

ASSOCIATION NEWS



Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Ethiopian International Branch and Andhra Pradesh State Branch organized **13th Indo-African Conference on 'Advances in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology'** on 7th September, 2018 at Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women, Enikepadu, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh on the occasion of 'Paryushan Parva'. The scientific event was witnessed by Sri B. S. Appa Rao, Chairman, SRK Foundation, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh as 'Chief Patron'; Dr. K. Padmalatha, Principal, Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women, Vijayawada and Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR, USA as 'Conveners'; Dr. Suresh V. Chennupati, Vice President, APP Ethiopian International Branch from Wollega University, Ethiopia as 'Co-convenor'; Dr. Subas Chandra Dinda, President, APP Ethiopian International Branch from Mekelle University, Ethiopia and Dr. Sudhakar Sagaram from Wollega University, Ethiopia as 'Guests of Honor'. Further, 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 'Scientific Committee Chairman' in absentia.

Inauguration started with 'Prayer' followed by welcome of all the guests on the dias with bouquet of flowers. Scientific session was initiated with lecture of Dr. Subas Chandra Dinda, Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, School of Pharmacy, College of Health Sciences, Mekelle University, Mekelle, Ethiopia who addressed the gathering on 'Nanotheranostics and Its Toxicity Concerns in Drug Targeting'. Prof. Subas Dinda discussed that Nanotheranostics is the integration of

diagnostic and therapeutic function in one system using the benefits of nanotechnology.

Another lecture was delivered by Dr. Sudhakar Sagaram, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy, College of Medical and Health Sciences, Wollega University, Ethiopia on the topic 'Indian Pharmaceutical Industry and Its Potential in Term of Opportunities and the Challenges of Data Management'. Dr. Sudhakar emphasized on the fact that India has a big Data of skilled workforce as well as high managerial & technical competence in comparison to its peers in Asia but the only thing required is right direction.

Session was terminated with lecture of Dr. A. Lakshman Rao, Principal & Professor, V.V. Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Gudlavalleru on the topic 'Natural Product Based Research: A Promising Outcome'. Dr. Lakshman Rao highlighted that recent progress to discover drugs from natural product sources has resulted in novel compounds that are being developed to treat cancer, resistant against various bacteria and viruses and immunosuppressive disorders.

Conference was attended and papers were presented both in 'oral' and 'poster' session by more than 450 delegates all over the state. During the valedictory function, Chairman, SRK Foundations, Vijayawada and Principal, Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women, Vijayawada were conferred with 'APP Appreciation Awards' by Dr. Suresh V. Chennupati, Vice President, APP Ethiopian International Branch. At the end, Prof. A. Lakshman Rao was honored with 'APP Principal of the Year Award' for his overall outstanding performance in administration, academic and research activities by Prof. S.C. Dinda, President, APP Ethiopian International Branch and Ms. Veeramachineni Padma Sri, B. Pharm. student of Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women was conferred with 'APP Best Student Award 2018' by Dr. S. Sagaram. During the event, presence of students from Nirmala Pharmacy College, Mangalagiri; VVIPS, Gudlavalleru; NIPS, Narasaraopet and Sri Siddhartha Pharmacy College, Nuzvid was observed. Programme ended with distribution of best poster awards followed by vote of thanks.

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