

## ASSOCIATION NEWS



Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Maharashtra State Branch organized **14th Indo African Conference on "Current Challenges in Pharmaceutical Drug Design & Pharmacology"** at Loknete Shri Dadapatil Pharate (LSDP) College of Pharmacy, Mandvagan Pharata, Shirur, Pune, Maharashtra, India on 8th September 2018, in collaboration with APP Ethiopian International Branch and APP Drug Design & Medicinal Chemistry Division.

The scientific event was witnessed by Mr. Rajiv Pharate-Patil, President, Loknete Shri Dadapatil Pharate College of Pharmacy, Mandvagan Pharata as 'Chief 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 & Tobago, West Indies as 'Organizing Chairman'; Dr. Mrunal K. Shirsat, Principal & Professor, LSDP College of Pharmacy, Mandvagan Pharata as 'Organizing Secretary'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, United States of America as 'Convener' and Mohammed Rageeb Mohammed Usman, President, APP Maharashtra State Branch from Smt. Sharadchandrika Suresh Patil College of Pharmacy, Chopda, Maharashtra as 'Co-convener'.

Scientific session was initiated with lecture of Dr. Digambar Balkrishna Ambikar from Department of Pharmacology, School of Pharmacy, College of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Gondar, Gondar, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia who addressed the gathering on 'Changing Trends in Preclinical and Clinical Pharmacology'. During his lecture, Dr. Digambar emphasized on the fact that the area of research and practice of pharmacology is expanded in all the preclinical and clinical departments with the molecular techniques to reveal the

underneath truth of science. He told that, as a pharmacologist, there is variety of duties to perform in preclinical and clinical area which will lead to facilitation of molecular research as well as improving clinical aspect for a better patient care. The pharmacologists have a wide role in research and development (R & D) from the target identification to lead findings to the preclinical research and play a major role in the critical path of R & D of the new chemical entities. Other lectures were delivered by Prof. Alka Agarwal, National Head, APP Drug Design & MedChem Division and Principal, U.S. Ostwal Institute of Pharmacy, Mangalwad, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan and Dr. Gunjan Jadon, Joint Secretary, APP Rajasthan State Branch and Associate Professor, Shrinathji Institute of Pharmacy, Nathdwara, Rajsamand, Rajasthan on diverse topics of pharmaceutical interest. All the resource persons of the conference were felicitated with 'APP Certificates of Appreciation' after their lectures by the Organizing Secretary of the event. During the valedictory function, Mr. Rajiv Pharate-Patil, Shri Dhaneshwari Pharate Patil and Dr. Mrunal K. Shirsat from LSDP College of Pharmacy, Mandvagan Pharata were conferred with 'APP Appreciation Awards' by President, APP Maharashtra State Branch. At the end, Ms. Priya Shete, B.Pharm student of LSDP College of Pharmacy, Mandvagan Pharata was conferred with 'APP Best Student Award'; Mr. Vivek Mahavir Satpute, Assistant Professor, Department of Quality Assurance, LSDP College of Pharmacy, Mandvagan Pharata with 'APP Best Achiever Award' for his outstanding academic and research output; Mr. Avinash Dhobale, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, LSDP College of Pharmacy, Mandvagan Pharata with 'APP Best Researcher Award' for his outstanding research performance and Mr. Rakesh Machhindra Wani, Assistant Professor, Department of Quality Assurance, LSDP College of Pharmacy, Mandvagan Pharata with 'APP Best Teacher Award' for his outstanding teaching performance. Programme ended with vote of thanks, distribution of best poster certificates and nomination of Dr. Mrunal K. Shirsat, Principal & Professor, LSDP College of Pharmacy, Mandvagan Pharata with 'Vice President' of APP Maharashtra State Branch.

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