

ASSOCIATION NEWS



Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Gujarat State Branch organized **1st Indo-Australian Conference on "Current Trends in Pharmaceutical Technology and Nanoscience"** on 27th December 2017 at Anurag Pharmacy College, Kodad, Suryapet, Telangana, in collaboration with APP Australian International Branch.

During this scientific conference, Dr. Kamal Dua, President, APP Australian International Branch from Discipline of Pharmacy, University of Technology Sydney, New South Wales, Australia acted as 'Chief Guest'; Dr. P. Rajeshwar Reddy, Chairman, Anurag Pharmacy College, Kodad, Suryapet, Telangana acted as 'Chief Patron'; Prof. B. N. Suhagia, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, DD University, Nadiad, Gujarat acted as 'Organizing Chairman'; Dr. M. Chinna Eswaraiiah, Principal, Anurag Pharmacy College, Kodad 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. Atindra D. Shukla, Director, Shah-Schuman Center for Surface Science and Nanotechnology, Dharmsinh Desai University, Nadiad, Gujarat acted as 'Guest of Honor'.

Scientific session of the conference was enriched with keynote lecture of Dr. Kamal Dua from Discipline of Pharmacy, University of Technology Sydney, New South Wales, Australia who addressed the gathering on the topic 'Advancements and

Applications of Nanotechnology in Pharmaceutical Sciences'. Dr. Dua told that the art of controlling the release rate of drugs aids in enhancing its therapeutic performance and providing better patient compliance. On behalf of the Association, Dr. Kamal Dua was felicitated with 'Certificate of Appreciation' by Dr. M. Chinna Eswaraiiah, the principal of the Anurag Pharmacy College, Kodad.

Another lecture was delivered by Dr. Atindra D. Shukla, Director, Shah-Schuman Center for Surface Science and Nanotechnology, Dharmsinh Desai University, Nadiad, Gujarat on the topic 'Stimuli-Responsive Targeted Drug Delivery: From Therapy to Theranostics'. Dr. Shukla told that targeted delivery of theranostics (therapeutics and diagnosis) to organs/tissues or cellular level could potentially exhibit a high therapeutic ratio, low-toxicity and early accurate diagnosis in cancer treatment. During the conference, Dr. Shukla was honored with 'APP Young Scientist Award 2017' for his outstanding research accomplishments.

During valedictory function, Ms. Gayathri Tirumalashetti, Pharm.D (Second Year) student, Anurag Pharmacy College, Kodad, Suryapet, Telangana was conferred with 'APP Best Student Award 2017' for her outstanding academic performance. Also appreciation awards were distributed to chairman and principal of hosting college. During the conference, 69 posters were presented in four sections. In each section, first, second and third prizes including certificate and memento were provided. In pharmaceuticals, industrial pharmacy and nanoscience section, Ms. G. Sowjanya from Nalanda College of Pharmacy, Nalgonda won first prize on poster entitled 'Needle Free Injections: An Overview'. In pharmaceutical analysis and chemistry section, Mr. Surya Teja from Anurag Pharmacy College, Kodad won first prize on poster entitled 'Electrochemical Biosensor in Pharmaceutical Analysis'. In pharmacology & pharmacy practice section, Ms. D. Shirisha won first prize on poster entitled 'Broken Heart Syndrome or Stress Induced Cardiomyopathy'. In microbiology and biotechnology section, Ms. T. Sumanjali won first prize on poster entitled 'Superbugs: An Overview'.
