

Fourth Annual Meet of Society of Pharmacognosy, Gujarat Chapter Sigma Institute of Pharmacy

Bakrol, Ajwa-Nimeta Road, Ta.: Waghodia. Dist. Baroda.

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Report

Fourth Annual convention of Society of Pharmacognosy, Gujarat Chapter was organized at Sigma Institute of Pharmacy, Bakrol, Ajwa-Nimeta Road, Ta. : Waghodia. Dist. Baroda on October 14, 2011 under the leadership of a Principal Dr. U. M. Upadhyay. More than 150 participants, including 40 academic and 5 industrial delegates, from various colleges and industries had participated in this convention. Four faculty members including principal and five M. Pharm students had attended this convention.

Inaugural of the function was followed after registration and breakfast. Function was inaugurated by Shri Manish Shah, Managing trustee, Sigma Institute of Pharmacy by lighting the lamp. Dr. U. M. Upadhyay, principal of the institute, had welcomed the delegates and introduced the guests. Dr. N. M. Patel, secretary of the society of Pharmacognosy Gujarat state branch, had presented the annual report of the activities conducted during the year 2010. He also informed that Indian Society of Pharmacognosy had make the first move to appreciate state branch activities by presenting best branch award and Gujarat State branch had received first award for the year 2010 during the inaugural function of 16th national and first international convention of society of Pharmacognosy held at Belgaum. Simultaneously poster presentation competition was also arranged. More than 200 students from various colleges in Gujarat were participated in different pharmaceutical subjects.

Dr. Minoo H. Parabia, an emirates Professor, Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat had delivered key note address on "SWOT analysis for the subject of Pharmacognosy" and "Steps to pursue research in Pharma Science". He had explained well the various sources of funding research projects. Dr. G. C. Bhavsar had described the history of Pharmacognosy with suitable examples. He stated that institute in which he had undergone his Ph. D. in Germany, was the institute of Pharmacognosy conducting B. Pharm Program. Dr. Malti G. Chauhan had stressed to keep interest in the Pharmacognosy by adopting natural and herbal treatment. Dr. S. H. Misra had briefed about recent trends in herbal research. Session was kept for open discussion and views from participants were received to strengthen the subject Pharmacognosy.

In the valedictory function Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Hon. Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University was remained present as chief guest. Shri Shaileshbhai Shah, Chairman, Sigma Institute of Technology and Engineering Trust had presided over the function. Mrs. Jyotsanaben S. Shah, Vice Chairperson, Mr. Manish Shah, Managing Trustee, Mr. Jigarbhai Patel, Director of Finance, from the management were the distinguish guest. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal had felicitated by offering shawl, memento and flowers to renowned personalities in field of Pharmacognosy Dr. G. C. Bhavsar and Dr. Malti G. Chauhan and Dr. Minoo H. Parabia. The winners in poster paper presentation were awarded by Dr. Akshai Aggarwal by silver coins to first prize winners and calendars and spiritual books of Swami Vivekananda to second and third prize winners. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal had received the various answers and suggestions to his question "why science graduates is prefer than pharmacy by pharmaceutical industries?" Dr. U. M. Upadhyay had express votes of thanks to participants and guests for sparing their valuable time to make the function success.

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Secretary of the Society of Pharmacognosy Gujarat state branch

