

ASSOCIATION NEWS



Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Gujarat State Branch and APP West Indies International Branch jointly organized **5th Indo-West Indies Conference on "Modern Trends in Pharmaceutical Education and Research"** on 10th December 2017 at Indubhai Patel College of Pharmacy and Research Centre (IPCPRC), Dharmaj, Petlad, Anand, Gujarat.

During this scientific conference, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahu from Centre for Medical Sciences Education (CMSE), Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago acted as 'Chief Guest'; Sh. Jitendra Bhai R. Patel, Chairman, Sanskruti Sanraksha Charitable Trust, Dharmaj acted as 'Chief Patron'; Sh. Devangbhai Patel, Trustee, Sanskruti Sanraksha Charitable Trust, Dharmaj acted as 'Patron'; Prof. B. N. Suhagia, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, DD University, Nadiad, Gujarat acted as 'Organizing Chairman'; Dr. Nehal J. Shah, Principal, IPCPRC, Dharmaj, Anand, Gujarat acted as 'Organizing Secretary'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, United States acted as 'Convener'; Dr. Jayvadan K. Patel, President, APP Gujarat State Branch and Principal, Nootan Pharmacy College, Visnagar, Mehsana, Gujarat acted as 'Co-convener'; Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Founder President APP and Director, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago acted as 'Scientific Committee Chairman' in absentia and Dr. Mayank Bapna, Associate Professor, Department of Medicinal Chemistry, IPCPRC, Dharmaj acted as 'Co-ordinator'. Scientific session of the conference was enriched with keynote lecture of Dr. Pradeep Kumar Sahu, Lecturer (Curriculum Development), CMSE, FMS, UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad and

Tobago who addressed the gathering on the topic 'Students' Perceptions of Small Group Teaching Effectiveness in Hybrid Curriculum'. Dr. Sahu told that problem based learning is an effective small group teaching method for medical and pharmacy students. Moreover, faculty development and students' training programmes are required before implementing problem based learning (PBL).

Another lecture was delivered by Dr. Alka Agarwal, Principal, U. S. Ostwal Institute of Pharmacy, Mangalwad, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan and National Head, APP Drug Design & MedChem Division on the topic 'Novel Methods in Drug Design and Development: Challenges and Success'. Scientific session was terminated with oration by Dr. Gunjan Jadon, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Shrinathji Institute of Pharmacy, Nathdwara, Rajasthan and National Coordinator, APP Drug Design & MedChem Division for which she was honored with 'APP Outstanding Oration Award 2017' (Mr. Manas Tripathi Memorial Award) during the conference. During valedictory function, Prof. Bhanubhai N. Suhagia, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, DD University, Nadiad, Gujarat was conferred with 'APP Best Researcher Award 2017' and Dr. C. N. Patel, Principal, Shri Sarvajani Pharmacy College, Mehsana, Gujarat was conferred with 'APP Best Faculty Award 2017'. Also appreciation awards were distributed to chairman and principal of hosting college.

Various posters were presented during this international-level conference and best poster prizes were given to Mr. Umang Shah from Ramanbhai Patel College of Pharmacy, Charotar University of Science and Technology, Anand on topic 'Identification of Potential Chalcone Derivatives: Non-Steroidal Aromatase Inhibitors for Breast Cancer by Molecular Docking and ADMET Prediction'; Ms. Ruby Christian from Anand Pharmacy College, Anand on topic 'Enhancement of Oral Bioavailability of Withania Somnifera Extract by Novel Self Micro emulsifying Drug Delivery System' and Ms. Inaxi Parmar from Dept. of Pharmacy, Sumandeep University, Baroda on topic 'Insilico Design of Human CDK-2 Inhibitors using Pharmacophore Mapping and Molecular Docking Approaches'.
