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, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra (Haryana) during the conference. Innovative Researcher Awards were conferred upon Prof. (Dr.) Roopa Karki, 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 by Dr. Upendra Nagaich.
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 and 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 (Convener) and Prof. Milind Pande (Organizing Secretary). FDP was attended by faculty of professional colleges from all over the India. During the event, diverse issues related to enhancement of institutional quality were discussed.