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Dr. Rao V. S. V. Vadlamudi elected President of Commonwealth Pharmacists Association

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that Dr. Rao Vadlamudi, President of Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), has been elected as President of Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA) for the year 2017 – 19 at CPA Conference held at Hyatt Regency, Sydney, Australia from 28 – 30, July 2017. Dr. Rao Vadlamudi is the second Indian professional to be elected as CPA President after a gap of 30 years. The first CPA President from India was late Dr. J.N. Banerjee during the period 1982 – 1987. The CPA is an organization of Commonwealth professional pharmaceutical bodies and individual members with an objective to empowering Pharmacists to improve health and well-being throughout the Commonwealth there by adding quality to the range of services offered by the pharmacists with head quarter based at United Kingdom.

Dr. Rao Vadlamudi has been President of IPA, the national body of pharmaceutical professionals in India for the period 2014 – 18. During this period, he ably led the Association in organizing hugely successful international and national events including the 61st International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF) World Congress in 2015. During this period, he also initiated advocacy exercises with the Indian government, pushing forth policy inputs and documents, furthering the cause of pharmacists and pharmacy profession in the country. Under his tutelage, in December 2016, IPA went on to organize another hugely successful mega event – the Indian Pharmaceutical Congress (IPC) that witnessed participation of over 10,000 national and international delegates from various facets of the profession. His active partnering with leaders of international organizations like FIP, FAPA and WHPA has helped him espouse some of the raging health care issues including tackling Antimicrobial Resistance and Campaign against Drug Counterfeiting globally. An academian *par excellence* and an eminent scientist with impeccable knowledge base, Dr. Rao Vadlamudi has also had an illustrious stint with the

industry where he has led senior scientists in cutting – edge drug discovery programs in companies like Hoechst India Ltd (Sanofi) and Nektar Therapeutics India Limited.

The diverse skill sets and expertise that Dr. Rao Vadlamudi brings with him, coupled with the experience garnered all through his distinguished professional career, particularly as President of IPA, make him the right person to lead CPA ahead.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaushik Desai', written over a horizontal line.

Kaushik Desai

Hon. Gen. Secretary

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