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Association of Pharmacy Professionals (APP) Tamilnadu State Branch organized **23rd Indo-US International Conference on "Current Challenges and Global Updates in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology"** at Vels Institute of Science Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) Deemed to be University, Pallavaram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu on Apr 03, 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. Ishari K. Ganesh, Founder Chancellor, VISTAS, Pallavaram, Chennai acted as 'Chief Patron'; Dr. A. Jothi Murugan, Pro Vice Chancellor, VISTAS; Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan, Vice Chancellor, VISTAS and Dr. P. Saravanan, Registrar, VISTAS, Pallavaram, Chennai as 'Patrons'; Prof. P. Shanmugasundaram, Director, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS 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. Suresh V. Chennupati, National Head, APP AnalChem Division and HOD, Department of Pharmaceutical Analysis, Nalanda College of Pharmacy, Charlapally, Nalgonda, Telangana as 'Organizing Secretary'; Prof. M. Vijey Aanandhi, HOD, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry & Analysis, and Prof. T. S. Shanmugarajan, HOD, Department of Pharmaceutics, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS, Pallavaram, Chennai as 'Co-Conveners'; 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'; Prof. Palanisamy Selvamani, Secretary, APP Tamilnadu State Branch from Department of

Pharmaceutical Technology, Anna University, BIT Campus, Tiruchirappalli and Prof. Malarkodi Velraj, National Coordinator, APP Natural Products R & D Division from Department of Pharmacognosy, Vels Deemed to be University (VISTAS), Pallavaram, Chennai as 'Scientific Committee Co-Chairmans'. The conference started with 'welcome speech' and 'opening remarks' by President, APP Tamilnadu State Branch; National Head, APP AnalChem Division; President, APP American International Branch and Vice Chancellor, VISTAS, Pallavaram, Chennai. The scientific session of the conference was enriched with invited lectures of Prof. Alekha K. Dash, Associate Dean (Research), School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, USA; Prof. Venu Madhav Katla, Head, Department of Pharmaceutics, St. Pauls College of Pharmacy, Turkayamjal, Abdullapurmet, Ranga Reddy, Hyderabad, Telangana and Prof. Sundar Sankaralingam, Department of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Vijaya Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for Women, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh who addressed the gathering on different topics of pharmaceutical interest viz. 'Liposomes and Transferosomes for the Topical Delivery of Papain in the Treatment of Hypertrophic Scars', 'Mesoporous Silica Nanoparticles : A Promising Multifunctional Drug Delivery System' and 'The Future of Health Care in an Artificially Intelligent World'. The scientific lecture sessions were chaired by the Co-Conveners - Prof. M. Vijey Aanandhi, HOD, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry & Analysis and Prof. T. S. Shanmugarajan, HOD, Department of Pharmaceutics, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS, Pallavaram, Chennai. As a token of thanks, all the resource persons were provided with certificates of appreciations with mementoes by the Convener, Organizing Secretary and Co-Conveners of the conference. Poster competition was also conducted during the afternoon session and the winners were felicitated with certificates and medals during the conference. During the valedictory function, Dr. I. Somasundaram, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS was conferred with 'Best Achiever Award' for his noteworthy teaching & research performance; Dr. M. Sumithra, Associate Professor, Dept. of

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Pharmaceutical Chemistry & Analysis, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS and Dr. S. Jeganath, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS with 'Best Teacher Awards' for their noteworthy teaching accomplishments; Dr. M. Komala, Professor, Department of Pharmaceutics, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS with 'Best Tatent Award' in recognition of her overall outstanding performance; Ms. A. Marina Juliet, M.Pharm Student, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry & Analysis; Ms. K. Sree Lakshmi, M.Pharm Student, Department of Pharmaceutics; Ms. Priyanka Kumari, M.Pharm

Student, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Ms. Aishwarya B, Pharm.D Student, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS, Pallavaram, Chennai with 'Best Student Awards' in Post Graduate & Pharm.D categories, in recognition of their noteworthy academic merits and respective achievements. The convener, chief patron and patrons were honored with 'APP Appreciation Awards' for their hard efforts in the accomplishment of this Indo-US International Conference. The event ended with closing remarks and vote of thanks by the Convener/Co-Conveners.
