

## 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'.

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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Telangana State Branch organized a two-days **2nd Indo-Australian Conference on "Recent Advances in Nanotechnology and Pharmaceutical Sciences"** (RANPS-2017) on 28th-29th December 2017 at School of Pharmacy, Nalla Narasimha Reddy Education Society's Group of Institutions, Chowdariguda, Ghatkesar, Hyderabad, Telangana in collaboration with APP Australian International Branch.

The inaugural session of the conference was graced by Sri T. Kailasam, Joint Director, Drug Control Administration, Telangana and Registrar, Telangana Pharmacy Council, as the 'Chief Guest' and Dr. Kamal Dua, President, APP Australian International Branch from Discipline of Pharmacy, University of Technology Sydney, New South Wales, Australia as 'Guest of Honor'. Further, Sri Nalla Narasimha Reddy, Secretary, Nalla Narasimha Reddy Education Society (NNRES), Hyderabad acted as 'Chief Patron'; Dr. C.V. Krishna Reddy, Director, Nalla Narasimha Reddy Education Society's Group of Institutions (NNRG), Hyderabad acted as 'Patron'; 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 'Organizing Chairman'; Prof. Krishna Mohan Chinnala, Dean, School of Pharmacy, Nalla Narasimha Reddy Education Society's Group of Institutions, Hyderabad acted as 'Convener'; Prof. A. Muralidhar Rao, President, APP Telangana State Branch and Principal, St. Mary's College of Pharmacy, Secunderabad, Telangana acted as 'Organizing Secretary'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico, United States acted as 'Scientific Committee Chairman'.

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 'Nanotechnology - From Basics to the Recent Advances'. Dr. Dua discussed about the various formulation aspects along with the characterization and pharmaceutical applications of the nano drug delivery systems. He told that to achieve crucial features like bioavailability, stability, prolonged action and reduced dosing frequency etc. in a drug delivery system, the optimization of various physicochemical characteristics such as mean particle size, particle size distribution, particle morphology, zeta potential and rheological considerations are of utmost importance. After his lecture, Dr. Dua was felicitated with 'Certificate of Recognition' by Dr. Chinnala, the dean of the hosting school. Another lecture was delivered by Prof. A. Muralidhar Rao, Principal, St. Mary's College of Pharmacy, Secunderabad, Telangana on the topic 'Concepts of Science of Small-Nano Science'.

Scientific session was terminated with lecture of Prof. Saurabh Dahiya, President, APP Haryana State Branch and Head, Department of Pharmacy, Lingaya's University, Faridabad, Haryana on the topic 'Nano Pharmaceuticals: Good Practices and Regulatory Aspects' on the second day of the conference. The valedictory function was graced by Dr. Prabha Shankar, President, Indian Pharmaceutical Association, Telangana as the 'Chief Guest' and Prof. Saurabh Dahiya, President, APP, Haryana State Branch and Prof. A. Muralidhar Rao, President, APP Telangana State Branch as 'Guests of Honor'. Prof. Krishna Mohan Chinnala, Dean, School of Pharmacy, NNRG, Hyderabad was awarded with 'APP Distinguished Teacher Award 2017' during the conference. Dr. B. Sree Giri Prasad, Mr. K. Ravi Kumar and Mr. E. Madhan Mohan received 'APP Best Achiever Award', 'APP Best Faculty Award' and 'APP Best Researcher Award' respectively. Further, Ms. K. Manasa, B.Pharm (IV Year) student of the hosting school received the 'APP Best Student Award 2017' with complimentary APP life membership certificate.

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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Andhra Pradesh State Branch organized **3rd Indo-Australian Conference on "Pharmaceutical Technology: Past, Present and Future Perspectives"** on 29th December 2017 at V.V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gudlavalleru, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with APP Australian International Branch.

The inauguration ceremony commenced with lighting of lamp by the Chief Guest Dr. Kamal Dua from Discipline of Pharmacy, University of Technology Sydney, New South Wales, Australia and the Guest of Honor Dr. B. Chandra Shekhar Reddy, Principal, Jayamukhi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh. Prof. R. Govinda Rajan, Secretary, APP Andhra Pradesh State Branch and Research Director, Hindu College of Pharmacy, Guntur and Dr. S.R.K. Reddy, Advisor to Management, V.V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gudlavalleru graced the occasion by sharing the dais. For this scientific conference, Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Founder President APP and Director, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago acted as 'Organizing Chairman'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR, USA acted as 'Convener' and Dr. Suresh V. Chennupati, Vice President, APP Ethiopian International Branch from School of Pharmacy, Wollega University, Nekemte, Ethiopia acted as 'Scientific Committee Chairman'.

The Convener and Principal of the college Dr. A. Lakshmana Rao welcomed the resource persons and delegates. Later, the CD containing scientific abstracts was released by the Chief Guest from University of Technology Sydney, Australia.

The scientific session of the conference was enriched with plenary lectures of Dr. Kamal Dua and Dr. B. Chandra Shekhar Reddy on topics of pharmaceutical interest like "Various Hydrophilic Carriers: Catalyst for Solubility Enhancement of Poorly Water Soluble Drugs" and "Understanding the Role of Preformulation in Drug Development".

In the afternoon scientific session, about 100 research and review papers were presented in several sections. Dr. P. Naga Raju, Dr. G. Vijay Kumar, Dr. T. P. Rao and Dr. A. Ajay Babu were the judges for the scientific session. In pharmacology section, Ms. Aishwarya and Finian from Adithya College of Pharmacy, Surampalem won first prize in oral presentations and second prize in poster presentations. In pharmaceutical analysis section, Ms. K. Jyothi from Hindu College of Pharmacy, Guntur and Mr. S. Shakir Basha from Sri Vidhyanikethan, Tirupati won first prize in oral and second prize in poster presentations. In pharmaceuticals section, Ms. Nihitha Sanka from Chalapathi Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Guntur and Ms. D. Dharani Srividya from Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women, Vijayawada won first prize in poster and oral presentations and Mr. Ch. Shiva Gopal from V. V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gudlavalleru won second prize in poster presentations. In pharmaceutical chemistry section, Mr. Vikram Choudhary from Srinathji Institute of Pharmacy, Rajasthan and Ms. V. Dhilekha from VJ's College of Pharmacy, Rajahmundry won second prize in oral presentations.

During the valedictory function, 'APP Best Faculty Award' was provided to Dr. Sk. Amina Bee, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology, VVIPS, Gudlavalleru; 'APP Best Researcher Award' to Dr. P. Bharghva Bhushan Rao, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, VVIPS, Gudlavalleru; 'APP Best Student Award' to Ms. Lakshmi Sindhu Atluri, B.Pharm Student, VVIPS, Gudlavalleru; 'APP Appreciation Award' to Dr. V. Nageswara Rao, Chairman, VVIPS, Gudlavalleru and 'APP Recognition Award' to Dr. A. Lakshmana Rao, Principal, V.V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gudlavalleru, Andhra Pradesh. The program ended with vote of thanks and concluded with the national anthem.

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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Haryana State Branch organized **4th Indo-Australian Conference on "Recent Trends and Breakthroughs in Pharmaceutical Sector"** on 30th December 2017 at Malla Reddy Pharmacy College, Maisammaguda, Dhulapally, Secunderabad, Telangana in collaboration with APP Australian International Branch.

During this international-level conference, Sri Ch. Malla Reddy Garu, Founder Chairman, Malla Reddy Group of Institutions and Member of Parliament, Malkajgiri, Medchal district, Telangana acted as 'Chief Guest'; Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Founder President APP and Director, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago acted as 'Organizing Chairman' in absentia; Dr. G. Tulja Rani, Principal, Malla Reddy Pharmacy College, Secunderabad acted as 'Convener' along with Dr. M. Sudhakar, Principal, Malla Reddy College of Pharmacy, Secunderabad and Dr. N. Srinivas, Principal, Malla Reddy Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Secunderabad; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR, USA acted as 'Co-convener'; Dr. A. Muralidhar Rao, President, APP Telangana State Branch and Principal, St. Mary's College of Pharmacy, Secunderabad acted as 'Scientific Committee Chairman'; Dr. Syed Mujtaba Ahmed, Vice President, APP Telangana State Branch and Principal, Maheshwara Institute College of Pharmacy, Patancheru, Hyderabad, Telangana acted as 'Scientific Committee Co-chairman'.

The scientific session of the conference was enriched with keynote lectures of Dr. Kamal Dua, President, APP Australian International Branch from Discipline of Pharmacy, Graduate School of Health, University of Technology Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; Prof. Saurabh Dahiya, President, APP Haryana

State Branch and Head, Department of Pharmacy, Lingaya's University, Faridabad, Haryana and Mr. V. Shiva Shankar, Senior Executive Pharmacovigilance, iMEDGlobal Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Hyderabad, Telangana on diverse topics of pharmaceutical interest like 'Recent Advances in Topical and Transdermal Drug Delivery Systems', 'IPR Breakthrough in Pharmaceutical Sector: Paving the Way towards Affordable Healthcare for All' and 'Importance of Pharmacovigilance: Drug Safety Monitoring'. Dr. Kamal Dua told that topical and transdermal drug delivery systems tend to continuously interest and engage formulation scientists because of their associated merits especially drug administration mode, patient compliance and localized drug delivery thereby incurring fewer associated side effects.

During conference, various posters were presented in various sections. Scientific poster session was chaired/evaluated by Dr. Hema Latha from Chilkur Balaji College of Pharmacy, Hyderabad and Dr. Riapal from Malla Reddy Pharmacy College, Dhulapally, Hyderabad in pharmaceutical chemistry section; Dr. Rajarajeshwari from Pullareddy Institute of Pharmacy, Annaram, Jinnaram, Hyderabad in pharmaceuticals section; Dr. J. Sangeetha and Dr. Parameshwar from Malla Reddy Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dhulapally, Hyderabad in pharmacognosy and pharmacology section; Dr. Asha Ranjani and Dr. G. Aninditha from Malla Reddy Pharmacy College, Maisammaguda, Dhulapally, Hyderabad, Telangana in pharmacy practice section.

During the valedictory function, 'APP Best Faculty Award' was provided to Mr. Balaraju Pagilla, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacognosy, Malla Reddy Pharmacy College, Dhulapally, Hyderabad; 'APP Best Researcher Award' to Mr. K. Vasu, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Malla Reddy Pharmacy College, Dhulapally, Hyderabad; 'APP Best Student Awards' to Ms. Sadhu Vinitha, Pharm.D Student and Ms. Gudepu Manisha, B.Pharm Student, Malla Reddy Pharmacy College, Dhulapally, Hyderabad; 'APP Appreciation Awards' to Sri Ch. Malla Reddy and Dr. G. Tulja Rani. Programme ended with vote of thanks.

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