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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) **7th Annual Convention & 2nd Indo-US Conference on “Modern Trends, Current Challenges and Future Scenario of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology”** was organized and hosted by School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Vels Deemed to be University (VISTAS-Vels Institute of Science, Technology & Advanced Studies), Pallavaram, Chennai, Tamilnadu on 27th July 2018, in collaboration with APP West Indies International Branch, APP Ethiopian International Branch, APP Karnataka State Branch, APP Trichy Local Branch and APP IP-DRA Division. The basic aim of this scientific conference to create a common platform for exchange of knowledge and research experiences among the pharmacy professionals. The focus was mainly on the modern trends in various specialized areas of drug delivery, nutraceuticals, development, the current challenges need to be encountered and the future scenario of pharmaceutical sciences and the technologies involved.



During this scientific conference, Dr. Ishari K. Ganesh, Chancellor, VISTAS, Pallavaram as 'Chief Patron'; Prof. P. Swaminathan, Vice-Chancellor, VISTAS; Prof. A. Jothi Murugan, Vice-President (Planning & Development) and Prof. A. R. Veeramani, Registrar, VISTAS as 'Patrons'; Prof. P. Shanmugasundaram, Director, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS as 'Convener'; Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Director,

School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago as 'Organizing Chairman'; Dr. Suresh V. Chennupati, Vice President, APP Ethiopian International Branch from Wollega University, Nekemte, Ethiopia and Prof. M. Himaja from Department of Chemistry, School of Advanced Sciences, VIT University, Vellore as 'Guests of Honor'; Prof. S. Satheesh Kumar and Prof. M. Vijey Aanandhi, Head of Departments, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTA as 'Co-conveners'; Prof. Terezinha de Jesus Andreoli Pinto, Director, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil as 'Scientific Committee Chairman' and Dr. Kamal Dua from Discipline of Pharmacy, University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia as 'Scientific Committee Co-Chairman'.



Scientific session of the convention was enriched with lectures of Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR, USA; Dr. Sachin Dubey, International Head, APP IP-DRA Division and Head, Formulation Development (Biologics), Glenmark Pharmaceuticals S.A., Switzerland and Prof. Kuntal Das, President, APP Karnataka State Branch from Department of Phytochemistry and Pharmacognosy, Krupanidhi College of Pharmacy, Chikkabellandur, Bangalore, Karnataka on different topics of pharmaceutical interest like 'Moving a drug from BCS class II to BCS class I: A case study of limited water soluble drug', 'Developing a robust analytical package for demonstrating biosimilarity' and 'Health with nutraceuticals: A current challenge in pharmaceuticals'. At the end of the conference, Dr. P. Shanmugasundaram, Director, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS was felicitated with 'APP Principal of the Year Award'; Dr. Sachin Dubey, Head,

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Formulation Development (Biologics), Glenmark Pharmaceuticals S.A., Switzerland with 'APP Young Achiever Award'; Dr. Palanisamy Selvamani, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, Anna University, BITS Campus, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu with 'APP Fellow Membership Award'; Dr. Natarajan Jawahar, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, JSS College of Pharmacy, Rocklands, Doty, Tamilnadu with 'APP Young Talent Award'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR, USA with 'APP Young Investigator Award'; Dr. S. Latha, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, Anna University, BIT Campus, Tiruchirappalli with 'APP Young Pharmacist Award'; Prof. P.

Swaminathan, Vice-Chancellor, VISTAS with 'APP Appreciation Award' and Dr. D. Praveen, Research Scholar, SPS, VISTAS, Pallavaram, Chennai with 'APP Overall Excellent Student Performance Award' (Late Smt. Phoolwasa Devi Dubey Memorial Award 2018). Programme terminated with vote of thanks was given by Dr. M. Vijey Aanandhi, Co-convenor & Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry & Analysis, SPS, VISTAS and announcement of 'APP Tamilnadu State Branch' headed by Prof. P. Shanmugasundaram (Vels University, Chennai) as 'President', Prof. M. Himaja (VIT University, Vellore) as 'Vice President', Dr. P. Selvamani (Anna University, Trichy) as 'Secretary', Dr. N. Jawahar (JSS College of Pharmacy, Doty) as 'Joint Secretary' and Dr. P. Venkatesan (Annamalai University, Chidambaram) as 'Executive Member' followed by announcement of 'APP Brazilian International Branch' headed by Prof. Terezinha De Jesus Andreoli Pinto (University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil) as 'President' and 'APP Malaysian International Branch' headed by Dr. K. Jaya Raja Kumar (AIMST University, Semeling, Bedong, Kedah, Malaysia) as 'President'.

At the end, awards were given to best poster winners, faculties of School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS and APP membership certificates were distributed to all the life members of the association.

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