



# COMMONWEALTH PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

## Our Updates

After a significant time of change we are back on the road and it's full steam ahead! There is lots of action and we'd like to take this opportunity to keep you in the loop of what we've been doing and how you can get involved!

### Recent Highlights



### ***PSA17, Sydney - our 13th Biennial Conference 'Leading Pharmacy Innovation'***

Over 1,200 pharmacists from the Commonwealth and other countries met at the conference to discuss a range of professional issues relating to current and future roles of pharmacists. Following the theme of the conference, Leading Pharmacy

Innovation, delegates heard local and international speakers share their experience and insights about evolving pharmacist practice and how the profession must plan strategically for the future.

#### ***Highlights of the CPA's contributions to the programme included...***

##### ***Embracing innovative solutions to respond to increasing global pharmaceutical care needs***

Dr Tim Hanlon is the Chief Pharmacist of one of the UK's flagship hospital trusts. In this keynote talk, the CPA's B Patel Lecture, Dr Hanlon used developments in the UK to illustrate responses to the current and future

He described innovative new ways of working and related these to the wider global picture seen throughout the Commonwealth, including how we can help prepare the profession for new roles and challenges in the years

## *Anti-microbial Resistance*

AMR continues to be a key area of focus for the CPA. We engaged two excellent international speakers to host two sessions across the conference:

1. A global overview of AMR, including your experiences from around the Commonwealth
2. An AMR stewardship workshop

## *Elephants, education and evidence – building effective collaborations in resource-poor settings*

Our team of experts from our partners CASPPER discussed how to find out how to build a successful collaboration to support the development of the profession overseas.

## *Refugee Health*

Globally this is a very hot topic of discussion for many reasons. We looked at the healthcare challenges for refugees and discuss the role of pharmacists in man made and natural disasters.

### **Our New Executive Team**

After navigating the organisation through much change, Mr Raymond Anderson stood down from his role of President and Dr Rao Vadlamudi, President of the Indian Pharmaceutical Association took the reigns. Rao is supported by two vice presidents – Nancy Ho from Malaysia and Mary Ann Ciappara from Malta plus our very active regional reps.

[Head over to our website to meet the team and read the acceptance speeches.](#)

## **World Pharmacy Day**

***As World Pharmacy Day was celebrated on 25th Sept, we remembered our colleagues in the Commonwealth who have provided care in the face of adversity following recent natural disasters***

*The theme this year was “From research to healthcare: Your pharmacist is at your service” reflects the various contributions the profession makes to health, not only in community and hospital pharmacies, but recognising the health issues of populations and developing medicines, policies and education to tackle them.*

Following the recent disasters in Commonwealth countries, including the hurricanes in the Caribbean, landslides in Bangladesh and flooding in India, we remember our colleagues who have been providing care to their communities in the face of much adversity.

This is a very prominent reminder of how we need to be prepared for disasters should they strike in our own communities. We have made available a video of our recent congress presentation on refugee health and disaster management as a resource for all during the month of October.

Watch 'Symposium: Healthcare in Crisis' here. Answer our questionnaire and receive a CPD certificate.

## 1st AMR Webinar

On Thursday 13th July 2017, Dr. Diane Ashiru-Oredope (CPA Adviser and Pharmacist Lead, AMR Programme, Public Health England) joined our Executive Director Victoria Rutter to host our very successful first AMR webinar.

Representatives from Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Rwanda, Nepal, Trinidad & Tobago and Sierra Leone contributed to a very informative and interesting discussion around how pharmacists have been involved in tackling AMR in their own countries.

Available to all CPA members, all you have to do is [sign in](#) to [watch the webinar](#)

## What's coming up...

### THET Conference

*Keen to share your pharmaceutical skills and expertise to create a better world?*

*Interested in how YOU can contribute to improve health and well being in resource-poor settings?*



The Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA) supports the profession to improve the health and well being of populations in lower middle-income countries throughout the Commonwealth.

As official collaborators with the Tropical Health Education Trust (THET) this year for their annual conference, we have united under a shared vision to see more pharmacists represented in Health Partnerships as part of the multidisciplinary team.

Join us on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, day 3 of the THET conference to learn how YOU can make a difference and talk to us about being involved with our work!

Registrations are filling fast: [www.thetconference.org](http://www.thetconference.org)

### 2nd AMR Webinar

*World Antibiotic Awareness Week (13-19 Nov 2017) provides an excellent opportunity to engages with healthcare professionals and the public to tackle AMR. Pharmacy teams (both individuals and*

organisations) have a key role in increasing awareness and promoting better use of antibiotics.

[Register here](#)

### ***Want to do something for World Antibiotic Awareness Week but don't know where to start?***

Join us and our AMR advisor Dr Diane Ashiru-Oredope to discuss whats happening around the Commonwealth and get some ideas of resources that you and your member organisations or work places can use to adapt for your own campaigns.

We also have our past president John Bell representing us at the WSMI conference in Sydney (18th-19th Oct) and our advisors Libby McCourt and Kaitlyn Porter representing us at the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific (9th-13th Oct).

**Thank you to everyone for your support – we hope you will join us for the journey for the years ahead – we think it is going to be a very exciting one!**

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