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## SHPA events look to the future

The second half of 2017 will see hospital pharmacy set its eyes on the future as SHPA's twin key events opened to application and registration this week.

Launched yesterday, the two-day [Future Summit 2017](#) is now open to applications to participate in the annual two-day incubator of ideas, to shape the future of excellent medicines management in Australia.

SHPA Chief Executive Kristin Michaels says places are limited for the member-only summit.

'As expected for such an exciting event, the Future Summit application process is detailed so we encourage those who are interested to start planning today to seek a place at the table. Successful applicants will pay a registration fee, but have their travel and accommodation costs covered by SHPA.

'Concepts born at previous summits have led to the development and implementation of a number of Australia-first SHPA initiatives across hospital residency, pharmacy research and role redesign, and ideas arising this year will help map the future direction, not just of SHPA, but of the broader clinical pharmacy profession.'

Applications for Future Summit 2017 close 8.00pm AEST, Thursday 13 July 2017.

Open to registrations this week, SHPA's flagship National Conference, [Medicines Management 2017 \(MM2017\)](#) will make a splash of a different kind, as a record-breaking turnout of over 1,200 delegates is anticipated to descend on the state-of-the-art International Conference Centre Sydney over four days in November.

Ms Michaels says MM2017, the 43<sup>rd</sup> SHPA National Conference is a landmark on the pharmacy calendar and will feature three leading national and international speakers.

'We're thrilled to have an outstanding plenary line up this year: Emeritus Professor Kim Oates from The University of Sydney and Director of Undergraduate Quality and Safety Education at the Clinical Excellence Commission will focus on patient safety, while Professor Zubin Austin, Academic Director, Centre for Practice Excellence at the University of Toronto will explore the essentials of cultural competency in pharmacy practice.

'Finally, renowned futurist Michael McQueen will help delegates guide their thinking into the near and not-so-near future with his presentation "Decoding the next generation", amid what is shaping up to be a dynamic and diverse program of events.'

[Submission of MM2017 abstracts](#) closes Wednesday 12 July, with early bird [registrations](#) open until early September.

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## **About SHPA**

The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national professional organisation for more than 3,000 pharmacists, pharmacists in training, pharmacy technicians and associates working across Australia's health system. SHPA is the only professional pharmacy organisation with a core base of members practising in public and private hospitals and other health service facilities.

SHPA is committed to facilitating the safe and effective use of medicines, which is the core responsibility of pharmacists, especially in hospitals. SHPA supports pharmacists to meet medication and related service needs, so that both optimal health outcomes and economic objectives are achieved for Australians, as individuals, for the community as a whole and for healthcare facilities within our systems of healthcare.