The hurdles in technology, incompatible information systems and privacy concerns can all be managed if there is a will to use this as an element to facilitate communication among providers and patients, and to see improvement in overall clinical management and medication use. This was just one issue in the Reform Commission recommendations. It will be interesting to watch!

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In Australia, current discussion of health reform has been triggered by the report of the National Health and Hospital Reform Commission. Within New South Wales following the Garling Report, the implementation of health service changes has commenced. The Garling Report focused on avoiding harm, often idiosyncratic, and recognition of the complex social organisation and high risk environment that is a hospital. “I heard evidence that 26% of the 27,000 hospital related incidents reported on the Australian Incident Monitoring Systems to 2002 were medication errors. The level at which medication causes harm and death within our hospitals has continued largely unabated. Clinical pharmacy reviews are known to reduce considerably these harms...”


The reference group is currently working on how to encourage greater research collaboration between industry based pharmacists and the university, particularly around work related projects as well as how to effectively expose undergraduate students to potential employment opportunities and career prospects in the Bio-Pharmaceutical Industry. The number of applicants for employment vacancies within the Pharmaceutical Industry from Pharmacy graduates today is extremely low, despite these graduates being well suited to take up roles within the industry. “We will soon introduce Industrial Pharmacy as an elective in the final year of the Bachelor of Pharmacy program at the University of Sydney, and I believe both students and industry would benefit hugely from stronger links between the two” he says.

The Bio-Pharmaceutical Industry Reference Group meets on a quarterly basis and members include Dr Greg Pearce (Chair) Medical Affairs Director, Alphapharm, Ms Elizabeth Thompson, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Bayer Schering Pharma, Ms Julie Phillips, CEG, BioOne Ltd, Dr Mark Petersen, CEG, ARCS Australia Ltd, Mr Mitch Kirkman, Manager, Good Clinical Practice Training & Administration, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Australia Pty Ltd and Ms Carolyn Winkler, QUM Programme Director, Mundipharma Pty Ltd. If you would like to get more involved with activities at the Faculty of Pharmacy you can contact the Dean’s Bio-Pharmaceutical Industry Reference Group by emailing pharmacy.dean@sydney.edu.au.
WHAT’S NEW IN PHARMACY?

THE 2010 SUPA PRESIDENT, MICHAEL GOULD

Among one of the largest societies and clubs on campus, the Sydney University Pharmacy Association (SUPA) is still going strong. Although only officially founded in 1963, the pharmacy students at the university have had a student society from the early 1920’s. So, what is the role of SUPA in the university of today and how is Generation Y doing it differently? Fiat Mist asked Michael Gould, the new president-elect of SUPA, to write us a few words on his aspirations, goals and aims for himself and SUPA in 2010. This blue-eyed, Mexican food eating student has high hopes for the coming year and what he will achieve in his presidential role!

What I hope to achieve in my new role

I believe being president of SUPA will be one of the most challenging roles I have faced during my pharmacy career. Working with the faculty, I hope to maintain the best interests of students both socially and educationally. An initiative I do want to implement will be the union of all years of pharmacy through large scale events and also improving educational communication between all students. Maximising support throughout the student journey of the demanding pharmacy degree will remain a priority of SUPA and a priority for me.

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The study of pharmacy has come a long way, with many new ways to project knowledge to students using technology. At university we still use the balances and dispensing weights but the practice of pharmacy revolves more around pre-packaged medicines as the industrial world has taken over. This has definitely had a positive impact on society in enabling swifter access to medicines. It has however taken some of the fun out of our profession in particular the compounding work. Having spoken to past students about their experiences, I can definitely see a positive trend occurring in the future of pharmacy study. The most immediate affecting attribute on today’s students would be the new curriculum which I feel has been effective in maintaining structure in the learning process. It has changed to allow students to gain knowledge from scientific principles in chemistry, pharmaceutics and pharmacokinetics (to name a few). Using those skills acquired in the first two years, students are then faced with subjects that integrate medicinal chemistry, pharmacy practice and pharmacology into focused areas of Cardiology, Endocrinology, Oncology and many other areas.

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PROFESSOR GROUNDWATER, PROFESSOR OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

Professor Groundwater was appointed Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the Faculty in 2009. His research interests include the design and synthesis of novel agents for the treatment of cancer and psoriasis, and new methods for the detection of bacteria. Speaking about the new research structure at the Faculty of Pharmacy (which recently changed from research disciplines to research themes), Paul was especially enthusiastic about the collaborative opportunities that the new structure will encourage. “As a chemist I rely on collaborations to come up with a target that I can work towards with other chemists, molecular modelers and biologists” he explains. “The exciting thing is that we often find new chemical applications while working towards the target.”

A prime example of this is the new detection kit for the bacterium Pseudomonas aeruginosa which is now offered by the company bioMérieux. Pseudomonas aeruginosa is a common cause of severe respiratory infection in patients with cystic fibrosis, and also causes a variety of systemic infections in patients with severe burns, and cancer or AIDS patients who are immuno-suppressed.

Paul was part of a multi-disciplinary team involved in the development of techniques to detect and differentiate these bacteria. The test uses a specific enzyme that turns a substrate from yellow to purple to confirm the presence of the bacteria within 24 hours, and has now been developed into a commercial testing kit which can be used in hospitals to identify the infection. Other examples of the use of detection kits would be in the identification and isolation of patients with ‘superbug’ infections.

“The study of Pharmacy has come a long way… now revolving around pre-packaged medicines”

Article written by Michael Gould:
In high school I loved science and always had a great interest in the medical field so I got a job in a pharmacy in year 10. I had no job experience prior to this and wasn’t sure what to expect but gradually grew into the role of a pharmacy assistant. Eventually before I knew it, I was deciding on a career path and decided upon taking the challenging Pharmacy degree at the University of Sydney.

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Professor Groundwater and his research you can visit the ‘Our People’ section of the Pharmacy website at sydney.edu.au/pharmacy.
The Pharmacy Practice Foundation (PPF) operates under the authority of the Senate of the University of Sydney, and works with the Faculty of Pharmacy to provide support for teaching and research. Ten PPF council members were endorsed for 2010 during the Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Faculty of Pharmacy on Wednesday 21 April 2010. Nominations had been put forward by the nominations committee, a mechanism introduced in December 2009 on recommendation of the University for the 2010 Council. Nominees needed to demonstrate a passion for pharmacy, as well as have the relevant qualifications, skills and experience in leadership, fundraising experience, financial and accounting expertise, marketing and communications, governance and government relations. Since 2009 the focus of the PPF has been on closer alignment with the Faculty’s strategic goals. The Foundation’s assistance with fundraising is of increasing importance in a time of decreasing government funding for the university sector, and fundraising by the PPF is now closely aligned with the Faculty’s key academic research priorities.

“I am delighted to have the new council onboard, and look forward to working together to continue to promote world-class pharmacy practice for the benefit of the Australian community” said Professor Iqbal Ramzan, Dean of Pharmacy and University Officer for the PPF.

THE 2010 COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

Mr Maurice Renshaw:
Mr Renshaw is an alumnus of the Faculty of Pharmacy, receiving his Bachelor of Pharmacy in 1972. He served as President of Parke-Davis USA from 1996 to 2000, and was appointed Corporate Vice President in 1996. Maurice was Executive Vice President of the Pﬁzer Consumer Group and Vice President of Pﬁzer Inc. from 2000 – 2003, retiring from Pﬁzer in 2003. Maurice is now on the Board of CSL Pty Ltd, an international ﬁrm which develops and manufactures vaccines and protein biotherapies, and Chairmen of the Innovation and Development Committee of the CSL Board, which is focused on new product development, life-cycle management and safety of CSL’s product portfolio, including the development of protein-based medicines for treating serious human diseases. Mr Renshaw is the new President of the PPF.

Ms Lee Ausburn:
Ms Lee Ausburn has been an Independent Director of Australian Pharmaceutical Industries (API) since October 2008. Prior to 2007, she held a number of positions over a 24-year period until 2007 at Merck and Co Inc (Merck, Sharp and Dohme outside the USA), a multinational research-based pharmaceutical company. From 2004 – 2007 Lee was Vice-President, Asia with general management and P&I responsibility for the Company’s subsidiaries across the Asia Paciﬁc region (approx. sales of US$1 billion and 3000 employees). A registered pharmacist with B.Pharm., M.Pharm. and Dip Hosp Pharm. (University of Sydney), Lee held positions in retail and hospital pharmacy as well as with the Pharmaceutical Society of NSW prior to joining Merck. Lee is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is the new vice president of the PPF.

Mr Jim Tait:
Mr Tait was a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and retired on 31 December 2004 after 40 years with the firm. He continues to undertake consultancy work for PwC and is on the Advisory Council of the PwC Foundation. As a partner at PwC, he specialised in advising companies and senior executives in relation to taxation issues. He held a number of leadership positions in the firm including Leader of the Employment & Wealth and Private Client Services business units of PwC. Jim was appointed to the Board of the AMP Foundation in December 1998 and has spent 10 years supporting the Foundation’s focus on indigenous education, community involvement in philanthropy and capacity building in the non-profit sector.

Mr John Sidgreaves:
Mr John Sidgreaves is an alumnus of the Faculty of Pharmacy, graduating Materia Medica in the 1960s. John is the founder of Blooms the Chemist Group, and most recently held the position of Managing Director of Blooms’ Management Services, which provides management services to Blooms the Chemist members, retiring in June 2009. John remains active in his role as Chairman of Directors for Blooms the Chemist Group. John and Blooms the Chemist Group have been major philanthropic supporters of the Faculty of Pharmacy, supporting Faculty projects such as an innovative optional business skills program. The program is now called the Blooms’ Business Skills Program and is one of the Faculty’s most popular extra-curricular programs. To mark his retirement, Blooms recently donated funds to the Faculty to set up an undergraduate scholarship in John’s name to assist Bachelor of Pharmacy students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Mr Anthony J Williams:
Mr Tony Williams has enjoyed a career of more than thirty-five years in the international pharmaceutical and health care arena and has long-term interests in the structure and operation of systems in health care services and the marketing and professional promotion of health care goods and services. He has had CEO postings in Australasia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, China and senior executive roles in UK and USA, including with The Upjohn Company (later Pharmacia and Upjohn Inc.) and Delta West Pty Ltd. He has been active in industry, professional, and community organisations and charities. Amongst such roles he was President of the Council of the Medical Research Foundation of the University of Sydney, an Associate Fellow of the Australian Institute of Pharmacy Management and served on the Council of the Institute. After returning to Australia in 1997 he established his private business consultancy, Asia Pacific Australia Strategic Consulting (APASC) providing strategic advice and problem solving to business and professional interests in Australia and Asia.

Professor Charlie Benrimoj:
Professor Benrimoj is Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Sydney. His research interests encompass non-prescription medication, pharmaco-epidemiological clinical marketing, safety and efficacy, clinical services for community pharmacy and cognitive pharmaceutical services. His past professional appointments include Assistant Pro-Vice-Chancellor, (College of Health Sciences) and Director Economic Model Development. Professor Benrimoj was Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy from 2000 – 2005, and Head of Department, Pharmacy, at the University of Sydney from 1996 – 1999. Professor Benrimoj also served as President of the PSA NSW Branch from 2004 – 2008, as Chairman of the Education Committee, International Pharmaceutical Federation 2003, and was an executive member of the Pharmacy Alumni Association from 1996 – 2005.

Mr Ross Brown AM RFD ED:
Mr Esmond Ross Brown is a Foundation Governor of the PPF and a former President of the Pharmacy profession's peak body, the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia. He has been prominent in the pharmaceutical industry having held directorships in pharmaceutical companies including United Australian Industries Ltd., API Ltd., Drug Houses of Australia Ltd., the Associated Drug Companies of Australia Ltd., and the Australian Pharmaceutical Publishing Co Ltd. Ross has been a tireless ambassador in the promotion of the University, especially the Faculty of Pharmacy for over 50 years since he qualified as a pharmacist in 1952. Mr Brown is currently the President of the Pharmacy Alumni Association and Director of the Herbal Medicine Research and Education Centre (since 1998). Most recently he helped the Faculty raise over $1 million as Deputy Chair of the Faculty of Pharmacy’s Building Expansion Campaign (2006 – 2008). In March 1997, Ross’s service to the University of Sydney were recognised when he was conferred with the Degree of Master of Pharmacy (honoris causa). Ross was also awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the University of Sydney in 2009.
Mr John Bell AM:
Mr John Bell was National President of the PSA from 1987 – 1988 and President of the Australian College of Pharmacy Practice from 1996 – 1998. John is now a Vice President of the Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique (FIP), which represents pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists worldwide.

John has also served as President Secretary of the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA). He has represented Pharmacy on a number of Australian Government Committees including the Australian National Health & Medical Research Council’s “Health Care Committee”, the National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee and the Poisons Advisory Committee of New South Wales and the Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code Council. John was made a member of the Order of Australia in 1993 and in 2004 John received the Andrews Sedat Award for services to international pharmacy practice. Since 2000 John has been Chairman of the CPA/PPH/WHO Malaria Task Group.

Mr David McLean:
Mr David McLean has had a long career in the pharmaceutical industry in both consumer and professional healthcare. David spent over 20 years in senior roles at Sudler & Hennessey, including as Managing Director/CEO in Australia and most recently as Chairman for the Asia Pacific and Africa regions. In these roles, David opened new offices in China, India, Singapore, Japan, Canada and New Zealand and successfully built business units to profitability, while also turning around underperforming units in the company. Serving as Founder Chairman, David assisted in raising over $500,000 to open the University of Sydney’s Faculty of Medicine Pam McLean Cancer Communications Centre at the Royal North Shore Hospital. David recently retired from Sudler & Hennessey and is now the Managing Director of McLean Stone Consulting Pty Ltd.

Mr Stephen Roche:
Mr Stephen Roche is CEO of Australian Pharmaceutical Industries Limited (API) having joined API in March 2005 as Head of Strategic Development. In this role, he was responsible for the strategic progress of the organisation and implemented strategic changes to streamline the business. Mr. Roche has extensive operational and strategic experience in complex organisations. Previously, he was Group General Manager, Health Services for Mayne Group Limited with responsibility for pharmacy, distribution, diagnostic imaging, and medical center business units. As Group General Manager, he was responsible for more than 8,000 employees and revenues of $2.7 billion. Previous roles included Chief Operating Officer, Healthcare Services for F H Faulding & Co Limited, and a number of management roles at CSR.

Two other members of the 2010 PPF Council include Professor Iqbal Ramzan, Dean of Pharmacy, who is the University Officer for the PPF and Ms Shauna Jarrett, who is on the PPF Council as a representative of the DVC (Community).

**FUN, FARE AND FUTURE ALUMNI**

The Alumni Relations Office has recently started a new interactive Alumni program that brings both Alumni and students together. We are currently looking for Pharmacy Alumni to be part of this program and help assist our current students. The program involving Alumni hosting a meal for a small group of Australian and international students, to provide an opportunity for international students to meet and engage with fellow Australian students and alumni families. For further details contact Katerina Lusinovska, Alumni Relations Projects Coordinator, on (02) 9308 9504, or visit www.sydney.edu.au/alumni/support.

**BEQUESTS: YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUTURE**

One of the most important contributions you can make for the future is knowledge through a bequest to the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Sydney, knowledge development and research never stops at our University.

There are several important things to remember:

- A bequest through your will is a gift: It does not affect your financial situation during your lifetime. You can make a bequest in a number of ways by bequeathing real property, stocks and shares or money.
- Your name can be appropriately associated with your gift and recognised in a prestigious manner. You can positively influence the future of our profession and the community. Make a bequest to our Faculty by including your will.
- I give (amount of bequest) to the Faculty Pharmacy, University of Sydney.

For more information, please contact 02 9036 9504, Ross Brown – President Pharmacy Alumni Association.

**ALUMNI NEWS**

We love to know what our alumni are doing. If you, or any other Pharmacy Alumni you know of, have news or updates to share, please let the editors of Fiat Mist know.

Email: Jo Biliou, Pharmacy Alumni Officer on jo.biliou@sydney.edu.au

**PHARMACY ALUMNI AWARDS**

The Pharmacy Alumni Association this year instigated two Alumni Awards for achievement for pharmacy graduates. The awards are the Pharmacy Alumni Award for Achievement, and the Pharmacy Young Alumni Award for Achievement.

“I would like to congratulate Mrs Patricia (Patti) Payne on winning the Pharmacy Award for Achievement and Daniel Rifkin on his success in the Pharmacy Young Alumni Award for Achievement category” said Professor Iqbal Ramzan, Dean of Pharmacy.

Both awards covered community, international, voluntary and professional achievements by the nominees within or outside of the professional area.

Mrs Patricia (Patti) Payne OAM MPS:

Patti’s numerous achievements within Pharmacy and in the community are well known and were the basis of her nomination for this award. In 2006 she was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to pharmacy and to children’s medical research. Patti is the founder and chairperson of the Women in Pharmacy Group, a member of the Executive Committee of the Pharmacy Alumni Association as well as an elected member of the Community Pharmacy Section of the International Pharmacy Federation (FIP). She sits on the Board of Directors of the Children’s Medical Research Institute and is a major organiser in a number of annual fundraising events, including the well known ‘Jeans for Genes Day’.

Mr Daniel Rifkin:

Daniel graduated from the University of Sydney in 2008 with a Bachelor of Pharmacy and first class honours. During his time at the university and since graduating Daniel has been fully engaged in supporting his fellow students and working in the community. He has been an outstanding ambassador for the University and the Pharmacy profession both nationally and internationally and has a long and successful career ahead.

**MENTORS NEEDED!**

Are you interested in becoming a mentor? We need alumni to sign up as online mentors to students. No previous experience is required, simply a desire to help a University of Sydney student with his or her career development. It’s easy, fun, immensely rewarding and your assistance will be greatly appreciated. So please sign up as soon as you can, simply by logging into Alumni Online and joining the Mentoring Community.

You can also contact the Alumni Relations Office at:
Phone: 1300 225 796 or + 61 2 9036 9222
Email: alumni.office@sydney.edu.au

**ALUMNI ONLINE – JOIN NOW!**

Reasons to join Alumni Online:

- to ensure we have your updated contact details that are connected with the University
- to contact lost classmates and friends when you don’t have their contact details
- to network with other alumni and University staff
- to provide suitable people to work for you and experts in specific fields
- to get updates on Faculty networking and event opportunities

Use the ID number on your alumni card for first-time login, or call (02) 9036 9222.

**ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT IN MELBOURNE**

University of Sydney alumni are meeting regularly around Australia to keep in touch and network. In May this year, the annual Victorian alumni cocktail reception, attended by our Vice Chancellor and Principal, Dr Michael Spence and Pharmacy Dean, Professor Iqbal Ramzan, took place at the Melbourne Town Hall. All who attended had a great night and are looking forward to future events of the same kind.

If you are interested in attending any alumni events, keep an eye on the events calendar at alumni.sydney.edu.au.

For upcoming events check out the back page of this magazine.
UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS:

If you would like more information on any of the following events please go to alumni.sydney.edu.au or contact Jo Bilous, Pharmacy Alumni Officer on jo.bilous@sydney.edu.au or 02 9351 7829.

PHARMACY ALUMNI EVENTS

MATERIA MEDICA REUNION – CLASS OF 1959
Wednesday 29 September 2010, 10:30am
Faculty of Pharmacy, the University of Sydney
PAID Event
Contact: Jo Bilous, jo.bilous@sydney.edu.au
Are you part of this class and have not yet been contacted? We are still trying to track down “missing” class mates and would love to send you an invitation. Please contact Bob Dash on 02 9449 5153 or bobdash@ozemail.com

MATERIA MEDICA REUNION – CLASS OF 1960
Friday 1 October 2010, 10:30am
Faculty of Pharmacy, the University of Sydney
PAID Event
Contact Jo Bilous, jo.bilous@sydney.edu.au
Are you part of this class and have not yet been contacted? We are still trying to track down “missing” class mates and would love to send you an invitation. Please contact Margot Machliss on 0409-804-702 or machbm@ozemail.com.au

** SAVE THE DATE **

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY
Thursday 7 October 2010, 6:30pm
MacLauren Hall, Quadrangle, the University of Sydney
PAID Formal Event
Pharmacy debate topic TBC
Expressions of interest contact: Jo Bilous, jo.bilous@sydney.edu.au

If you are interested in organising a reunion for your year, please contact Jo Bilous at jo.bilous@sydney.edu.au

ALUMNI EVENTS

MICHAEL HINTZE LECTURE
Wednesday 4 August 2010, 6pm
The Great Hall, Quadrangle, The University of Sydney
PAID Event
Speaker: Leading US political scientist, John J Mearsheimer
Contact: Claire Hannagan, alumni.rsvp@sydney.edu.au

ACT ALUMNI DRINKS AT THE BRASSEY
Friday 3 September 2010, 5:30pm
The Brassey, Barton, ACT
FREE Event
Contact: alumni.canberra@usyd.edu.au

GRADUATE CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST 3
Tuesday 7 September 2010, 7:15am
Speaker: Professor Ian Caterson, Director, Boden Institute of Obesity Nutrition & Exercise
The Tea Room, QVB
PAID Event
Contact: Claire Hannagan, alumni.rsvp@sydney.edu.au

THE COMEDY DEBATE
Tuesday 5 October 2010, 6pm
The Great Hall, Quadrangle, The University of Sydney
FREE Event
Topic: Shakespeare would have tweeted
Contact: Eve Simons, alumni.rsvp@sydney.edu.au

ANNUAL DR CHARLES PERKINS AO MEMORIAL ORATION AND PRIZE 2009
Thursday 28 October 2010, 7pm
Celebrates the life and achievements of Dr Perkins, and achievements of Indigenous Australians.
PAID Event
The Great Hall, Quadrangle, the University of Sydney
Contact: Claire Hannagan, alumni.rsvp@sydney.edu.au

GRADUATE CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST 4
Tuesday 9 November 2010, 7:15am
Speaker: George Maltabarrow, Managing Director, Energy Australia
The Tea Room, QVB
PAID Event
Contact: Claire Hannagan, alumni.rsvp@sydney.edu.au

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