

Pharmanext Conference Summary

Jan 28th-29th 2012, Ahmedabad- A National conference was organized by Pharmanext, a New Delhi based publication house along with L J Institute of Pharmacy (College code: 227) on "Innovation in Pharmaceutical Industry: From Drug Development to Distribution" at L J Campus. This 2-day event was supported by Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA, Guj.St. Branch), Gujarat Technological University, B.V. Patel PERD Centre and many other national and international bodies. One of these was the Industrial Pharmacy Section (IPS) and the Young Pharmacist Group (YPG) of International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) which supported a National conference for the First time in India.



The inaugural was graced by **Shri. Jay Narayan Vyas, Hon' Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Gujarat** as the Chief Guest and **Mr. Pawan Agrawal, CMD of Roselabs Group** as the Guest of Honor along with **Dr. H.G. Koshia, Commissioner FDCA Gujarat** as the Chief Advisor to the Organizing Committee. **Prof. C J Shishoo, Honorary Director, B V Patel PERD Centre**, graced the dais as the Chairman of the OC with **Dr. Manishbhai Shah, Vice President LJK group** as the Patron, **Mr. Harish Pal, Director Pharmanext** as the Vice Chairman with **Prof. Jayant Deshpande, I/C Director, L J Institute of Pharmacy** as the Vice Chairman, **Dr. J B Dave, Honorary Sec. IPA-GSB** as the Chairman of Scientific Committee and **Mr. Aayush Agarwal, Associate Editor Pharmanext** as the Organizing Secretary. **Shri. Jay Narayan Vyas** started the proceedings with one of the most powerful inaugural addresses witnessed in National conferences highlighting the importance of bridging the gap between the academics and pharmaceutical

industries which has been the key issue to employability. He also gave a very dynamic insight in the Future of the healthcare sector referring to the vision of 2020-2040. He and all dignitaries on the dais **inaugurated first ever Newsletter of the LJIP**. To add to the already graced ceremony **4 eminent pharmacists were honored for their contribution to the profession that included Prof. H. L. Bhalla, Prof. P. C. Dandya, Prof. C. L. Kaul and Prof. G. C. Bhavsar**.





The 2-day event was a platform to exhibit **over 20 speakers from the industry** coming from across the state, country and even overseas. **There were 5 scientific sessions covering the Innovations in Drug Development and Manufacturing, Advances in Anti-Cancer therapy, Horizons of Clinical Research in India, Novel Drug Delivery Systems and Pharma IPR followed by one plenary discussion on Graduates to Better Pharmacists.** These speakers were from major pharmaceutical companies like **Cadila Pharma, Cadila Healthcare, Torrent Pharma, Intas Biopharmaceuticals, Sun Pharma, Novartis Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., Piramal Discovery Solutions, Roselabs Bioscience etc.** It was an achievement by the organizing team to get on board such vibrant speakers under one roof. This was one of the rare opportunities that students get in academia to listen to and interact with the experts from the pharmaceutical industries.

The diversity to the topics made it rather interesting for students and professionals of varied interests to stick to the seats during the scientific sessions. **Some of the most interesting sessions included that on Stem cell therapy by Dr. Liubou Uslar, Germany and the one on Ultrathin LbL technology by Dr. Ajay Khopade, Sun Pharma Advanced Research Center.** Other topics like **QbD concept by Dr. Kulkarni, Cadila Healthcare, Biosimilars by Dr. Rustom Mody, Intas**

Biopharmaceuticals, Cancer Clinical Trials End points by Dr. Chakraborty, Cadila Pharma, Prefilled syringes by Mr. Hattangadi, Roselabs Bioscience etc. were also successful in sparking interests in the audience.



Following the scientific sessions was a plenary discussion on “How to make Graduates better Pharmacy Professionals”. This discussion was moderated by Dr. J B Dave with Dr. Pundarikakshudhu, Director L J Institute of Pharmacy, Dr. S Bhattacharya, Vice President, Sun Pharma and Dr. Shreeraj Shah, Associate Professor, HOD Pharmaceutics, L J Institute of Pharmacy as the panelists.



The success of the event was celebrated by the Valedictory ceremony with Dr. S. Bhattacharya as the Guest of Honor along with interesting facts by Dr. H G Koshia on the innovative use of technology in E-Governance in the regulatory system of the state. The students got a useful opportunity to showcase their talents in the form of Poster and Oral presentation under 7 varied sections and the top 4 poster presentations and top 2 oral presentations were awarded prize money and acknowledged at this Valedictory Ceremony. All the proceedings were concluded by the National Anthem of India, hoping for a Bigger and Better conference very soon to repeatedly spread the important message of being innovative in the industry.

