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Patenting Workshop for the Faculty Members of Pharmacy Colleges

3-4 September, 2011

A Brief Report

Gujarat Technological University organized a two-days workshop on “**Patenting in Pharmaceuticals**”. The inaugural function was held on **Saturday, 3rd September 2011**. To participate in this workshop, 140 faculty members from more than 60 pharmacy colleges affiliated to GTU across the state came to AMA, Ahmedabad.

Inaugural session began with Saraswativandana, lamp lighting followed by welcome speech by Dr. G.P. Vadodaria. He emphasized that GTU Innovation Council is planning to sensitize all research faculty members in the field of IPR and Patent, which will ultimately reflect the strength of any individual, institute or university as a whole. Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, Program coordinator gave an introductory speech and explained the objectives of the workshop. Then Honb. Vice chancellor of GTU, Dr. Akshai Aggarwal explained in detail about the GTU objectives to promote and nurture innovation at institute level so that each and every student of GTU will be employable. He mentioned that IPR and Patents will not only bring prestige to individual scientist, it may also generate revenue for the researchers. He mentioned that, Innovation council has begun with Pharmacy faculty and by next month such kind of workshop will be arranged for Engineering and other technological branches of GTU. At the end, Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta gave vote of thanks and highlighted the agenda of GTU Innovation Council to frame virtual sectoral clusters in different domains.

Scientific sessions began with a talk by Dr. Anamik Shah, Professor of Saurashtra University, Rajkot. He gave an idea about different forms of IPR and how academic researcher can go ahead to protect their IP. Mr. Padmin Buch, Director, GITCO, Ahmedabad discussed the patent scenario in Pharmaceuticals industries followed by which Dr. Alpesh Pathak, Head IPR cell, Alembic Pharma Ltd., Baroda discussed the implication of Patents in generic Pharmaceuticals industries of the country. Mr. Nagesh Nanda, General Manager,

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TRC, Ahmedabad gave a detailed information about how to draft the patent application and about who can be the inventor and applicant of the Patent. Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, Head (PG), S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot gave a talk on Types of Patenting in Pharmaceuticals and how to select research topics for dissertations at M. Pharm or PhD level, so that the work on it may be patentable.

On Sunday, 4th of September 2011, the scientific session begins with speech of Dr. Rajesh Acharya, Patent and Trademark Attorneys, who discussed about practical aspects of claim drafting. Dr. Manish Rachchh took a session on how to do patent search using free databases accessible online. Mr. Anand Singh, Marketing Manager, Sci-edge, Pune gave a live demonstration of Sci-Finder databases useful for Patent search. Mr. Anil Pandey, Manager, Troikaa Pharmaceuticals, Ahmedabad had gave an idea about How to file Patent application to Indian Patent office with examples. Lastly Mr. Atulya Nath, CEO, GIIP, New Delhi gave a practical overview on how to commercialize a patent and to generate revenue out of it and demonstrated the way how to work out from Saraswati to Laxmi.

At the end workshop ended with valedictory session in which Honb. Vice chancellor of GTU, ***Dr. Akshai Aggarwal emphasized that GTU had a target of filing 1000 Patents by June-2012***, so he suggested all participating faculties to contribute towards it by spotting patentable ideas from M. Pharm dissertation thesis. All the participants appreciated the efforts of GTU and whole organizing committee and said that the two-day workshop had informed them about the importance of patenting and about ethical issues in IPR. The Workshop had also equipped them with the capability of spotting patentable ideas and of carrying the research work to a point, where the iodea becomes patentable. Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta lastly gave vote of thanks and workshop ended in a pleasant mood with positive feedback from all the participated faculty members. Honb. Vice chancellor Dr. Akshai Aggarwal appreciated the efforts of program coordinator Dr. Manish A. Rachchh and his team which includes Dr. Rina Gokani, Associate professor as well as of Mr. Bipin Patel, Mr.

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Jigar Savjiyani and Mr. HardikGhelani who are M. Pharm students of S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot.



Inauguration of the IPR workshop by Honb. Vice Chancellor Dr. Akshai Aggarwal and In-charge registrar Dr. G. P. Vadodaria



Honb. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal explaining the vision of GTU Innovation Council for fostering innovation at academic level, which can ultimate, reach up to the social level



Dr. G. P. Vadodaria, Incharge Registrar of GTU giving a Welcome speech to all the participants came from different part of the state



Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, Program coordinator of the workshop gave an introductory speech and mentioned about objectives and importance of this workshop of Patenting in Pharmaceuticals

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Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta explaining the mission and objectives of GTU Innovation Council



Participating Faculty at a glance. More than 140 faculty from more than 60 pharmacy colleges gathered including



Prof. Anamik Shah, Dept. of Chemistry, Saurashtra University, Rajkot presented an overview on Different forms of IPR



Mr. Padmin Buch, MD, GITCO, Ahmedabad gave a talk on Patent scenario in Pharmaceuticals

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Dr. Alpesh Pathak, Head IPR cell, Alembic Pharmaceutical Ltd., Baroda gave a talk on Patent implications in Generic Pharmaceutical companies



Dr. Manish A. Rachchh, Head (PG), S. J. Thakkar Pharmacy College, Rajkot gave a talk on Types of Patenting in Pharmaceutical.



Mr. Nagesh Nanda, General Manager, TRC, Ahmedabad gave a talk on Drafting of Patents



Dr. Rajesh Acharya, Patent & Trademark Attorney, H. K. Acharya & Company, Ahmedabad giving a session on Claim Drafting

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Mr. Anand Singh, Marketing Manager, Sci-Edge, Pune gave a practical demonstration of Scifinder software useful for Patent search



Mr. Anil Pandey, Manager IPR, Troikaa Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Ahmedabad gave a talk on Patent filling Procedure in India

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Mr. Atulya Nath, CEO, GIIP, New Delhi gave a talk on How to generate Revenue from the Research? by means of different types of commercialization



All the Participants had undergone interesting Self-evaluation test by doing MCQ type Assignment on the last day of the workshop after scientific sessions

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Brain churning Panel Discussion at the end of 2nd Day of scientific session. L to R: Mr. Anand Singh, Mr. Anil Pandey, Dr. Manish Rachchh & Mr. AtulyaNath



Honb. Vice Chancellor Dr. Akshai Aggarwal, Mrs. Aggarwal, Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta and Dr. Manish Rachchh at the time of Valedictory function

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