



QCTN News

From the CEO's desk...



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We're already into March, and it's shaping up to be a very busy and exciting year. We've been involved in a number of events both here and overseas over January and February, and will have a presence at the NZBIO2010 this week.

Last week, QCTN attended a meeting at IHBI when they received the Joint Select Health Committee from New Zealand Parliament. The committee was exploring several issues - amongst them was 'Improving New Zealand's environment to support innovation through clinical trials.'



US Mission

QCTN kicked off the year with a mission to the US/Canada in January, attending the JP Morgan Healthcare Conference in San Francisco, BioPartnering North America in Vancouver, and the G'Day USA activities. I was joined by a number of QCTN Members, as well as joining in the delegation from the Queensland Government, including Premier The Hon. Anna Bligh and Queensland Trade Commissioner to The Americas The Hon. Peter Beattie.

Whilst in the US we announced two significant deals for the state, with the signing of a partnership between investment capital group Burrill & Company, and a number of Queensland life science organisations, as well as the announcement of Brisbane as the host city for the 5th International Conference on Mechanisms of Actions of Nutraceuticals (ICMAN5), to be held in 2011. Please see the article on page 3.

Scientific Business Partnering Event

On 8-9 February we were privileged to host a delegation from Fukuoka, Japan, in collaboration with our strategic partner Kurume Research Park Co., Ltd. Please see page 5.

QCTN Breakfast Event

QCTN hosted a breakfast for Washington visitor, Lisa Cohen - Executive Director, Washington Global Health Alliance. The event provided an opportunity to promote and expand collaborative research, commercial, and educational opportunities between Queensland and Washington State. This will be followed up with QWAG in April.

Upcoming overseas



missions

Over the coming months, QCTN and/or members will be involved in a number of overseas missions, incorporating NZBIO2010, BIO-Europe Spring 2010 and BIO2010. A number of QCTN members will be presenting at NZBIO2010, including TetraQ, ERA, and the Australian Prostate Cancer Research Centre - Queensland.

TRX10

Plans are well underway for 2010 Translational Research Excellence, being held 11-13 October 2010, at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, with the recent launch of the TRX10 website. The website will have program information and news in the lead-up to the three-day symposium, as well as facilities to register online. Calls for participation are still open, and partnership packages are also available, please see the website for more details - www.trx10.com.au

2010 QCTN Member Directory

This week we'll put the final touches on the 2010 edition of the Member Directory (now 300 pages!), so keep an eye out for your copies soon.

Burrill & Company partners up with Queensland life sciences

A number of Queensland life science organisations have entered into an 18-month agreement with US venture capitalist group Burrill & Co., in the aim to attract more investment for the local industry. The partnership, facilitated by QCTN and the Queensland Government, will see the following organisations regularly profiled at Burrill & Co. presented events and publications, as well as gain access to a pool of US and other investors:



This deal will be crucial in ensuring that quality Queensland life science projects receive the international recognition they deserve, and attract the funding they require in order to take research projects through to the commercial market. Unique opportunities for Queensland to be showcased with Burrill & Co. under this arrangement include the JP Morgan Healthcare Conference, weekly Burrill & Co newsletter, The Burrill & Co. yearbook, exclusive seminar at BIO2010, the Queensland Investment Forum and other events.

ICMAN5

In a major boost to the Queensland nutraceutical and complementary medicines industry, Brisbane will be host for the 2011 International Conference for Mechanisms of Action of Nutraceuticals (ICMAN5).

This event is expected to attract around 400 delegates to the three-day event, with discussions to centre around the latest developments and results of complementary medicines and nutraceuticals on diseases such as diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular and

inflammatory disorders, as well as anti-aging opportunities, addressing issues such as regulatory affairs, integrating complementary medicine into community pharmacy practice, education for clinicians, and the emergence of new markets in the Asia Pacific region. ICMAN5 has the potential to further demonstrate to the world why Queensland is the ideal destination for research and development and commercialisation projects for life sciences, and we look forward to bringing you more updates as we move towards October 2011. Please also visit the new website www.icman5.org

Welcome to new members





Key Dates to July 2010

Date	Event
22-24 March 2010	NZBio2010
23-24 March 2010	HLHIR506B: Implement and monitor compliance with legal and ethical requirements (for researchers/study coordinators)
5 April 2010	IBC Meeting (submission deadline 21 January 2010)
23-24 April 2010	HLHIR506B: Implement and monitor compliance with legal and ethical requirements (for sponsors/CRAs)
30 April 2010	Distribution of QCTNNews (advertising booking deadline 19 April 2010)
3-6 May 2010	BIO2010 - Chicago, USA
6 May 2010	HREC Meeting (<i>submission deadline 1 April 2010</i>)
21-22 May 2010	Stem Cell Global Blueprint Conference - Toronto, Canada
25-26 May 2010	HLHIR506B: Implement and monitor compliance with legal and ethical requirements (for HREC)
3 June 2010	HREC Meeting (<i>submission deadline 29 April 2010</i>)
7 June 2010	IBC Meeting (submission deadline 21 May 2010)
13-17 June 2010	DIA - Washington DC, USA
22-23 June 2010	HLHIR506B: Implement and monitor compliance with legal and ethical requirements (for researchers/study coordinators)
25 June 2010	Distribution of QCTNNews (advertising booking deadline 14 June 2010)
1 July 2010	HREC Meeting (<i>submission deadline 27 May 2010</i>)
20-21 July 2010	HLHIR506B: Implement and monitor compliance with legal and ethical requirements (for sponsors/CRAs)

Photos from previous events are on our website so please follow the links from Latest >> Events >> Photo Gallery.



Scientific Business Partnering Event

On 8 and 9 February 2010, a delegation of 7 Japanese organisations from Fukuoka, Japan, visited Brisbane. The delegation was organised by QCTN in collaboration with Kurume Research Park Co., Ltd. (KRP) – a strategic partner of QCTN. The purpose of the visit was to build relationships with Queensland companies and institutes, exchange information on products & services and to identify potential business partners. The participating organisations from Fukuoka were:

Kurume Research Park Co., Ltd. (www.krp.ktarn.or.jp)

NPO Clinical Research Network Fukuoka (www.crnfukuoka.jp)

International Science Technology Co. Ltd (www.is-t.co.jp)

Sepa-Sigma Inc. (www.sepa-sigma.com)

Up Well Inc.

Saikoh Corporation (www.daiun.com)

Cell Innovator (www.cell-innovator.com)

Business presentations by the KRP organisations and several QCTN members were made at the auditorium of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR), followed by a tour of the facilities of Q-Pharm and TetraQ. The Fukuoka delegation also visited the Institute for Molecular Bioscience (IMB), the Queensland Brain Institute (QBI) and the Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology (AIBN). The Japanese delegation expressed a great interest and the desire to further explore business opportunities and academic and commercial collaborations. Thank you to our participating members for your hospitality and assistance in making this event a success.



QCTN is now inviting submissions for topics, themes, speakers and sponsors for TRX10.

Visit

www.trx10.com.au

for the latest information and updates.

Australian Health and Medical Research Ethics Roadshow

QCTN is taken its Registered Training Organisation-accredited course HLTHIR506B – Implement and Monitor Compliance with Legal and Ethical Requirements to the road, visiting Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide as well as holding course dates in Brisbane. This two-day course covers all aspects of covers the Australian legal and ethical requirements for HREC members, Researchers (including Study Coordinators) and Sponsors, with participants attaining a Nationally Recognised Unit from the Health Training Package, accredited under the Australian Quality Training Framework.

This course covers The "National Statement", The Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, ICH-GCP, the Clinical Trial Notification (CTN) and Exemption Scheme (CTX), The Queensland Guardianship and Administrative Tribunal and the National Privacy Principles.

For more information and for course dates, visit the RTO Accredited Training page on the QCTN website.

RTO Provider number – 32008.



Member Profile

Queensland Emergency Medicine Research Foundation



QUEENSLAND
EMERGENCY MEDICINE
RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The Queensland Emergency Medicine Research Foundation (QEMRF) awards Grants and Fellowships to support research relating to the practise of Emergency Medicine in Queensland.

QEMRF was founded in 2007 with the support of Queensland Health and the Queensland Government. They provide funding to Emergency Medicine Physicians seeking to undertake research focused on improving the standards and quality of care in all areas of Emergency Medicine in Queensland, with the goal of producing better patient outcomes.

QEMRF Research Manager, Ms Catrina Codd, says the funding is unique and covers broad areas of Emergency Medicine research, ranging from research conducted in hospitals, onsite at disasters and in community settings.

“At our recent Grants Award Ceremony, it was highlighted that QEMRF Research Projects have the ability to generate effective results in a relatively short period of time that will have considerable impact on patient outcomes and improve efficiencies in resource allocation. Projects funded in 2008 have already resulted in changes to be implemented in Emergency Departments.”

“There is wide collaboration with other organisations, universities and across hospitals in many of the research projects. Grant rounds 4 and 5 have involved projects spread across 12 Queensland hospitals through 15 Departments and collaborations have included 8 Universities as well as many other organisations involved in emergency situations such as the Royal Flying Doctors Service, Australian Red Cross Blood Service, Queensland Ambulance Service and CareFlight.”

Ms Codd said research undertaken in the Emergency Medicine field can benefit the entire medical community.

“There is research being conducted into different ways of delivering treatment so that instead of having to be admitted to hospital, patients can safely be treated at home or can be treated in the emergency department without taking up hospital ward bedspace or requiring at-home nursing care. It’s about making treatments more effective, faster and cheaper.”

Past QEMRF grants have funded projects such as:

- Procedural sedation - sedating patients, particularly children, in a way that doesn’t require fasting or admission, allowing treatments to be completed sooner and patients discharged earlier.
- Implementing hospital skills in nursing homes – up-skilling nursing home staff to allow them to change catheters and other uncomplicated medical procedures, to allow residents to stay in the home rather than go to the emergency department or be admitted to hospital.
- Intra-nasal delivery of pain relief for children – with intra-nasal delivery having a huge impact on the treatment of children due to their common fear of needles and hospitals.
- Box Jellyfish stings – looking at the treatment of stings to reduce pain and suffering.

The next round of QEMRF grants for trainees and staff specialists closes on June 1, visit the QEMRF’s website for more information: www.qemrf.org.au

The QEMRF can also facilitate research collaboration. Contact Catrina Codd for more information: catrina.codd@qemrf.org.au

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