The 4th Annual Meeting of the Australian Chapter of Controlled Release Society (AUS-CRS 2010) was held on Thursday and Friday 25 and 26th of November 2010 at Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences in Melbourne. This was an important landmark event for the Chapter as it was the first meeting held independently of other associations, the first time the programme had run over two days, and the first time we had had contributed papers as podium presentations. The conference was generously sponsored by Sotax, Davies Collison Cave and Hospira, represented by Jean Louis Raton, Paula DeBruyn and Leab Sek respectively.

The AUS-CRS 2010 was opened by an introductory talk by Ben Boyd (current president of AUS-CRS). Diane Burgess was the invited Plenary Speaker (Immediate Past President of CRS, University of Connecticut, USA) who provided an outstanding plenary lecture entitled ‘Control at Interfaces’.
The programme continued on the first day with lectures from national and international invited (Istvan Toth (past Aus-CRS President), Martina Stenzel, Joselito Razal and Kim Chan) and contributed papers (Marius Skwarczynski, Chantelle Driever, Paul White, Anthony Day, Hui Xin Ong and David Morton). The afternoon was punctuated by an entertaining ‘double-act’ contributed paper by Peter Stewart and Paul Young where they gave a competitive debate-style presentation on their differing theories around the mechanism and importance of particle deagglomeration in respiratory delivery!

*AUS-CRS attendees enjoy lunch below the magnificent Cossar Hall mural.*
Prof. Istvan Toth (inaugural President AUS-CRS) presents his lecture on vaccine delivery (left); Jean Louis Raton (Sotax) expounds the virtues of USP Apparatus 4 to Des Williams (University of South Australia) at right.

The conference dinner on the Thursday night was held at the nearby Melbourne Zoo, with attendees entertained by the Cheek to Cheek Trio, a great time had by all! Davies Collison Cave provided a random door prize of an outstanding bottle of Penfolds Grange gladly accepted by Paul Young from University of Sydney.

Photos from the conference dinner, clockwise from top left: Paul Young (University of Sydney) receives his bottle of Penfolds Grange from Paula DeBruyn (Davies Collison Cave); Jean Louis Raton (Sotax), Diane Burgess (U. Conn.) and Chantelle Driever (University of Melbourne) enjoy a pre-dinner drink; Pavla Simerska (Scientific Secretary, AUS-CRS seated right) with colleagues Pegah Varamini and Fredericke Mansfield from University of Queensland, Clive Prestidge from University of South Australia and Dani Traini University of Sydney (Secretary – AUS-CRS); attendees enjoy the music and dancing (shall remain nameless!).

The Friday program again featured invited (Tak Kee, Colin Pouton, Michael O’Donoghue, Maree Smith, Paul Gavin and Xavier Mulet) and contributed presentations (David Owen, Andrea O’Connor and Angel Tan). The standard of the
contributed talks was outstanding and we thank these speakers especially for their participation.

The AUS-CRS conference has strongly supported students in past years with 2x $1000 travel bursaries to the CRS Annual Meeting as prizes for the two best posters presented at the conference. Student poster presentations (23) were on display throughout the 2010 conference during the breaks and were judged by committee members and session chairs. This year the winners were:

1\textsuperscript{st} prizes: Pegah Varamini The University of Queensland and Wye-Khay Fong, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences each awarded $1,000 contribution towards attending CRS Washington, U.S.A. 2011. Pegah’s poster was entitled “In vivo pharmacological assessment of two lipid conjugated endomorphin-1 analogues”, while Wye-Khay’s poster was entitled “Light responsive nanostructured matrices for pulsatile delivery”

2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} prizes ($100 book voucher): Daryn Goodwin (University of Queensland) and Thilaga Yuvaraj (University of South Australia)

Clockwise from top left: Ben Boyd presenting the 1\textsuperscript{st} poster prizes to Pegah Varamini and Wye-Khay Fong and 2\textsuperscript{nd} prize to Daryn Goodwin and third prize to Thilaga Yuvaraj.
We thank CRS for in part funding for Diane Burgess’s travel costs, and we are particularly grateful to our generous sponsors Sotax, Davies Collison Cave and Hospira, without whom this highly successful event would not be possible:

**AUS-CRS Annual General Meeting:** At the conclusion of conference proceedings, the Annual General Meeting of AUS-CRS was held. The committee elected for AUS-CRS in 2011 were as follows:

1. Ben Boyd was re-elected as the President of AUS-CRS
2. Michael Rathbone was re-elected as the Vice-President
3. Pavla Simerska was re-elected as Scientific Secretary
4. Daniela Traini was elected the new Secretary
5. Leab Sek was elected as Treasurer