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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Haryana State Branch organized **5th Indo-Australian Conference on "Modern Aspects of Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Sciences"** on 8th January 2018 at MM College of Pharmacy, Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Mullana, Haryana, in collaboration with APP Australian International Branch.

During this international-level conference, Shri Tarsem Kumar Garg, Honorable Chancellor, MM University Trust, Mullana, Ambala, Haryana acted as 'Chief Patron' together with Prof. Victor Gambhir, Vice Chancellor, MM University, Mullana and Prof. Vipin Saini, Vice Chancellor, MM University, Solan as 'Patrons'; Dr. Parminder Nain from MM College of Pharmacy, MM University, Mullana as 'Organizing Secretary'; Prof. Randhir Singh Dahiya from MM College of Pharmacy, MM University, Mullana as 'Co-ordinator'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR, USA acted as '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 & Tobago acted as 'Scientific Committee Chairman' in absentia and Prof. Saurabh Dahiya, President, APP Haryana State Branch and Head, Department of Pharmacy, Lingaya's University, Faridabad, Haryana as 'Co-convener'.

The scientific session of the conference was enriched with keynote lecture 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 who addressed the professional gathering on 'Novel Therapeutic Intervention in the Treatment of Asthma and COPD: A Discovery Through Biological Advances'. Dr. Dua told that people with lung disease are more susceptible to influenza

virus infections. He emphasized on anti-IL-13 as a potential therapy for influenza virus infections.

Dr. Dua was conferred with 'APP Excellence Award in Pharmacy' (Late Sh. Jagroop Singh Dahiya Memorial Award 2018) for his vital achievements in 'Pharmaceutical Technology' area by Prof. Vipin Saini, Vice Chancellor, Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh and Vice President, Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Haryana State Branch.

Another lecture was delivered by Dr. Kavita Pabreja, Joint Secretary, APP Australian International Branch from The University of Newcastle, Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia on the topic "IL-27 and Asthma Endotypes - Is There a Connection". She told that Interleukin-27 may contribute to steroid-resistant asthma and emphasized on the functional role of IL-27 in eosinophilic asthma (EA).

During the valedictory function, Dr. Randhir Singh Dahiya, Professor, Department of Pharmacology, MM College of Pharmacy, Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Mullana was conferred with 'APP Best Faculty Award' with Certificate of Recognition for his vital role in academics and research; Prof. Vipin Saini, Vice Chancellor, MM University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh was conferred with 'APP Best Researcher Award'; Sh. Tarsem Kumar Garg, Hon'ble Chancellor, MM University, Mullana; Prof. Victor Gambhir, Vice Chancellor, MM University, Mullana and Dr. Parminder Nain, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology, MM College of Pharmacy, MM University, Mullana, Ambala were felicitated with 'APP Appreciation Awards' and Ms. Anu Kajal, Senior Research Fellow, MM College of Pharmacy, MM University, Mullana was felicitated with 'APP Best Student Award' for his outstanding research output.

The programme ended with vote of thanks, felicitation of Dr. Kamal Dua, President, APP Australian International Branch (University of Technology Sydney, NSW, Australia) and Dr. Kavita Pabreja, Joint Secretary, APP Australian International Branch (The University of Newcastle, NSW, Australia) with 'APP Certificates of Recognition' and distribution of prizes to the three best poster winners.

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School of Pharmacy, Lingaya's University, Faridabad, Haryana organized **National Seminar cum Workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Awareness'** on 16th February 2018, in collaboration with Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Haryana State Branch. The event was sponsored by Haryana State Council for Science & Technology, DST, Govt. of Haryana and organized under the able guidance of Patrons Dr. Picheswar Gadde, Chancellor, Lingaya's University and Prof. R. K. Chauhan, Vice Chancellor, Lingaya's University, Faridabad, Haryana. Prof. Saurabh Dahiya, President, APP Haryana State Branch and Head, School of Pharmacy, Lingaya's University was the 'Organizing Chairman' of the program and Prof. Ashutosh Kar served as the 'Scientific Advisor'. 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 'International Advisor' for the event. Dr. Rahul Taneja, Scientist at DST, Panchkula, Govt. of Haryana; Ms. Avipsha Thakur, Asst. Vice President, CIPAM, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India and Dr. Yashwant Dev, Head of Patent Facilitating Centre at TIFAC (Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council), DST, Govt. of India served as 'Guests of Honor'.

The programme began with ribbon-cutting and Saraswati Puja ceremony by the esteemed resource persons. Prof. Saurabh Dahiya welcomed the guests and delegates and gave brief yet worthy introduction of the resource persons and the program to the participants. Dr. Picheswar Gadde and Prof. R. K. Chauhan welcomed and felicitated the resource persons with floral bouquets and token of Honor. The resource persons deliberated at length on the theme of the workshop and made value addition

to the knowledge and skills of the participants. They made the participants aware about the governmental facilities and schemes available for better IPR management.

Scientific sessions of the event were enriched with lectures of Dr. Rahul Taneja, Ms. Avipsha Thakur and Dr. Yashwant Dev. Dr. Taneja spoke on patents including patent cooperation treaty (PCT) application (drafting, filing and other prosecution), trademarks including convention application (search report analysis, documents inspection, filing, caution notice, implementation of IPR enforcement rules at custom for seizure of counterfeit goods), designs (filing, reply of examination report) and copyrights. Ms. Avipsha Thakur engaged the audience on the implementation of the national IPR policy. She explained about entrepreneurship and shared her expertise in managing start-ups and large corporations, product marketing, sales, project management, operations, and strategic partnerships in connection with IPR management. Dr. Yashwant Dev discussed with the participants about filing and prosecuting patents in India and other countries and also the process relevance to academic institutions and Government R & D institutions. At last, Sh. Tarsem Jain, Editor, Pharma Pramars, spoke on the importance of utilizing traditional knowledge for better health effects and also appreciated the Indian system of medicine in getting more and more intellectual property for the country.



The event witnessed participation from far and wide, with a strong participation of about three hundred delegates. Many participants shared their research and reviews on IPRs through poster presentations. The event ended with extending vote of thanks to all guest speakers, delegates and the almighty for the successful completion of the program.

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On the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day 2018, Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Karnataka State Branch organized **National Conference on 'Global Challenges in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Nanotechnology'** on 24th March 2018 at Oxbridge College of Pharmacy, Bangalore, Karnataka, in collaboration with APP Biotechnology Division.

During this conference, Dr. Chandrashekar Sulthanpur, Deputy Registrar, RGUHS, Bangalore acted as 'Chief Guest'; Mr. Aijaz Ali Khan, Chairman, Oxbridge Group of Institutions, Bangalore, Karnataka acted as 'Chief Patron'; Mrs. Razia Ali Khan, Director, Oxbridge College of Pharmacy, Bangalore, Karnataka as 'Patron'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR, USA acted as 'Convener'; Prof. Kuntal Das, President, APP Karnataka State Branch from Krupanidhi College of Pharmacy, Bangalore, Karnataka acted as 'Co-convener'; Prof. Sridharamurthy NB, Principal, Oxbridge College of Pharmacy, Bangalore, Karnataka as 'Organizing Secretary' and Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Founder President APP & Director, School of Pharmacy, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago acted as 'Scientific Committee Chairman'. Further, Dr. Abhilash Thomas, Head, Department of Pharmacy Practice, Oxbridge College of Pharmacy, Bangalore, Karnataka acted as 'Co-ordinator' of the conference.

Scientific session of the conference was enriched with invited lectures of Prof. Ravikumar Rajarathinam, National Head, APP BioTech Division and HDD, Department of Biotechnology, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam, Erode, Tamilnadu; Prof. M. Sudhakar, Principal, Malla Reddy College of Pharmacy, Secunderabad, Telangana and Prof. Kuntal Das, President, APP Karnataka State Branch from Department of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry, Krupanidhi College of

Pharmacy, Bangalore, Karnataka.

Prof. R. Ravikumar addressed the professional gathering on 'Integrated Boswellic Acid and Phycocyanin Nanoparticle for Medical and Bioenergy Application'. He described that the integrated Boswellic acid (extracted from *Boswellia serrata*) and Phycocyanin (extracted from *Oscillatoria cortiana*) nanoparticle has important medical applications and major advantage than using them individually. Prof. Ravikumar was honored with 'APP Innovative Researcher Award 2018' for his outstanding research output in past years. This award was provided by the President, APP Karnataka State Branch.

Prof. M. Sudhakar delivered a lecture on 'Nanotechnology in Drug Delivery'. He made aware the audience about nanoparticles, nanosuspensions, nanospheres, nanocapsules. Prof. Sudhakar described monolithic and capsule type of nanoparticles and focused on different types of polymers like polymethyl methacrylate copolymers, polymethyl cyanoacrylate, polybutyl cyanoacrylate etc. and method for preparation of nanosuspension. He further, emphasized on nanosuspension based formulations which are currently in market as well as facing Phase I to III clinical trials.

Scientific session of the conference was terminated by lecture of Prof. Das on 'Endangered Plant Species: New Future Biosources for Mitigation of Tuberculosis'. He described that, in present situation where synthetic medicines are associated with various adverse effects like hepatitis, hypersensitivity reactions, nausea, vomiting etc, natural based plant products can be suitable alternatives for curing root level of tuberculosis disease. Prof. Das further told that plant secondary metabolites are responsible for anti-TB activity.

During the valedictory function, Mrs. Thanujashree P, B.Pharm student, Oxbridge College of Pharmacy was conferred with 'APP Best Student Award' for her outstanding academic performance. The programme ended with felicitation of Chairman & Principal of the hosting college with 'APP Appreciation Awards' and distribution of prizes to best poster presentees. Further, Dr. Abhilash Thomas was nominated as 'Joint Secretary' of the APP KA State Branch.

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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Rajasthan State Branch and APP West Indies International Branch jointly organized **6th Indo-West Indies Conference on "Challenges and Recent Trends in Pharmaceutical Sciences"** on 14th July 2018 at Shrinathji Institute of Pharmacy, Nathdwara, Rajasthan, in collaboration with APP MolPharm Division.

During this APP-SIP collaborative conference, Prof. B. L. Choudhary, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur & Chairman, Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education, Ajmer (Rajasthan) acted as 'Chief Guest'; Prof. G. Jayabalan, Ex-President, APP Rajasthan State Branch & Principal, Alwar Pharmacy College, Alwar, Rajasthan as 'Guest of Honor'; Mr. Ashok Parikh, Secretary, Shrinathji Society for Higher Education, Nathdwara as 'Chief Patron'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR, USA as 'Convener'; Prof. Raghvendra Singh Bhaduria, President, APP Rajasthan State Branch & Principal, Shrinathji Institute of Pharmacy, Nathdwara as 'Organizing Secretary'; Dr. Kamal Dua from Discipline of Pharmacy, University of Technology Sydney, Australia as 'Scientific Committee Chairman'; Dr. Suresh V. Chennupati from Department of Pharmacy, College of Medicine & Health Sciences, Wollega University, Ethiopia as 'Scientific Committee Co-Chairman' and Dr. Gunjan Jadon, Associate Professor, Shrinathji Institute of Pharmacy, Nathdwara, Rajsamand as 'Coordinator'.

Scientific session of the conference was enriched with lectures of four speakers including Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Founder President, Association of Pharmacy Professionals & Director, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the

West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago on the topic 'Cancer: Impact on Public Health & Pharmacist's Crucial Role in Its Prevention' with main focus on drivers of cancer, environment exposure, cancer causing viruses, its warning signs & effects of alcohol, smoking, obesity and being physically inactive on cancer and managing side effects of chemotherapy; Prof. Saurabh Dahiya, President, APP Haryana State Branch & Head, Dept. of Pharmacy, Lingaya's University, Faridabad, Haryana on the topic 'Digital India, Digital Pharmacy Profession'; Dr. Gaurav Gupta, National Head, APP MolPharm Division and Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Jaipur National University, Jaipur on the topic 'Recent Advances in Insulin Therapy for Diabetes' and Dr. Saurabh Kumar Banerjee, Executive Member, APP Rajasthan State Branch & Associate Professor, School of Pharmaceutical Management, The IIMR University, Jaipur, Rajasthan on the topic 'Pharmacovigilance - A Bright Career Opportunity for Pharmacy Graduates'.

At the end of each lecture, the resource persons of the conference were felicitated with 'APP Certificates of Recognition'. During the valedictory function, Dr. B. L. Choudhary, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur & Chairman, Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education, Ajmer, Rajasthan was conferred with 'APP Outstanding Achievement Award 2018' (Late Sh. Ranbir Singh Dahiya Memorial Award) for his overall professional achievements.

Further, Dr. Gunjan Jadon, Associate Professor, Shrinathji Institute of Pharmacy, Nathdwara, Rajsamand was felicitated with 'APP Best Teacher Award' for her vital academic performance and Mr. Vikram Choudhary, B.Pharm (IV Year) Student, Shrinathji Institute of Pharmacy, Nathdwara was conferred with 'APP Best Student Award' for his outstanding academic output. The programme ended with vote of thanks, felicitation of Mr. Ashok Parikh, Secretary, Shrinathji Society for Higher Education, Nathdwara and Prof. Raghvendra Singh Bhaduria, Principal, Shrinathji Institute of Pharmacy, Nathdwara with APP Appreciation Awards and honoring of three best poster winners.

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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Trichy Local Branch organized **2nd Indo-Swiss Conference on "Current Trends & Challenges in Drug Development & Delivery"** on 25th July 2018 at RVS Padmavathi Ammal College of Pharmacy, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, in collaboration with APP Industrial Pharmacy & Drug Regulatory Affair Division and RVS Padmavathi Research Centre for Nano and Drug Development. This APP-RVSPACP collaborative conference was witnessed by Dr. K. V. Kuppasamy, Chairman, RVS Educational Trust, Kannampalayam, Sular, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu as 'Chief Patron'; Dr. K. Senthil Ganesh, Managing Trustee, RVS Educational Trust as 'Patron'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary, Association of Pharmacy Professionals from Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Jan, PR, USA as 'Organizing Chairman'; Prof. R. Manavalan, Director, RVS Padmavathi Ammal College of Pharmacy, Kannampalayam, Sular, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu as 'Convener' and Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Director, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago as 'Scientific Committee Chairman'.

Scientific session of the conference was enriched with lectures of Dr. Sachin Dubey, International Head, APP IP-DRA Division and Head, Formulation Development (Biologics), Glenmark Pharmaceuticals S.A., Switzerland; Dr. Palanisamy Selvamani, Head, APP Trichy Local Branch from Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, Anna University, BIT Campus, Trichy, Tamilnadu and Mr. R. Ayyappa Dhas, Drug Inspector, Govt. of Tamilnadu, on different topics of pharmaceutical interest like 'Changing paradigm from small molecule success to macromolecular innovation', 'Advances in magnetic nanoparticles mediated targeted drug delivery' and 'Global

clinical trials - ICH guidelines'. The conference ended with vote of thanks by Dr. C. Vijaya Raghavan, Principal, RVS Padmavathi Ammal College of Pharmacy, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu.



Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Telangana State Branch organized **3rd Indo-US Conference on "Innovative Strategies in Pharmaceutical Education and Research"** on 28th July 2018 at Malla Reddy Pharmacy College, Maisammaguda, Dhulapally, Secunderabad, Telangana, in collaboration with APP Molecular Pharmacology Division. This APP-MRPC collaborative conference was witnessed by Sri Ch. Malla Reddy, Member of Parliament, Malkajgiri, Telangana and Chairman, Malla Reddy College of Pharmacy, Maisammaguda, Secunderabad as 'Chief Patron'; Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Director, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago as 'Organizing Chairman'; Prof. G. Tulja Rani, Principal, Malla Reddy Pharmacy College, Secunderabad as 'Convener'; Prof. A. Muralidhar Rao, President, APP Telangana State Branch and Principal, St. Mary's College of Pharmacy, Secunderabad as 'Organizing Secretary'; Prof. Terezinha de Jesus Andreoli Pinto, Director, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil as 'Scientific Committee Chairman' and Dr. Rita Mourya, Joint Secretary, APP Ethiopian International Branch from School of Pharmacy, University of Gondar, Gondar, Ethiopia as 'Scientific Committee Co-chairman'.

Scientific session of the conference was enriched with lectures of Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA; Dr. Sachin Dubey, International Head, APP IPA-DRA Division and Head, Formulation Development (Biologics), Glenmark Pharmaceuticals S.A., Switzerland and Dr.

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Gaurav Gupta, National Head, APP Molecular Pharmacology Division from School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Jaipur National University, Jaipur, Rajasthan who addressed the professional gathering on recent issues related to

pharmaceutical education and research. The conference ended with vote of thanks and felicitation of Ms. Harsha Temker (Pharm.D) and Ms. Sirisha Mucharla (B.Pharm) of hosting college with APP Best Student awards.
