

16th National convention of society of Pharmacognosy and international Symposium

on

Herbal and Traditional Medicine

Frontiers in Drug Discovery from Herbal and Traditional Medicine

(March 9-11, 2012)

Report

Department of Pharmaceutical sciences, Saurashtra University, Rajkot had organized 16th National convention of society of Pharmacognosy and International Symposium on Herbal and Traditional Medicine on the theme 'Frontiers in Drug Discovery from Herbal and Traditional Medicine' on March 9-11, 2012. Preconference workshop was also organized with the plenary lectures of 1. Dr. Pratap Shah (USA) 'Urological issues of Global health significance' 2. DR. Douglas Perkins (USA) 'Genetic approaches for understanding the Pathogenesis of severe Malarial Anemia' and 3. DR. Ravi Durvasula (USA) 'Para transgenic strategies for global health: vector-borne diseases and food security'.

More than 600 delegates from almost all Indian states and executive members of Society of Pharmacognosy were took part in this convention. From our college under the leadership of Principal Dr. N. M. Patel, six teachers and seven M. Pharm students were attended the symposium. Inaugural of the symposium was followed by registration. It started after two minutes *maun* to mourn late DR. K. C. Verma a stalwart of Pharmacognosy who passed away recently. Prof. Vasuben Trivedi, Honourable minister of Higher and Technical Education, Gujarat state had inaugurated this seminar by lighting the lamp. She also felicitated DR. G. C. Bhavsar (Mehsana), DR. Malti G. Chauhan (Jamnagar), DR. S. H. Misra (Vadodara) and DR. Minoos Parbia (Surat) for their life time contribution in uplifting Pharmacognosy with Shwal, Memonto and citation certificates. DR. Himat G. Koshia, Commissioner, Food and Drugs Control Administration, Gujarat state had unveiled the souvenir. Dr. Mahendra Padliya, Vice Chancellor of the Saurashtra University Rajkot had presided over the function. Dr. N. R. Seth, convener of the seminar had welcomed the guests and delegates. Dr. Ashwin Dudhrejiaya had given votes of the thanks. Dr. Ramesh Goyal, (NMIMS, Bombay) had given key note address on 'From Concept to Reality: *Encostemma littorale* to sweritamarin'.

There were more than 350 posters papers were presented. Poster session -I was chaired by Dr. Alok Mukharjee and co-chaired by Dr. N. P. Jivani. Dr. U. K. Patil, Dr. A. K. Pathak, Sanjeev Acharya and Dr. Rakesh Patel had served as judge. Cultural program representing items from all states and religions of India were presented. It was followed by grand dinner.

On March 10, Saturday, immediately after the breakfast three plenary lectures and three parallel (six) invited talk were delivered in prelaunch session and three parallel (six) invited talk were delivered in post launch session. Parallel oral paper presentation session covering 20 papers were arranged. One of the sessions was chaired by Dr. N. M. Patel (Modasa). Poster session -II was chaired by Dr. Umeker and co-chaired by Dr. Jagdish Baheti. Dr. Raju Danger, Dr. Dhiren Joshi, Dr. Ravi Manek had served as judge. Delegates were entertained by 'dandiya' a Gujarati folk dance and gala dinner sponsored by vice chancellor of the university.

On March 11, Sunday, the breakfast was followed by three plenary lectures and two parallel (four) invited talk were delivered. Plenary lectures and invited talk covered all aspects of Pharmacognosy like, Drugs discovery, fundamentals of Ayurveda, Standardization, Industrials demands, Control diseases by herbs, evaluation of herbs for anti-inflammatory, wound healing, bio-enhancers, anti-urolithiatics, pharmacovigilance, bio technology, Doctrine signature etc. delivered by learned speakers.

Dr. M. L. Sharma, Vice chancellor, Gujarat Ayurved university Jamnagar had remained present as chief guest of valedictory function. Dr. K. N. Patel, president of Gujarat chapter society of Pharmacognosy had given brief review of the seminar. Dr. A. N. Kalia had announced Wardha as place for next (17th) national convention of the Society of Pharmacognosy. Winners of the poster and oral paper presentation were awarded by certificates and prizes. Organization team was honoured by standing ovation and clapping. 16th National convention of society of Pharmacognosy and International Symposium was concluded by delicious lunch. It was well organized, all schedules were in time and not a single speaker was turned out indicating the success. Hospitality and accommodation will be ever remembered.

