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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Karnataka State Branch organized **24th Indo-US International Conference on "Worldwide Trends and Current Challenges in Herbal and Pharmaceutical Technology"** at Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore, Karnataka on Apr 04, 2023, in collaboration with APP American International Branch and APP Natural Products R & D Division, in the commemoration of "World Health Day 2023".

During this Indo-US International Conference, Dr. A. C. Sreeram, Chairman, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore acted as 'Chief Patron'; Dr. A. C. Raghuram, Governing Council Chairman, and Smt. Swati Sreeram, Governing Council Member, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore as 'Patrons'; Prof. Shivakumar Swamy, Principal, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore as 'Convener'; Dr. Sunita Dahiya, General Secretary APP from Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Pharmacy, University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, PR, USA as 'Organizing Chairman'; Prof. Rajendra Sandur V, Vice Principal, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore as 'Co-Convener'; Mrs. Mamatha M K, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacognosy, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore as 'Organizing Secretary'; Dr. Rajiv Dahiya, Senior Lecturer and Former Director, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago, West Indies as 'Scientific Committee Chairman' and Dr. Priyank Kumar, Joint Secretary, APP American International Branch and Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy, Marshall B. Ketchum

University, Fullerton, California, USA as 'Scientific Committee Co-Chairman'. Further, Prof. Kuntal Das, Dr. Rashmi P, Dr. Ashvini HM from Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore served as Scientific Committee members; Dr. MD Karvekar, Sri. N Ramesh from Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore served as Advisory Committee members and Mrs. Sheeba FR, Mrs. Nagalakshmi NC from Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore served as Registration Committee members. The conference started with 'welcome speech' and 'opening remarks' by Chairman & Principal of Mallige College of Pharmacy, Bangalore; Prof. P. Shanmugasundaram, President, APP Tamilnadu State Branch who also served as the 'Guest of Honor' of Inaugural Ceremony; Prof. Kuntal Das, President, APP Karnataka State Branch and Prof. Jyoti Shrivastava, Vice President, APP Karnataka State Branch and HDD, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, The Oxford College of Pharmacy, Hongasandra, Bangalore.

The scientific session of the conference was enriched with scientific lectures of Prof. Alekha K. Dash, Associate Dean (Research), School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, USA; Prof. P. Shanmugasundaram, Director, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Vels Deemed to be University (VISTAS), Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Prof. Venkatachalam Gopal, Principal, College of Pharmacy, Mother Theresa Post Graduate and Research Institute of Health Sciences, Puducherry (Union Territory) who addressed the gathering on different topics of pharmaceutical interest viz. 'Development of Polymeric Nanoparticles containing a Natural Antioxidant (alpha-Tocopherol) for the treatment of Spinal Cord Injury', 'Current Challenges in Upgrading and Modernization of Herbal Drugs' and 'Best Practices in Applying the Knowledge of Ethnopharmacognosy for Herbal Drug Technology Development'.

The first scientific pre-lunch session was chaired by the Prof. Rajendra Sandur V, Vice Principal, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore which included addressing by President, APP American International Branch and President, APP Tamilnadu State Branch. The after lunch session was chaired by the President, APP Karnataka State Branch, which

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included talk of National Head, APP Natural Products R & D Division. Oral and poster competitions were also conducted during the afternoon session and the winners were awarded with medals and certificates during the conference.

During the valedictory function, Dr. Ashvini HM, Professor & HOD, Department of Pharmaceutics, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Bangalore was conferred with 'Best Achiever Award' for her overall outstanding teaching & research performance; Mr. Keerthy HS, Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics and Mrs. Suma US, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, and Mrs. Mamatha MK, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacognosy, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore with 'Best Teacher Awards' for their outstanding teaching accomplishments; Ms. Meghana S,

B.Pharm Student, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore with 'Best Tatent Award' in recognition of her overall outstanding performance; Ms. Supreetha A, B.Pharm Student and Ms. Monika L, Pharm.D Student, Mallige College of Pharmacy, Chikkabanavara, Bangalore with 'Best Student Awards' in recognition of their noteworthy academic merits. The convener, chief patron and patrons were felicitated with 'APP Appreciation Awards' for their untiring efforts for the accomplishment of Indo-US International Conference by the President, APP American International Branch, President, APP Tamilnadu State Branch and Vice President, APP Karnataka State Branch. The conference concluded with closing remarks and vote of thanks by the hosting college staff members.

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