Dear NSW RACI readers

Below are this week’s announcements from the RACI NSW Branch, a summary is given and then scroll down for the full text.

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Come and hear the Young Tall Poppy Winner Speak At the RACI September Presentation Evening (and AGM) September 10 UNSW read Page 4 for more details

WSS 2008 Honours Prize presentation evening and Careers Night When: Tuesday 14th October 2008 Venue: University of Western Sydney Campbelltown Campus (Building 22, Conference Room 5)

WSSS September Meeting “Catching the Cheats – the chemistry behind sports drugs testing” Dr Adam Cawley When: Tuesday 16th September 2008 Venue: University of Western Sydney Campbelltown Campus (Building 22, Conference Room 5)

RACI PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE GROUP (NSW) AUDIT PRACTICES AND REQUIREMENTS Seminar: 3 September, 2008 North Ryde RSL - Magdala Rd North Ryde

2008 Honours Prize – RACI Western Sydney Section: This Article announces the winners of this years Competition

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NSW RACI and Science Week 2008! The NSW branch will be out and about during Science Week appearing at two major events exhibiting our involvement in Australia’s Chemistry community and stimulating the wider community to consider that Chemicals are all around us through our Marvellous Molecules Activities. Saturday August 30th - Ultimo Science Festival

Upcoming RACI Conferences and Symposia As evidenced by the lengthy E News’ of late there is an awful lot going on at the moment. This article summarises all the upcoming conferences and symposia

13th Annual RACI vs ASCC Golf Challenge 2008 at CARNARVON GOLF CLUB Nottinghill Road LIDCOMBE Wed 22nd Oct

Chemistry Related Science Week activities of interest. Many of you may be aware that the RACI has been actively involved in preparations for Science Week Activities in NSW this year, with representation on the National Science Week Committee and the two events we are taking part of as a branch. This article will highlight some events that are chemistry related (although not official RACI events).

Website of the Week: This week we look at The top 10 Scientists killed or injured by their own experiments http://listverse.com/science/top-10-scientists-killed-or-injured-by-their-experiments/

Missed an edition of our weekly E-News? We now have an archive of old editions! Please see http://www.chem.unsw.edu.au/RACI/News.html

Its here!!! The New 2008/2009 Entertainment Book has arrived: This book has been an important fundraiser for our branch the last few years. Purchase your brand new 2008/2009 Entertainment™ Book now

Important Dates in Chemistry’s History Aug 14-21 Who discovered that the reductions of aromatic nitrogen compounds formed amines? And who of the Founder of “Modern Chemistry” Find out in this weeks e News – they both celebrate birthdays this week.

Please scroll down for further details.....
UNSW School of Chemistry Research Student Open Day

When: 4-7 pm Thursday August 28th  
Where: Chemical Sciences Building, F10, UNSW

The School of Chemistry at UNSW is having its annual open day for prospective research students. Thinking of doing honours or a Ph.D. in 2009?

Come and see the research being done in Australia's newest chemistry building. The afternoon will include presentation of research posters so you can see the research being done in the school, an address from the Head of School at 5 pm, poster prizes for the best three posters, an opportunity to meet staff and students from the School of Chemistry and drinks and nibbles. So come along and see how UNSW chemistry is thriving.

Enquiries to Prof. Justin Gooding, email justin.gooding@unsw.edu.au

Networking Dinner

The Industrial Chemistry Division will be hosting a networking dinner Monday 29th September as part of the Chemeca 2008 conference to be held in Newcastle (www.chemeca2008.com). An excellent opportunity to find out about RACI membership, the Industrial Chemistry Division and state-based Industrial Chemistry Groups. For further details and to register your participation please contact Christine Wasiowych: christine@sumitomo-chem.com.au by Friday 19 September.

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RACI NSW September Presentation evening (and AGM)

We are pleased to invite you to attend our special September Meeting. The evening will be a celebration of the Branch’s events throughout the year, congratulate our new Fellows, welcome new members, and catch up with RACI friends.

The evening will also provide an opportunity to hear the Young Tall Poppy Winner, Kate Jolliffe.

The evening will conclude with an informal catered function.

Date:
Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Venue:
Seminar Room, Ground Floor, Dalton Building, School of Chemistry, UNSW

Time:
From 5.30pm (Pre-presentation Drinks)
6pm Presentation and Prize Giving begins
7.45pm-10.30pm Catered Function

Costs:
Admission for the whole evening (includes pre-meeting drinks, nibbles, the presentations and the catered function with plenty of food, beer, wine and soft drink) RACI members and their partners $35, non members $40. RACI Student Members $30

Admission for the presentation evening only (includes pre-meeting drinks, nibbles, the presentations only) RACI members $10, non members $15

RACI NSW September Special Meeting and Event

Name/s of attendees:

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The RACI WSS would like to acknowledge the extremely high standard of the many entries received for the 2008 Honours Prize. To do this, we have arranged 3 of the talented young chemists to give short presentations on their Honours projects.

In addition, the evening will conclude with some valuable career and job preparation advice for new chemistry graduates. This will be presented by a representative from Techstaff, a specialist recruitment company.

When: Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} October 2008
Venue: University of Western Sydney
Campbelltown Campus
(Building 22, Conference Room 5)

**Programme:**

5.30 Wine & Cheese

6.00 RACI WSS Honours Prize Presentations
   - **Andrew McLeod, University of Sydney** – *Vanadium metabolism in the treatment of diabetes*
   - **James Hennell, University of Western Sydney** – *Analysis of Anthocyanidins in Bilberry*
   - **Anwen Krause-Heuer, Uni. of Western Sydney** – *Encapsulated Pt(II) Anti-cancer Drugs*

7.00 Careers advice for new chemistry graduates
   - **Ms Melanie Wilson** (*NSW Manager, Techstaff*)

7.20 Questions & Discussion
7.30 Close

Dinner at Local Restaurant. All Welcome (own expense)

**For additional information please contact:**

**Dr Gary Bowman**
Tel. 9857 – 2372
Email: gary.bowman@reckittbenckiser.com

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The problem of doping in sport represents a public health and equity issue. The detection of doping practices, however, is itself an issue that requires the development of reliable, non-invasive and cost-effective analytical methods. The race by anti-doping scientists to stay ahead of the cheaters is one considered by some in the community to be lost. Contradicting such views, the past decade has provided many scientific advances and put the “good guys” in front! Chemistry plays a fundamental role in analytical techniques that seek to determine the origin of hormones as being from the body or the bottle. This presentation will illustrate the journey that anti-doping science has made from the analysis of stimulants to steroids, proteins and, potentially in the future…genes.

For additional information please contact:

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AUDIT PRACTICES AND REQUIREMENTS

3 September, 2008
North Ryde RSL - Magdala Rd North Ryde

Self and external audits are integral tools of Quality Management in the manufacture, testing and release for sale of therapeutic goods. Compliance with GMP for initial and on-going licensing purposes is demonstrated by regular auditing by an Authority.

Speakers from different Authorities and the therapeutic goods manufacturing industry will present on the many aspects of the conduct and outcomes of auditing from both an auditor's and auditee's viewpoints and concerns.

PROGRAM

12.30 - 1.00 Registration

1.00 – 1.10 Chairman’s Introduction
Mr Bruce Graham

1.10 – 2.10 Common deficiencies observed in GMP inspections
Dr Andrzej Wozniak, Acting Chief Inspector, Office of Manufacturing Quality, TGA

2.10 – 2.45 Audits of Veterinary Manufacturing Plants and Test Laboratories
Dr Bruce Johnson, Manager, Quality Assurance, GMP Section, APVMA

2.45 – 3.15 Developing an Internal Audit Program
Mr Chris Hobson, QA Manager, GlaxoSmithKline Australia

3.15 – 3.45 Afternoon Tea

3.45 – 4.15 Overseas Raw Material Manufacturers – On-site or desk audits?
Mr Peter Kissane, Quality & Technical Director, Lipa Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

4.15 – 4.45 Surviving with Various Authorities and Client's Audits and Requirements
Mr Philip Elliott, Quality Manager, IDT

4.45 – 5.15 Adverse Audit – Legal Implications to a Company
TBA ASIC

5.15 – 5.45 Questions & Discussion

5.45 Dinner and drinks

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RACI Pharmaceutical Science Group – NSW

GMP AUDITS 3 September 2008

North Ryde RSL - Magdala Rd North Ryde

Enquiries for Payment/Registrations Edwina Hine: 02 9663 4960 Fax: 02 9385 6141or RACINSW@chem.unsw.edu.au

For further information regarding the seminar, please contact David Edmonds at dedmonds@peptech.com, or Jurgen Lindner at Jurgen.Lindner@novogen.com

GST Inclusive $110.00 RACI Members
GST Inclusive $145.00 Non RACI Members
Cost includes both Seminar and Dinner

Payment Options – Cheques are preferred, Registrations close 28 August 2008

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or Please forward your cheque in Australian Dollars payable to RACI, along with this completed form to RACI (NSW), School of Chemistry UNSW Sydney 2052.

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2008 Honours Prize – RACI Western Sydney Section

The Judges of the RACI WSS Honours Prize for 2008 are very pleased to report that chemistry research in Western Sydney is alive, extremely well, and has a wonderfully bright future.

This was evidenced from the particularly high standard of the entrants for the RACI WSS Honours Prize for 2008. The eligible students completed their Honours in 2007, and lived and/or undertook research in Western Sydney.1

PRIZEWINNER: Andrew McLeod, University of Sydney
“Elucidating the Metabolism of Vanadium in the Treatment of Diabetes”

HIGHLY COMMENDED: James Hennell, University of Western Sydney.
“Chromatographic Determination of Anthocyanidins in Dried Aqueous Extracts of Bilberry”

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Anwen Krause-Heuer, Uni. of Western Sydney.
“Supramolecular Hosts as Drug Delivery Vehicles for Platinum(II)-based DNA Intercalators”

This year, there were more entrants for this prize than ever before, on a wide range of research topics, from four different Universities. The judges decided that the prize alone could not do justice to the quality of the projects, so they decided award two High Commendations as well as the overall winner.

These three students will give short presentations on their Honours projects at a presentation evening at Campbelltown campus of UWS, on October 14th. There will be a ‘careers’ theme to this meeting.

ALL WELCOME – particularly current Honours students who may consider entering for the 2009 prize. The judges would like to congratulate these three talented young researchers, as well as all the other entrants. They can who can be extremely proud of the mind-boggling quality of their research efforts.

Deidre Tronson, FRACI and Gary Bowman, FRACI.

1 ‘Western Sydney” is defined by the following postcodes: 2076-2077; 2111-2126; 2128; 2133; 2140-2168; 2170;2171; 2173; 2174; 2176; 2177; 2190-2200; 2205-2214; 2216-2234; 2558-2560; 2563-2579; 2745; 2747-2768; 2770; 2773-2787; 2790
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**Industrial Chemistry Division AGM at Chemeca 2008**

The Industrial Chemistry Division will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) Tuesday 30th September at the Chemeca Conference. The AGM will include election of Office Bearers - Chair, Treasurer, Secretary – who must be Australian residents and RACI Corporate Members.

The call for Office Bearer nominations is open from Friday 8th August and closes Friday 5th September.

Please forward nominations by Friday 5th September to the Returning Officer: RACINSW@chem.unsw.edu.au

**Missed an edition of our weekly E-News?**

We now have an archive of old editions! Please see

http://www.chem.unsw.edu.au/RACI/News.html

**RACI and Science Week – the last big event coming up**

With the Newtown Festival now done and dusted we are looking forward to our last Science Week Event which will be held on August 30. The Ultimo Science Festival has asked us to participate again this year with our Marvellous Molecule Display. Originally we thought we were to be situated in the forecourt of Ultimo TAFE. Although this week the festival organisers have asked if we would mind being put inside the Powerhouse Museum! Final details of our location are to be confirmed – but we look forward to the challenge of being centrally located in the Powerhouse. We would love to have lots of volunteers for the day! If you can even spare an hour or two to assist on the day please contact Edwina at the RACI office. We will round out the day with some UTS Colleagues (50 metres up the road) with a drinks and nibbleys to relax and celebrate the close of Science Week.

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Upcoming Conferences and Symposiums

23rd RACI Organic Division Conference, ORGANIC 08, Hobart, Tasmania 7 – 12 December 2008
Early bird registration and abstracts close 31st August.
Register online at http://www.organic08.org/

ACROSS Symposium on Advances in Separation Science

The key dates for the conference

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16th RACI R&D Topics Student Conference. This year it is being held again in NSW! Macquarie University Saturday, December 6 - Tuesday, December 9 The call for Poster and Oral Presentations has now gone out – Abstract Submissions will be accepted until Sept 15 http://www.cbms.mq.edu.au/rdtopics/index.html

WATOC 2008: Eighth Triennial Congress of the World Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists, Sydney, Sept 14-19

RACI Electrochemistry Symposium: New materials and New Methods in Electrochemistry Nov 27-28 @ UNSW

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**NSW RACI Organic Symposium 2008** Location: School of Chemistry, University of Sydney, NSW 2006 Date: Wednesday December 3rd


**RACI NSW NATURAL PRODUCTS CHEMISTRY GROUP ANNUAL ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM** Southern Cross University, Lismore, NSW, Friday, 3rd October 2008


**ChemEd 08** Notre Dame University, Fremantle, Western Australia Early Registration: Closes 31 August 2008 Abstract Submission: Closes 31 August 2008 Final Registration: Closes 21 November 2008

http://www.raci-chemed08.org

**30 APS - 30th Australasian Polymer Symposium** The Albert Park Sebel Hotel, Melbourne, Victoria http://www.30aps.org.au

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The art of Nanomaterials – clean energy, environmental and health care applications:
Nanomaterials are materials constructed using nanoscale building blocks with molecular precision. The ARC Centre of Excellence for Functional Nanomaterials (ARCCFN) conducts research into the synthesis and application of these materials. Often, this research is inspired by nature, such as the way sea shells are formed. By studying and building on these “natural” synthesis techniques, the Centre is creating new materials that show great promise for use in clean energy, environmental and health care applications. The “artworks” in this exhibition are artificially-coloured electron microscope images that show some of the amazing variety of structures that can be formed from a few basic compounds just by controlling the synthesis conditions.
When: Aug 19 to 31, 10am-4pm Where: Ultimo TAFE Bld C, The Muse Gallery, cnr Harris and Mary Anne Streets, Ultimo. www.ultimosciencefestival.com

CSI: Sydney at USF: Fingerprint s, illicit drugs, DNA profiling, fire investigation, trace evidence, investigation of human remains and crime scene investigation are just a handful of the research areas of the UTS science forensic unit. Get a sneak peek into the world of forensics by joining this tour of state-of-the-art laboratories. Tours run on the hour from 10am to 3pm and last tour departs at 3pm. Admission is free but seats are limited. Tickets are available one hour before the tour from the Science Info Desk.
When: 10am-3pm, Saturday August 30 Where: UTS City Campus, Building 4 - meet on level 2, Harris Street, Ultimo. www.ultimosciencefestival.com

Experimentations Exhibition When 19 Aug 2008 10:00 AM - 31 Aug 2008 5:00 PM Where Powerhouse Museum http://www.ultimosciencefestival.com Exploring the principles of electricity, magnetism, light, nuclear science and chemistry. Free with entry to Powerhouse Museum.

Maclean Science Shows: ***Regional Event*** This event will be conducted at Maclean High School. We and Indigenous students from the High School will run interactive Science Shows for Year 7 students, some primary school students and the public. The activities will allow exploration of the chemistry of common household items, discovery of the microbes we harbour, reveal the local Aboriginal bush foods and medicines, and give everyone a chance to see the hidden beauty of insects first hand.
Student demonstrators from Maclean High School will be trained on the morning, Thursday 21st August. Shows will run on the Thursday and Friday in school hours after the training. For any public interested in
attending the shows, please contact Joanne Jamie 0439170683 or David Harrington 0434916778. (you may have read about this event in the latest Chem in Aus. Aug Iss Pg 14-16) http://www.scienceweek.info.au/Lists/ApprovedScienceWeekEvents/DispForm.aspx?ID=192&Source=http://www.scienceweek.info.au/Pages/EventsMap.aspx?state=nsw

CSIRO: Forensic Frenzy When 27 Aug 2008 4:00 PM - 27 Aug 2008 5:30 PM
Where Ultimo Library 40 William Henry Street, Ultimo
http://www.ultimosciencefestival.com Analyse evidence to solve an intriguing crime in this practical workshop delving into forensic science. Activities include fingerprinting, computer facial ID, soil analysis, chemical tests for fabric and microscopy. Pick up your Police Report to pre-read when you book your place.
Bookings essential - suitable for 8-12 year olds. Ultimo Library: Phone: 9298 3110 Email: library@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

Science of Wine: An Organoleptic Examination When 29 Aug 2008 6:00 PM - 29 Aug 2008 8:00 PM Where The Loft Bar UTS Sydney
http://www.ultimosciencefestival.com Enjoy an educational evening of wine tasting and discussions into the science of wine with author of 'A Top Drop - Everything You Need to Know About Australian Wine' Ian G. Bailey. The Loft Bar-UTS. $40 per person plus booking fee Tickets available online at www.unitix.com.au

Website of the Week

The top 10 Scientists killed or injured by their own experiments
http://listverse.com/science/top-10-scientists-killed-or-injured-by-their-experiments/

The RACI loves to foster enthusiastic chemists. Although as a duty of care -we also would advocate that our temerity be tempered by some good common sense! Read about some scientists who may have been a little to absorbed in their research – although they died doing what they loved.

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Important Dates in Chemistry’s History Aug 22-28

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b. 1868 Willis R. Whitney, Director of GE research laboratories.

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b. 1887 Bradley Dewey, "Czar" of synthetic rubber production in WW II.
b. 1933 Robert F. Curl, Jr., researcher in microwave and infrared spectroscopy; Nobel prize (1996) with Harold W. Kroto and Richard E. Smalley for their discovery of fullerenes. (ACS)

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b. 1895 Morris S. Kharasch developed synthetic applications of free radical chemistry.
   ➢ PPG Industries incorporated 1883.

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b. 1812 Nicolai N. Zinin discovered reduction of aromatic nitro compounds to amines, 1842, & benzidine rearrangement; founded and was first president of Russian Chemical Society, 1868-77.
b. 1900 Hans A. Krebs discovered the urea cycle, 1932, citric acid cycle or Krebs Cycle, 1937, & the glyoxylate cycle, 1957; Nobel Prize in Medicine (1953) for his discovery of the citric acid cycle with Fritz Albert Lipmann for his discovery of coenzyme A and its importance for intermediary metabolism.
b. 1916 Frederick C. Robbins, researcher on growth of viruses in tissue culture; Nobel Prize in Medicine (1954) with John F. Enders & Thomas H. Weller for their discovery of the ability of poliomyelitis viruses to grow in cultures of various types of tissue.

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b. 1743 Antoine L. Lavoisier, "founder of modern chemistry"; stated the law of conservation of matter; determined the composition of nitric & sulfuric acids; made 'water-gas'; invented the gasometer; introduced new chemical nomenclature.
   ➢ Texaco incorporated as The Texas Corp., 1926.

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b. 1874 Carl Bosch, commercial production of ammonia; Nobel Prize (1931) with Friedrich Bergius in recognition of their contributions to the invention and development of chemical high pressure methods.
b. 1913 Martin Kamen, codiscoverer of carbon-14 with Samuel Rubin (1940).
   ➢ Edwin Drake discovered petroleum in Pennsylvania, 1859.

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b. 1878 George H. Whipple, researcher on pernicious anemia & diabetes; Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (1934) with George R. Minot & William P. Murphy for their discoveries concerning liver therapy in cases of anaemia.

Ref: Monthly Historical Events In Chemistry by Leopold May, The Catholic University of America
http://faculty.cua.edu/may/Chemistrycalendar.htm

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