A National Conference on “Emerging Trends in Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Research” was organized by Institute of Biomedical Education and Research (IBMER), Mangalayatan University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh on 18th-19th February, 2012 in association with International Association of students in Agricultural and related Sciences (IAAS) and SAARC Pharmaceutical Forum. Conference was initiated with welcome of chief guest Prof. S.M. Paul Khurana (Former Director - CPRI, ICAR and Former VC, Rani Durgavati University, Jabalpur, M.P.) by Prof. S.C. Jain (Hon’ble VC, Mangalayatan University, Aligarh). The key speakers of the programme were Prof. Ashwani Kumar (Rajasthan University, Jaipur), Prof. H.P Pandey (BHU, Varanasi), Prof. S.M. Hadi (AMU, Aligarh), Prof. V.G. Patel (MU, Aligarh), Prof. G.S. Randhwa (IIT, Roorkee), Prof. Kashyap Dubey (MDU, Rohtak), Prof. Sanjay Mishra (IFTM University, Moradabad), Dr. U.D. Gupta (Scientist E, JALMA, ICMR, Agra), Dr. Rajneesh Rana (Senior Scientist, IVRI, Bareilly), Dr. Hemant Kumar Gautam (Scientist, IGIB, CSIR, Delhi), Dr. Dushyant Gahlot (Scientific Officer, NCOF, Delhi), Dr. P.K. Rout (Principal Scientist, CIRC, Makhdoom), Dr. D.S. Chauhan (Scientist C, JALMA, ICMR, Agra), Dr. Ashok Kumar (Principal Scientist, CIRC, Mathura), Dr. Rajkumar (Scientist D, DROD, Delhi), Dr. Pankaj Soni (Senior Scientist, IMTECH, Chandigarh), Mr. Sunil Parekh (Strategy Advisor, Zydus Group), Dr. J. Panwar (BITS, Pilani), Dr. Mohan Lal Kori (Principal, Vedica College of Pharmacy, Bhopal), Dr. Manish Sharma (Principal, B.R. Nahata College of Pharmacy, Mandsaur) and Dr. Rajiv Dahiya (Principal, Globus College of Pharmacy, Bhopal) who shared their rich experiences and expertise on issues in the area of biotechnology & pharmaceutical sciences like Next-generation bio-fuels for green house gas mitigation and role of biotechnology, Cancer: Challenges ahead, Oxidative breakage of cellular DNA by plant polyphenols: A Putative mechanism for anticancer properties, Natural peptides and their therapeutic potential, Development of novel TB vaccines: A global challenge for global disease, Pharmaceutical trends and future frontier. During conference, best oral paper presentation award was given to Mr. Abhishek Narayan, M.D. University, Rohtak and best poster paper presentation award was given to Ms. Akansha Saxena, IFTM University, Moradabad. The event was concluded with vote of thanks by the organizing secretary, Dr. G.K. Aseri (Dean, IBMER, Mangalayatan University, Aligarh).

SPER 1st Annual Conference on “PharmaVision: Raising Awareness Towards Recent Advancement in Pharmaceutical Research” was organized at Delhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research (DIPSAR), New Delhi, India on 23rd June 2012. The function was inaugurated by eminent educationist and research scientist, Prof. (Dr.) S.N. Sharma as Chief Guest. On this occasion, Prof. (Dr.) B.P. Srinivasan, delivered welcome note and highlighted the current scenario of pharmaceutical education & research. The conference was in collaboration with IFTM University, Moradabad (U.P.) & Journal of Advanced Pharmaceutical Technology & Research (JAPTR) and supported by APTI, Bangalore; IPGA, New Delhi; BIT, Meerut and APP, Bhopal. Overwhelming response was obtained for the conference and
more than 300 delegates from more than 45 colleges across the country participated in the event with their innovative oral and poster presentations. The aim of the conference was to create awareness about latest developments in field of pharmaceutical education & research and it offered common platform for interaction with eminent academicians, research and industry leaders. The key speakers for this conference were Prof. R.K. Khar, Prof. S.H. Ansari, Prof. B.P. Srinivasan and Mr. Atul K. Nasa, President IPGA. During the conference, Prof. (Dr.) S.N. Sharma was honored with SPER Life Time Achievement Award for his immense contributions to Pharmacy Profession by Prof. (Dr.) B. P. Srinivasan. SPER Eminent Teacher Awards were conferred upon Prof. (Dr.) Kamla Pathak, Professor & Dean, Rajiv Academy for Pharmacy, Mathura and Prof. (Dr.) Ashoke K. Ghosh, Professor & Director, IFTM University, Moradabad for their outstanding contribution in the field of pharmaceutical education by Dr. Upendra Nagaich, Secretary SPER. Young Teacher Awards were conferred upon Prof. Arun Garg, Professor & Director, PDM College of Pharmacy, Bahadurgarh (Haryana) and Mr. Rakesh Pahwa, Assistant Professor, Kuruksheta University, Kurukshetra (Haryana) during the conference. Innovative Researcher Awards were conferred upon Prof. (Dr.) Roopa Kariki, Professor & Head, Acharya & BM Reddy College of Pharmacy, Bangalore and Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Professor & Principal, Globus College of Pharmacy, Bhopal (MP) by Prof. (Dr.) Satish Sardana, President, APTI Haryana State Branch. SPER Young Scientist Awards were conferred upon Dr. Dilipkumar Pal, Associate Professor, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur and Dr. Gurfateh Singh, Sachdeva College of Pharmacy, Mohali by Prof. D.P. Pathak. SPER Young Talent Awards were conferred upon Dr. Pravin Pawar (Rajpura), Mr. Sachdev Yadav (Banasthali University, Rajasthan) and SPER Best Student Awards were distributed by Prof. Devendra Pathak, Dr. S.K. Jain and Prof. Kamla Pathak respectively. Best Oral Presentation Awards were conferred upon Dr. Zeenat Iqbal, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi and Dr. Dilipkumar Pal, GGV, Bilaspur.

A National Conference on “Comparative Analysis between Conventional & Current Research Trends in Pharmacy” was organized by Invertis Institute of Pharmacy on 16th September, 2012 at Invertis University, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh. More than 400 delegates from about 70 institutes & universities from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh apart from local institutes attended the conference. The chief Guest of event was Dr. Surinder Sharma, President, Haryana State Pharmacy Council, Panchkula. Event was witnessed by Prof. A.K. Ghosh, Director, School of Pharmacy, IFTM University, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh who acted as chairman, scientific committee. Esteemed speakers like Dr. R.K. Maheshwari, Prof & Head, SGSITS (Indore), Dr. Ch. V. Rao, Scientist, NBRI, Lucknow and Dr. O.P. Chauhan, Scientist, DFRL, DRDO, Mysore, Karnataka discussed diverse pharmaceutical aspects related to theme of conference. Numbers of research papers were presented in the scientific oral & poster sessions of the conference. It was inferred that both conventional and current research trends in pharmacy should continue and it was resolved to augment research activities in these fields, so as to invent therapeutically safe and cost effective products to benefit society. Best Oral & Poster Presentation Awards were distributed during valedictory function.

A Faculty Development Program on ‘Best Practices for Enhancement of Institutional Quality and Excellence’ was organized by Department of Pharmacy, Institute of Biomedical Education and Research, Mangalayatan University, Aligarh,
Uttar Pradesh (India) at its campus on 6th October, 2012. The ceremony was graced by Prof. S.C. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Mangalayatan University (Aligarh), Prof. H.S. Yadav (Convenor) and Prof. Milind Pande (Organizing Secretary & Principal). FDP was attended by faculty of professional colleges from all over the India. The objective of the FDP was to aware the faculty members, upcoming PG and Ph.D Scholars about the best practices to be followed for the quality enhancement and institution building & to spread awareness about the vision, mission and criteria about accreditation of NAAC. Topics discussed during the programme were good governance guidelines/practices, best practices in curriculum design, teaching-learning methodologies/evaluation, best practices for institute-industry interaction.

A One-day Seminar on “Pharmacist for Progressive Health Care” was held at Department of Pharmacy, BGC Trust University, Chittagong, Bangladesh during Pharma Fest 2012 on 10th October, 2012. The dignitaries present during the seminar were Md. Akter Hussain (Director Operations, Bio-Pharma Limited, Bangladesh), Prof. (Dr.) Saroj Kanti Singh Hazari (Vice Chancellor, BGC Trust University, Chittagong, Bangladesh) and convenor of the programme - Dr. Dibyajyoti Saha (Chairman, Department of Pharmacy, BGC Trust University, Bangladesh). During the event, significant role of pharmacist as well as the services rendered by pharmacist in today’s modern health care scenario was discussed.

A One-day National Seminar on “Recent Advances in Stem Cell Research: Promises and Potentials, Clinical and Experimental Aspects” sponsored by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi was organized by Department of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Shree S.K. Patel College of Pharmaceutical Education & Research, Ganpat University, Kherva, Gujarat on 28th December 2012. The chief guest of the inaugural session of the seminar was Prof. H.L. Trivedi (Director, Institute of Kidney Diseases & Research Centre Ahmedabad, Gujarat). The guest of honour was Dr. L.N. Patel, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Ganpat University, Kherva, Gujarat. The invited eminent speakers were Dr. Aruna Vanikar, Ms. Shrut Dave and Dr. Rakesh M. Rawal, Dr. Rakesh K. Patel, Principal of S.K. Patel College of Pharmaceutical Education & Research welcomed the gathering and Dr. Rajesh M. Patel, Organizing Secretary briefed them about the theme of the seminar. The Scientific Abstract prepared and compiled by Dr. Rajesh Patel was also released during the inaugural session of the seminar. The first technical session of the seminar was started with the lecture by Ms. Shruti Dave (Junior Scientific Officer, Department of Pathology, Laboratory Medicine and Transfusion Services) who gave insights on “Stem cells: Promises and Performances”. Her interactive talk was followed by Dr. Aruna Vanikar (Professor, Department of Pathology, Laboratory Medicine and Transfusion Services). She enlightened the gathering on “Autologous Adipose Tissue derived Neuronal Differentiated Mesenchymal Stem Cell Transplantation for Post Traumatic Paraplegia”. The session was followed with informative and interactive talk by Dr. H.L. Trivedi (Director, Institute of Kidney Diseases & Research.
Centre (IKDRC), Ahmedabad, Gujarat) on “Renal Transplantation with Zero Immunosuppression achieved using Stem Cell Therapy”. The day came to end with one more informative and interactive talk by Dr. Rakesh Rawal (Senior scientific Officer & Head, Division of Medicinal Chemistry & Pharmacogenomics, Dept. of Cancer Biology, GCRI, Ahmedabad). The chief guest of the valedictory session was Dr. Rakesh Rawal and guest of honour was Prof. P.L. Patel (President, Mehsana District Education Foundation Trust, Kherva). The winners of poster competition were Ms. Dhanani Ankita, NIPER, B.V. Patel PERD Centre, Ahmedabad for the first position, Dr. Priyal Patel of S.K. Patel College of Pharmaceutical Education & Research for second position and Mr. Nirav Garjar of S.K. Patel College of Pharmaceutical Education and Research for third position. The event was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Rajesh M. Patel.

A Two-days National Conference on “Phytomedicine- An Alternate to Modern Medicine and their Molecular Expression (PAMMME)” was organized by Institute of Pharmaceutical Research and Department of Biotechnology, GLA University, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh on 16th-17th February, 2013. Prof. Jai Prakash, Vice-Chancellor, GLA University, Mathura presided over the inaugural function along with Chief Guest of conference - Prof. M.P.Yadav (Former Vice Chancellor IVRI, Izntnagar, Bareilly (UP) and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Meerut), Guests of Honor - Prof. Ashok Kumar, Vice Chancellor AKS University, Satna, MP and Dr. S.S. Agrawal, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Amity University, Noida. The inauguration function started with the welcome address of Prof. A.K. Bhatia followed by release of Souvenir CD and official announcement of the opening of the conference by Vice-Chancellor, GLA University, Mathura. Prof. Pradeep Mishra, Director, Institute of Pharmaceutical Research introduced the theme by briefing the history that how phytomedicines serve as the lead for modern medicine. Prof. M.P. Yadav, Chief Guest of conference spoke on the relevance of the topic in the present scenario. In his talk on importance of phytomedicines and its applications, he explained about the procedures for maintaining the quality of herbal drugs and how genetic engineering is helpful to understand the effect of phytomedicines. Other eminent resource persons - Prof. S.H. Ansari, Dept. of Pharmacy, Jamia Hamdard University, Delhi; Prof. A.K. Prasad, Head, Dept. of Respiratory Virology, B.V. Patel Chest Institute, Delhi University; Dr. Om Prakash, Scientist-E, National JALMA Institute for Leprosy and other Mycobacterial Diseases; Dr. Sunil Kumar, Arch Pharmalabs Limited, Mumbai delivered plenary lectures during the conference. In this two days national conference, the scholars from academics, research and industry participated and discussed on the topics related to phytomedicines. The main highlights of the conference were its scientific sessions which comprised of both poster as well as oral presentations. In the valedictory function, Dr. H.N. Yadav, Head, Department of Pharmacology, IPR and Co-organizing secretary of the conference presented the outcome of conference by remarking that conference was of great success in which record numbers of papers were presented from all over the country. Around 150 papers were displayed as posters and 30 participants presented their papers in oral session. The chairperson of the valedictory function - Dr. Shoor Vir Singh, Principal Scientist, CIIRG, Farah congratulated all the faculties of Institute of Pharmaceutical Research and Department of Biotechnology for their efforts in making this conference a successful event. At the end, Prof. A.K. Bhatia, organizing secretary of the conference proposed vote of thanks and described this conference as mega event where scholars shared their views on one common platform.
A National Seminar on “Emerging Trends in Novel Drug Delivery Systems” was organized by Rishiraj College of Pharmacy, Sanwer Road, Indore on 27th February, 2013 sponsored by M.P.C.S.T., Bhopal. Seminar was inaugurated by Shri S.K. Das, Group Advisor, LNCT Group, where he extended sincere gratitude to the Chief Guest. Guests of Honor and all the dignitaries for attending the inaugural ceremony. He thanked the delegates from different states of India for attending the seminar and taking pains for travelling from their respective states. Chief Guest of this seminar was Dr. Sanjay Jain and Dr. Aviral Jain was guest of honor. Abstract book released during the inaugural ceremony by the hands of guests. Eminent Professor Dr. S.K. Jain from Dr. H.S. Gour University, Sagar (MP) delivered lecture on ‘Colon Drug Delivery’ and another lecture delivered by Dr. Aviral Jain on ‘Novel Approaches for Brain Targeting’. On this special occasion, Dr. R.K. Nema, Principal, Rishiraj College of Pharmacy, Indore told that there is huge need of pharmacist in national and international industry for research and development. During seminar, 10 oral presentations and 82 posters were presented. The winner of oral presentation was Mr. Brijesh Tiwari and winner of poster presentation was Ms. Ritika Jain, which were honored by Dr. S.K. Jain and Dr. Aviral Jain. In this event, faculty & research scholars displayed their research activities in their scientific areas like Drug Discovery and Development, Novel Drug Delivery Systems, Nanotechnology, Phytochemistry, Biotechnology etc. The seminar was witnessed by principals & professors of different colleges as well as industrial delegates.

A National Conference on “Global Trends of Novel Therapeutics in Pharmaceutical Sciences” sponsored by M.P. Council of Science and Technology was held at Lakshmi Narain College of Pharmacy (LNCP), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 6th April 2013. Guest of Honor, Dr. B.C. Mal - Vice Chancellor, Swami Vivekanand Technical University of Chhattisgarh, Chief Guest - Dr. Sunil Sanghi (Senior Scientist, CSIR AMPRI, Bhopal) and Special Guest - Professor U.K. Patil (Dean, People’s Institute of Pharmacy, People’s University, Bhopal). Mr. Suresh Chouksey (Director, LNCT Group) and Mr. Anupam Chouksey (Secretary, LNCT Group) graced the inaugural function. Eminent speakers Dr. N.K. Jain (Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dr. H.S. Gour Central University, Sagar and Dr. V.K. Mourya (Professor & HOD, Govt. Pharmacy College, Amravati University, Amravati) enlightened the delegates on various aspects on globalization and advancement in novel drug delivery system. About 400 delegates participated in the conference from different parts of the country and presented their research and review articles. The winners of poster competition were Mr. Neelsh K. Mehra, Dr. Uday Shrivastava & Ms. Dropti Kurmi from Dr. H.S. Gour University, Sagar; Ms. Smiriti Dewangan, VNS Faculty of Pharmacy, Bhopal; Ms. Sakshi Monghe from LNCP, Bhopal and Mr. Chirag Shrivastava from AIPS, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. The invited guests of valedictory function - Dr. Balasubramanyam, Dr. Avijeet Jain, Dr. Prateek K. Jain, Dr. Ashish Jain & Dr. A.K. Singhai distributed the prizes and certificates to the awardees. At the end, Dr. G.K. Sarasagi (coordinator) proposed vote of thanks.
A Health Awareness and Check-Up Camp sponsored by Janvi Diabetes Care and Medicine Center (JDCMC), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh was organized at VNS Group of Institutions, Neelbud, Bhopal on 15th April, 2013 during VNS Carnival 2013. Janvi Diabetes Care and Medicine Center is a fast growing pharmacy run under the supervision of Mr. Neeraj Mourya, specialized in dealing diabetes care segments including insulin pump, diabetic footwear etc. During the camp, diet counselling was given by Mrs. Nidhi Karolia (Dietician) and all the participants of the camp were counselled for healthy eating habits. Camp was witnessed by a huge crowd of pharmacy and medical professionals including Prof. Pritam Saraf (Registrar, VNS Faculty of Pharmacy), Dr. Vipin V. Dhote, Dr. Shailesh Jain, Dr. Gopal Garg & Mrs. Rita Mourya.

A AICTE sponsored Faculty Development Programme on “Recent Advances in Novel Drug Delivery Systems” in Jan Nayak Ch. Devi Lal Memorial College of Pharmacy, Sirsa, Haryana marked its beginning by inaugural function on 28th May, 2013. This two week programme is scheduled from 28th May to 10th June, 2013 to acquaint the faculty members of various pharmacy institutes in India about the emerging tools, techniques and devices that are being applied to advance the fields of drug discovery and delivery. The programme was inaugurated by Hon’ble Chief Guest - Mr. Narender Kumar Ahuja, Assistant State Drug Controller, Haryana. Dr. Shamim Sharma, Managing Director, JCD Vidyapeeth, honored the occasion as Guest of Honor & Dr. Munish Ahuja, Associate Professor, Guru Jambeshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar, Haryana was special guest for the inaugural function. Prof. N.S. Bhal, Senior Advisor, JCDM College of Engineering, and Principals of constituent colleges of JCD Vidyapeeth graced the function with their esteemed presence. Dr. Viney Lather, Principal of the institute & Dr. Deeptra Pandita, chief coordinator of the programme, welcomed all the distinguished guests and delegates. Prof. Lather briefed the audience on the significance of FDP and discussed about the importance of training programs for the improvisation of technical skills of the faculty members. He told that around 100 faculty participants from all over India attended this two week programme to enrich their skills and knowledge in Drug Delivery Systems. In her address, Dr. Shamim Sharma discussed about importance of novel drug delivery systems in treatment and diagnosis of dreadly diseases like cancer and emphasized on cost reduction of medicines so that they can reach to doors of poor people. Mr. Narender Kumar Ahuja in his address expressed his concerns about misuse of narcotics and encouraged students and pharmacists to take steps to avoid these type of practices. Dr. Munish Ahuja discussed about importance of Ayurvedic medicines and emphasized on importance of new methods of determining drugs in formulations. This two week programme included scientific talks and training on sophisticated equipments by eminent scientists and professors of repute from diverse Industries & Academic institutions of India. Prof. Lather & Prof. Deeptra Pandita felicitated the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor for their esteemed presence. At the end, Dr. Deeptra Pandita delivered the vote of thanks.