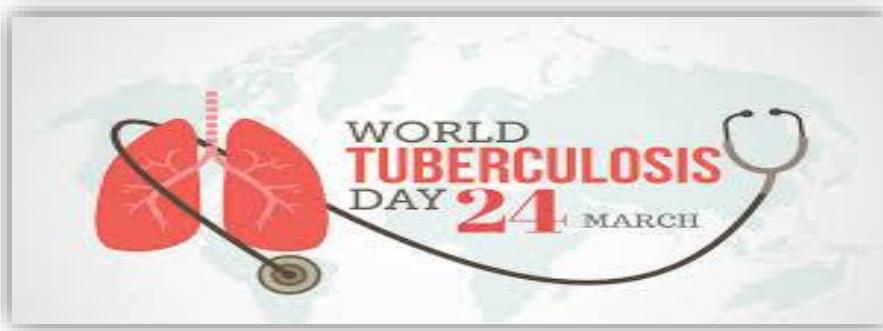




## Awareness campaigns

During March, we recognise the following awareness weeks:



## Brain Awareness Week Quiz

In recognition of Brain Awareness Week, Wiley has compiled a short 5-question quiz to test your knowledge of the brain. Try it here: [Brain Awareness Week Quiz](#)

## Guidelines for treating opioid addiction

New Canadian guidelines have been announced in an article highlighting the management of opioid use disorders. More information can be found [here](#).

## Upcoming conferences and workshops

From 7 to 10 October, six biological science societies will come together to host the First Conference of Biomedical and Natural Sciences and Therapeutics. This is a collaborative venture between the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences of South Africa (APSSA), Physiology Society of Southern Africa (PSSA), South African Association for Laboratory Animal Science (SAALAS), SASBCP and Toxicology Society of South Africa (TOXSA).



### First Conference of Biomedical and Natural Sciences and Therapeutics (CoBNeST)

“Interdisciplinary Scientific Excellence”

SPIER ESTATE | STELLENBOSCH | 7-10 OCTOBER 2018

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Closing date for Accommodation booking: **9 JULY 2018**

Closing date for submission of Abstracts: **27 JULY 2018**

Closing date for Early Bird registration: **3 AUGUST 2018**

For more information visit [www.CoBNeST.co.za](http://www.CoBNeST.co.za)



The South African Medical Association (SAMA GNB), South African Association of Community Pharmacists (SAACP) and Department of Pharmacology (University of Pretoria) are sponsoring a free seminar on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. If you are interested, please contact Judy Mills ([samagnb@samedical.org](mailto:samagnb@samedical.org)) before 11 April.



#### Anti-Doping Seminar “A healthy approach to Use of Medicine by Athletes”

The seminar is intended to provide insight into the anti-doping rules, issues and intricacies that athletes may be faced with, and the role the pharmacist / medical doctor can play to assist and guide the athlete in this regard.

Date: **Saturday, 21 April 2018**  
Time: **10h00 – 15h00**  
Venue: **Tswelepele Building  
Lecture hall 1  
University of Pretoria (Prinshof Campus)  
9 Bophelo road (c/o Bophelo and Dr Savage road)**

## Congratulations!



Mr Keith Ncube (MSc Pharmacology student, University of Pretoria) was selected as one of 600 young scientists to attend the 68<sup>th</sup> Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting being held in Lindau, Germany from the 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018. At this meeting, 43 Nobel Laureates will come together to help shape the future scientists of the world. More information: <http://www.lindau-nobel.org/>



Mr Teboho Mooko (M.Med.Sc. Research Scholar, University of the Free State; left) obtained the Best Poster Award for the Young Pharmacologist competition at the 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress of International Society for Ethnopharmacology and the 5<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India (ISE-SFEC 2018). The picture was taken with post-doctoral fellow, Dr Chethan Sympath (Department of Pharmacology, University of the Free State).

## In memoriam

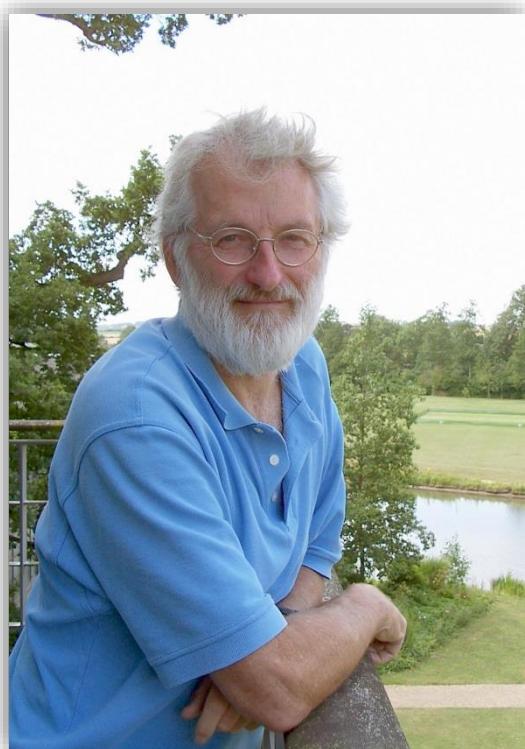
In the month of March, the world lost two prominent scientists.



**Dr Stephen Hawking**  
**1942 - 2018**

As Prof Martin Rees, cosmologist and astrophysicist said: "Hawking's life was shaped by the tragedy that struck him when he was only 22. He himself said that everything that happened since then was a bonus. And what a triumph his life has been. His name will live in the annals of science and millions have had their cosmic horizons widened by his best-selling books. He has also inspired millions by a unique example of achievement against all the odds – a manifestation of amazing willpower and determination."

Dr John Sulston was known as a scientific visionary and leader. He made revolutionary breakthroughs and contributions to the scientific field, which led to the success of the Human Genome Project, one of the most important scientific endeavours of the past century. As he was quoted as saying: "From sharing, discovery is accelerated in the community."



**Dr John Sulston**  
**1942 – 2018**



As a first for the South African pharmaceutical industry, the Africa Pharma Expo will be held at Gallagher Convention Centre, Johannesburg from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of April. This expo is supported by Generic & Biosimilar Medicines Southern Africa (GBMSA). The expo will focus on pharma manufacturing machineries and technologies specific to the South African pharmaceutical market. For more information: <https://africapharmaexpo.com/index.php>

### Foreign-trained students win first round against HPCSA

Deputy Minister of Health, Mathume Phaahla, has recently announced that, at least for the time being, the Health Professions Council of South Africa will allow foreign-trained students to write local board exams without having completed their internships abroad.

More information at: <https://www.medicalbrief.co.za/archives/foreign-trained-students-win-first-round-hpcsa/>

### Have anything to contribute?

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