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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Rajasthan State Branch and APP Ethiopian International Branch jointly organized **12<sup>th</sup> Indo-African Conference on 'Trends, Challenges and Future Scenario of Pharmaceutical Sciences'** on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Arya College of Pharmacy, Kukas, Jaipur, Rajasthan, in collaboration with APP Drug Design & MedChem Division.

During this international-level conference, Sh. Ajay Phatak, Drug Controller, Jaipur, Rajasthan acted as 'Chief Guest'; Dr. Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Assistant Registrar, Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur as 'Guest of Honor'; Dr. Arvind Agarwal, President, Arya Group of Colleges, Jaipur as 'Chief Patron'; Dr. Puja Agarwal, Er. Anurag Agarwal, Dr. Surendra Sharma, Vice President, Chairman and Academic Director, Arya Group of Colleges, Jaipur as 'Patrons'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR, USA acted as 'Convener'; Prof. Raghvendra Singh Bhadauria, President, APP Rajasthan State Branch and Principal, Shrinathji Institute of Pharmacy, Nathdwara, Rajsamand, Rajasthan acted as 'Co-convener'; Prof. Vandana Sharma, Principal, Arya College of Pharmacy, Jaipur acted as 'Organizing Secretary'; Prof. B. P. Nagori, Director, Faculty of Pharmacy, Lachoo Memorial College of Science and Technology, Jodhpur; Prof. G. Jeyabalan, Ex-President, APP Rajasthan State Branch and Principal, Alwar Pharmacy College, Alwar and Dr. Gaurav Gupta, National Head, APP Molecular Pharmacology Division from Jaipur National University, Jaipur as 'Invited Guests' 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'.

Scientific session of the conference was enriched with invited lectures of Dr. Rita Mourya, Joint Secretary, APP Ethiopian

International Branch from School of Pharmacy, University of Gondar, Gondar, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; Prof. Alka Agarwal, National Head, APP Drug Design & MedChem Division and Principal, U.S. Ostwal Institute of Pharmacy, Mangalwad, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan and Dr. Saurabh Kumar Banerjee, Executive Member, APP Rajasthan State Branch from IIMR University, Jaipur on topics of pharmaceutical interest like 'Biopotential of Peptides and Proteins', 'Pharmacy Orientation : Introduction to the Pharmacy Profession and the Future of the Pharmacist', 'Assessment of Drug Use Patterns using WHO Prescribing Indicators at Health Facility'.

During valedictory function, Mr. Mukesh Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Arya College of Pharmacy; Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, Arya College of Pharmacy; Mr. Shailendra Tripathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Arya College of Pharmacy; Ms. Anshika Gupta, B.Pharm student, Arya College of Pharmacy, Jaipur were honored with 'APP Best Teacher Award', 'APP Best Researcher Award', 'APP Best Achiever Award', 'APP Best Student Award' respectively. The event continued with cultural programmes and felicitation of guests/organizers with 'APP Appreciation Awards' and distribution of prizes to three best poster presentees. Finally, the programme ended with vote of thanks to guests/delegates and distribution of membership certificates to the life members of the Association.

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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Ethiopian International Branch and Andhra Pradesh State Branch organized **13<sup>th</sup> Indo-African Conference on 'Advances in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology'** on 7<sup>th</sup> September,

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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-conveners'; 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, Federal Democratic Republic of 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 from Wollega University, Ethiopia.

During the event, presence of students from Nirmala Pharmacy College, Mangalagiri; VVVIPS, Gudlavalleru; NIPS, Narasaraopet and Sri Siddhartha Pharmacy College, Nuzvid was observed. Programme ended with distribution of best poster awards followed by vote of thanks.



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

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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, Mandavgan 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, Mandavgan 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, Mandavgan 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, Mandavgan Pharata was conferred with 'APP Best Student Award'; Mr. Vivek Mahavir Satpute, Assistant Professor, Department of Quality Assurance, LSDP College of Pharmacy, Mandavgan 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, Mandavgan 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, Mandavgan 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, Mandavgan Pharata with 'Vice President' of the APP Maharashtra State Branch for 2018-19.

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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Tamilnadu State Branch organized **15th Indo African Conference on "Global Trends & Innovations in Translational Research and Herbal Technology"** at Vaagdevi Group of Pharmacy Colleges, Bollikunta, Warangal, Telangana on 19th September 2018.

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This scientific event was organized in collaboration with APP Ethiopian International Branch and witnessed by Prof. Y. Madhusudhan Rao, Director, Vaagdevi Group of Pharmacy Colleges, Warangal, Telangana 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 as 'Organizing Chairman'; Dr. Suresh V. Chennupati, Vice President, APP Ethiopian International Branch from Department of Pharmacy, College of Medical and Health Sciences, Wollega University, Nekemte, Ethiopia and Prof. P. Shanmugasundaram, President, APP Tamilnadu State Branch and Director, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Vels Deemed to be University, Chennai, Tamilnadu as 'Co-conveners'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA as 'Scientific Committee Chairman' and Prof. B. Chandra Shekhar Reddy, Head, Department of Pharmaceutics, Vaagdevi Pharmacy College, Warangal as 'Organizing Secretary'.

Scientific session was enriched with lectures of Prof. M. Himaja, Vice President, APP Tamilnadu State Branch from Department of Chemistry, School of Advanced Sciences, VIT University, Vellore, Tamilnadu and Dr. Digambar Balkrishna Ambikar, Executive Member, APP Ethiopian International Branch from Department of Pharmacology, School of Pharmacy, College of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Gondar, Gondar, Ethiopia. All the resource persons of the conference were felicitated with 'Certificates of Appreciation' after their lectures. During the valedictory function, Prof. Y. Madhusudan Rao, Director, Vaagdevi Group of Pharmacy Colleges, Warangal, Telangana was conferred with 'APP Life Time Achievement Award 2018' by Dr. Suresh V. Chennupati, Vice President, APP Ethiopian International Branch from Wollega University, Nekemte, Ethiopia. Programme ended with vote of thanks and distribution of best student awards, best researcher award, best achiever award and best faculty awards to Mr. L. Santhosh, Mr. P. Rajashekhar Dr. B. Chandra Shekhar Reddy, Smt. V. Padmaja, Dr. Durga Prasad Kemiseti and Dr. Kiran Kumar.

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