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Message of President

Dear Members and Colleagues,
Seasons Greetings .

I am happy to know that our head quarters is bringing out the News Letter of the society once again with a view to apprise the members the updates and information on academics and research on herbal medicinal products and challenges; important upcoming scientific events and meetings as well as the activities of the society and its members. The news letter was discontinued when the publication of the journal was started and it was merged with it. Soon the society will develop an online data base on news letter for the members only. I wish, the Editor of News Letter a grand success in all respects in percolating important information and concerns to our fellow members who are engaged in academics, research and developments on herbal medicinal products.

With best wishes,

-Prof. V.K. Dixit,
President, Society of Pharmacognosy

Message of National Advisor and Past President

Dear Dr. Umesh,

It is heartening to note that the Society of Pharmacognosy is bringing out News Letter encompassing the events of professional activities, research initiatives and academic programs in the field of Pharmacognosy and allied herbal sciences. It shall certainly provide an effective interface for professional deliberations among the members of the Society. I congratulate you and the members of the Editorial Team for undertaking this task of disseminating information regarding activities of the Society to its all stake-holders.

I wish you all the best for your efforts.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,
-Prof. C.K. Kokate,
Vice Chancellor, KLE University, Belgaum, India

Report on 18th Annual National Convention, Rohtak

18th Annual National Convention of Society of Pharmacognosy was hosted by Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak on February 21-22, 2014. The theme of the convention was “ promotion and Globalisation of Indian Herbal Products- Perspectives and prospects” with an aim to gather experts from academia, industry, regulatory agencies and funding agencies to discuss and deliberate over various issues and gaps to promote Indian Herbal drugs at global level.

In the inaugural function Chief Guest Prof. C. K. Kokate, Vice Chancellor, KLE University and former president Pharmacy Council of India stressed upon not only to bank upon past glory but to look forward with modern science and to match up with recent requirements. Guest of honor Mrs. Minakshi Negi, Deputy CEO, National Medicinal Plants Board, Depart of AYUSH, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India advised about the quality control and side effects of Indian herbal drugs for global acceptance. Guest of Honor, Dr. Sanjay Atri, Chairman, Board of Ayurveda, Sidha and Unani, Govt of Haryana also put forward the need of Indian herbal drugs and herbal industry for global acceptance.

President, Society of Pharmacognosy, Prof. V. K. Dixit discussed upon the unethical use of herbal drugs and warned about the side effects of herbal medicines. Er. H. S. Chahal, Vice Chancellor, Maharshi Dayanand University, promoted the use of fresh herbs for daily consumption to stay fit and energetic. Dr. Munish Garg, Organising Secretary discussed about the aims and objectives of the convention. Prof. Arun Nanda and Dr. B. Narasimhan also shared their views.

In the technical sessions, Dr. S. S. Handa, Former Director, RRL Jammu and Chairman, University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Punjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Pulok Mukerjee, Director School of Natural Products, Department of Pharmaceutical Technology, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, Dr. Neeraj Tandon, Scientist F, Indian Council for Medical Research, Govt of India, Prof. C.K. Kokate, Vice Chancellor, KLE University, Belgaum, Dr. Arun Gupta, Head, DRDC, Dabur India Limited, Prof. A. K. Madan, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pt BD Sharma University of Health Sciences, Dr. G. L. Singal, Drug Controller General, State of Haryana and Mr. Swagat Tripathy from APOTEX India Pvt Limited, Bangalore spoke on various issues of Herbal Medicinal Products.

In this convention a total of over 500 delegates from 18 states of India and some delegates of South Korea and Nepal have participated and 250 delegates presented their research work during three poster sessions and oral session.

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Executive Council

Dated: 21-02-2014

Venue: Tagore Auditorium, M.D. University, Rohtak (Haryana)

Annual Meeting of Executive Council of Society of Pharmacognosy was held on 21st February 2014 at Meeting Hall, Tagore Auditorium, M.D. University, Rohtak (Haryana). Prof. V.K. Dixit presided over the meeting. Following members and special invitee were present in the meeting;

- Dr. C.K. Kokate, Belgaum
- Dr. B.G. Shivananda, Bangalore
- Dr. A.N. Kalia, Moga
- Dr. A.K. Pathak, Bhopal
- Dr. Abhay K. Singhai, Sagar
- Dr. U.K. Patil, Sagar
- Dr. Vimal Kumar, Ahmedabad
- Dr. S.K. Sharma, Hisar
- Dr. Satish Sardana, Sonipat
- Dr. N.M. Patel, Ahmedabad
- Dr. Mukhtar Hayat, Amritsar
- Dr. Sunil Jalapure, Belgaum
- Dr. Milind Umekar, Nagpur
- Dr. Pramod Hurakadle, Belgaum
- Dr. R.A Savadi, Hubali
- Dr. Pulok Mukharjee, Kolkata
- Dr. Gangarao B, Vishakhapatnam
- Dr. Alok Mukharjee, Allahabad
- Dr. Kumud Upadhyay, Nainital
- Dr. B. Itankar, Nagpur

After review of action taken report on previous EC meetings and Life Membership drive, activity reports of state branches were presented by state coordinators. Following resolutions passed by Executive Council;

1. With reference to the hosting of 19th Annual Convention and International Conference of Society, two proposals were received from (i) Dr. Ganga Rao Battu, Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam and (ii) Dr. U.K. Patil, Dr. H.S. Gour University, Sagar.

After discussion, the proposal for hosting the event at Sagar was withdrawn by proposer. Thus, the proposal to host 19th Annual Convention and International Conference at University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Andhra University, Vishakhapatnam was unanimously accepted.

2. It was resolved that Editor-in Chief of IJNP will constitute a three member committee to look after the publication matters of IJNP. Accordingly a committee consisting of Dr. B.G. Shivananda, Dr. U.K. Patil and Dr. Sunil Jalapure was constituted by Prof. V.K. Dixit to explore the quality publication options.

3. During review on pending publication of IJNP issues it was resolved to explore for possibility of publishing a composite issues of past back log.

4. With reference to the request of Dr. Kumud Upadhyay regarding pending payments, it was resolved to provide seed money of Rs 20,000/- to the organizing committee of 17th Annual Convention who have organized this event at Deharadun under short notice and other unavoidable circumstances after last moment withdrawal by LOC of Wardha.

5. Prof. S.H. Mishra who was awarded life time achievement award by the society last year expressed his desire to donate the award amount to the society. The council accepted the donation and expressed sincere thanks to Prof. Mishra for his benevolence.

6. Constitution of Executive Committee for the period from 01/03/2014 to 28/02/2017.

President : V.K. Dixit
 Nat. Advisor : C.K. Kokate
 Vice Presidents : B.G. Shivananda
 A.N. Kalia
 A.K. Pathak
 N.M. Patel
 S. Jalalpure
 Secretary : U.K. Patil
 Joint Secretary : Satish Sardana
 Vimal Kumar
 Treasurer : Abhay Singhai

State Coordinators/EC Members

1. S.H. Ansari : Delhi
2. Shailendra Saraf : Chhattisgarh
3. U.K. Patil : M. Pradesh
4. H.S. Lamba : H. Pradesh
5. S.K. Sharma : Haryana
6. M.B. Patil : Goa
7. Sunil Jalalpure : Karnataka
8. R.A Savadi : Lakshdweep
9. M. Umekar : Maharshttra
10. K.N. Patel : Daman, Diu
11. Gangarao Battu : A. Pradesh
12. Julfikar Ali Bhat : Jammu & K
13. Kumud Upadhyay : Uttarakhand
14. Alok Mukharjee : U. Pradesh
15. C.S. Bhargava : Bihar
16. N.R. Seth : Gujarat
17. S.C. Mandal : West Bengal
18. H. Mukhtar : Punjab
19. S.P. Dhanabal : Tamilnadu
20. C. Veeresham : Telangana
21. P.G. Yeole : Maharashtra
22. Rakesh Patel : Rajasthan
23. Pramod Hurakadle : Kerla
24. Munish Garg : Haryana
25. Praksh R Itankar : N. E. States

7. Next E.C. meeting shall be held during May 2014.

The meeting was concluded with thanks to the Chair.

-Secretary

Scientific event supported by Society of Pharmacognosy

Good Laboratory Practices [GLP] and Laboratory Safety

[Tuesday, 19th August 2014]

KLE University's Dr. Prabhakar Kore Basic Science Research Centre (BSRC) in association with Society of Pharmacognosy (Formerly Indian Society of Pharmacognosy) jointly organized a seminar on 'Good Laboratory Practices [GLP] and Laboratory Safety'. Fifty participants from different subjects belonging to Pharmaceutical Sciences, Biotechnology, Nursing, Biochemistry, Dental Sciences and Ayurveda attended the seminar. The seminar was aimed to provide in depth knowledge about Good Laboratory Practices.



Dr. Sunil S. Jalalpure, Vice President, Society of Pharmacognosy, welcomed all speakers and participants followed by Brief introduction of invited speakers. Prof. B. S. Kodkany, Research Director and Emeritus Professor, KLE University and Dr. [Mrs.] Alka D. Kale, Administrative Incharge, BSRC inaugurated the seminar by lighting the lamp accompanied with Dr. Subarna Roy (Scientist 'E', ICMR, Belgaum), Prof. Prakash Diwan (Former Director grade scientist IICT, Hyderabad), Dr. Jalalpure (Deputy Director, BSRC), Scientists from BSRC: Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Dr. Shivaji Jadhav.

The seminar was started with presidential remark by Prof. Kodkanyon 'Introduction to Laboratory Practices. Dr. Roy spoke on GLP and Dr. Diwan discussed role of Standard Operating Procedures. Dr. M. S. Ganachar, Dr. Jadhav and Dr. S. Jalalpure explained essentials of GLP. At the end of the programme, Dr. Mishra and Dr. Kishore Bhat rewarded the participants with certificates followed by vote of thanks to all the speakers and participants.

Other scientific events supported by Society of Pharmacognosy

6th State Annual Convention of society of pharmacognosy, Gujarat State was organized on 24th August 2014 at Shankar Singh Vaghela Babu Institute of Pharmacy, Gandhinagar. The Theme of convention was position of pharmacognosy and herbal drugs in world.

3rd Annual Conference of Society of Pharmaceutical Education & Research [SPER] under the theme "Recent Trends in Pharma Industry: Bridging the Gaps in Pharmaceutical Education" at Lovely Professional University [LPU], Punjab on 08th March 2014.

National seminar on "Herbal Drug Scene: Issues in National and International Herbal Drug Regulations" organized by Bhagyoday Tirth Pharmacy College, Sagar (M.P.) on 11-12 November 2014.

National seminar on "Emerging Trends and Challenges in Pharmaceutical Education and Research" organized by Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dr. H.S. Gour University, Sagar (M.P.) on 11th November 2014.

Institutional News

World Pharmacists Day celebrated on 25th September across the country. Academic and awareness programme organized by many pharmacy institutions.

Krupanidhi College of Pharmacy organized a campaign to promote the role of pharmacist in Medication Management, rational drug use at healthcare and consumer level, and safe medication practice on the occasion of World Pharmacist Day-2014 Celebrations at College Campus and affiliated MVJ Medical College and Research Hospital at Bangalore.

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dr. H.S. Gour University, Sagar (M.P.) celebrated World Pharmacist Day-2014 with a brain storming session organized on 25th September 2014. The theme of this session was "Global challenges in responsibility of pharmacy teachers towards sustainable growth of hospital pharmacists and pharmacy professionals".

Bhagyoday Tirth Pharmacy College, Sagar organized an awareness programme on role of pharmacist in health care programme on 25th September 2014.



Ashokrao Mane College of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy (D.Pharm) and Womens College of Pharmacy Peth-Vadgaon celebrated the World Pharmacists Day on 25th September 2014 on the theme of Access to Pharmacists is Access to Health.

Achievements

Prof. (Dr.) Chandrakant Kokate, Vice-Chancellor, KLE University, Belgaum and National Advisor, Society of Pharmacognosy has been appointed as Member, Governing Council of Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi representing south zone and Member on the Court of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.



He is also nominated as Chairman for Pharmacy Evaluation Accreditation Committee, National Board of Accreditation, New Delhi. It is a matter of great pride for the Society of Pharmacognosy that he has been nominated and appointed for his significant contribution in the field of Health Education and Research.



Society of Pharmacognosy

Upcoming scientific meetings on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants

2nd International Congress of Society for Ethnopharmacology

on the theme

Validation of Medicinal Plants and Traditional Medicines – Global Perspectives

February 20-22, 2015

Organized by;

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rashtasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur
University, Nagpur and Society for Ethnopharmacology, India

Organizing Secretary: **Dr. Prakash R. Itankar**, Department of Pharm. Sciences,
R. T. M. Nagpur University, Nagpur

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19th Annual Convention of Society of Pharmacognosy and International Conference

on the theme

Discovery and Development of Botanicals as Phytomedicines: A Holistic Approach for Safe and Effective Health Care

March 20-22, 2015

Hosted by;

University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Andhra University, Visakhapatnam-530003

Chairman, LOC: **Prof. Ganga Rao Battu**, Principal, UIPS,
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