

President Speak...



Many IPA individual members have contributed generously to the IPA Building Fund in past. With the support and cooperation of all the members, the IPA-Building work started and progressing fast. I earnestly request you all to come forward with your generous support and contribution to complete the dream project of IPA Building.

Please join your hands to fulfil the dream of IPA-Building

Dear Members,

There is no healthcare without a workforce and there is no workforce without education.

I am extremely happy to share the news that World Pharmacist Day has been organised in a big way on 25th September by IPA at various places throughout the country. The Health camps, seminars, awareness camps and Rally's organised with theme "Pharmacists are your medicines experts" has made IPA more visible and vibrant in creating the awareness amongst the public and also successful in reaching Government and other agencies on importance of Pharmacist and Pharmacy Profession. The main focus is on extensive expertise that pharmacist have and put to use every day to ensure better patient health and disseminating knowledge and advice not only to the patients but


also to other health care professionals. I thank all the Principals and Students of Pharmacy colleges in India, all IPA State and Local branches and every individual for their contribution and for successfully organizing the World Pharmacist Day.

The 78th FIP World Congress held at Glasgow, UK during 2nd – 6th September, 2018 was a great success and attended by record number of Pharmacists in recent past i.e., 3,014 people registered from 108 countries with good deliberations on Policy statements, Advocacy matters and scientific sessions. The most encouraging news for the Pharmacists was statement of WHO on global need of 40 million additional healthcare workers by 2030 (One pharmacist per 10,000 of nation's population as benchmark) for which pharmacy should and must play a significant role. Education plays a pivotal role in addressing this need as there is no healthcare without a workforce and there is no workforce without education. The pharmaceutical workforce is made up of medicines experts who play a vital role in improving health outcomes through the effective and responsible use of medicines. It is important that the supply of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy support workers are keeping pace with population growth and disease burden. Swiss pharmacist Dominique Jordan was elected as President of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). Mr. Jordan, a community pharmacy owner and former Chief Executive Officer of the Swiss Association of Pharmacists, has served FIP for over a decade including as chair of the federation's Board of Pharmaceutical Practice since 2014. As a President of pharma Suisse for 12 years, Mr. Jordan led advances in the pharmacy profession in Switzerland, which included the introduction of a postgraduate title for hospital and community pharmacists that is recognized by the federal government, the introduction of a number of remunerated new pharmacy services and the implementation of an International Organization for Standardization compatible quality management system, allowing the evaluation of pharmacies. In his election statement, Mr. Jordan said: "Around the globe, health systems face changes due

to new trends and demographic, political and economic challenges. It is time for FIP to rethink its role and its benefits for members, partners and society and will give new impulses to grow and use the unique potential that federation has, gathering science, practice and education under one roof. "Building on the work of predecessors, want to increase the added-value of FIP for its members and member organizations.

IPA Team appreciates the advocacy group for the protest submitted against the on-line Pharmacies and the intervention of Delhi High Court by issuing notice to a petition seeking closure of online pharmacies offering drugs and prescription medicines through websites. A single-judge Bench of Justice Vibhu Bakru issued notice to the Central Government, Delhi Government, Central Drug Standard Control Organization and Commissioner of Food & Drugs Administration on the sale of drugs and prescription medicines without any mandate of law.

I congratulate all the divisions of IPA for the contribution and excellent work done to promote IPA and its activities. IPA Community Pharmacy Division has prepared the posters and other promotional materials of Pharmacists Day and NPW. IPA- Education Division has announced its NEC-2018 and on-line GPAT practice test and National Pharma Quiz. Dr. Nagarjuna Reddy, Convener of Devinder Pal - National Elocution Competition prepared the schedule of NEC and trying to get maximum number of participation from Pharmacy colleges all over India. The Education Division Chairman, Dr. S. Vidyadhara initiated the National-level GPAT Online Practice Test and National-level Pharma Quiz Competition for the betterment of pharmacy students in collaboration with Pharma inspire. This is mainly focussed to impart suitable education and training to the students of pharmacy and to bring hidden talent on national platform. I request all of you to give support and guidance for the success of NEC-2018, Pharma Quiz and online GPAT test.


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