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The Australian Pharmacy Council Appoints new President

The Australian Pharmacy Council has recently appointed highly respected hospital pharmacist, academic and author John Low as president. Mr Low is a pharmacist with wide experience in clinical practice, scientific publishing and regulation of the profession. He has held positions of Federal Treasurer and Federal President of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia and for 11 years was Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Pharmacy Practice and Research. He has also held the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Pharmacy Board of Queensland and from 1999 to 2005 was the Professional Adviser (Pharmacy) to the Office of the Health Practitioner Registration Boards in Queensland. He has also held executive positions with the Australian Pharmacy Examining Council, the Association of Pharmacy Registering Authorities, and the New Zealand and Australian Pharmacy Schools Accreditation Committee. John recently co-authored *Australian Pharmacy Law and Practice* and currently holds the position of Adjunct Associate Professor in the schools of pharmacy at the University of Queensland and James Cook University.

In addition to Mr Low, the APC has appointed Mr John Jackson as Vice-President. Mr Jackson also brings a wealth of experience working in pharmacy and pharmacy professional organisations.

The Australian Pharmacy Council was created in 2002 as the association of the state and territory registering authorities. In 2009, anticipating the need for change as a result of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS), the APC changed to a Company Limited by Guarantee and became an independent accreditation body. The members of the APC now comprise pharmacy professional organisations, the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand, and independent representatives from each state and territory within Australia.

Under the NRAS, the APC is the designated accreditation body for pharmacy until 2013, a role that includes accreditation of university pharmacy programs and schools, intern training programs, and the authorisation of organisations to accredit CPD.

The APC is pleased and delighted to have such experienced leadership during this period of change for the APC and for pharmacy in Australia.

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