

INDIAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION STUDENTS FORUM

10th INDIAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION STUDENT CONGRESS

IPA-SF'S major national event is IPA-Students Congress and the 10th Indian Pharmaceutical Association - Students Congress was hosted by IPA-Rajahmundry Local Branch which was held from February 16th - 17th 2019 at Vikas institute of pharmaceutical sciences Rajahmundry, AP with a theme "Need Based Education-----Changes Envisaged". Indian Pharmaceutical Association – students Forum (IPA-SF) the student wing of the IPA was inaugurated by our former president, his excellency Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam on August 16, 2008. IPA-SF was awarded the best overall performer among all the 85 international member associations and was conferred the Sidney J.Ralph award in 2013. IPA-SF were winners of Vampire Cup and Live Vampire Cup (given by IPA-SF for maximum blood donation camps) in 2014 and winners of Live Vampire Cup in 2015 and 2016. IPA-SF hosted the 61st IPASF World congress, 2015 at Hyderabad over 400 student delegates from 61+ member countries participated in this event and it served as a great opportunity for the delegates to "Connect -Catalyse- Innovate".

The 10th IPA-Students' Congress mainly focussed on patient counselling event, clinical skills event, pharma quiz, placement conclave, innovative ideas and panel discussions blended with a cultural evening. The congress brought together over 2800+ delegates from 90 colleges across the nation from various states like Tamilnadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Delhi, West Bengal and Maharashtra to participate in the workshops and competitions to share their experiences, to learn from one another and to debate regarding the current and future pharmacist roles. The congress was inaugurated by Dr.B Suresh, President, Pharmacy Council of India and vice chancellor JSS University, Mysore.

This event was blessed by the presence of Dr. Krishna Ella, MD Bharath biotech and Dr.Subhodh Priolkar, Wincore limited, Mumbai. along with 3 past presidents of IPA Dr.C.K.Kokate, Dr. J.A.S Giri & Dr. Rao Vadlamudi. Mr. Lee li from Shanghai, Dr. M.D Karvekar, E.C member, Pharmacy Council of India, Dr. T V Narayana, President IPA and Director Vikas institute of pharmaceutical sciences, Dr. S Vidhyadhara, Chairman Indian Pharmaceutical Association-Educational division, Prof. KPR Chowdary - SSC Convener IPCA graced the occasion. Mr. Dilip Kumar, President AIDCOC, T.Ch.Subbarao- Chairman Vikas Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rajahmundry; Dr. A. Ramakishan, Deputy Drugs Controller graced the event as well.

Inception of the programme was done with a welcome address by Ms.P Pragna Ella, Chairperson IPASF(Indian Pharmaceutical Association Students' Forum) and it was followed by inspirational speeches of the dignitaries on the dais and moved forward for the felicitations to the privileged guests Dr.B.Suresh, President, Pharmacy council of India and keynote speaker Dr. Krishna Ella and all other guests of honour.

The Programme proceeded with an enlightening panel discussion which concerned towards the theme of the congress : 'Need Based Education-----Changes Envisaged'. By exactly justifying the theme, the congress truly explained about the need of outcome based education by eminent

personalities like Dr. Rao Vadlamudi, Dr. Naresh Sharma, Dr. Sunil Attavar and others from different fields of pharmacy. They also justified so many queries raised from the students. Student's congress served as a best platform to share and showcase student's research work in the Scientific Programme. With an overall participation, 776 Scientific Papers were received and out of which 28 e- posters and 65-Oral Posters along with 93 posters were presented in the conference. The total number of delegates in this mega event was 1749 excluding many of the VIP and VVIP. The mentors Dr. T. K Ravi & Dr Sriram shanmugam played a vital role in guiding and conducting the events like Patient counselling, Clinical Skills & Compounding Event was very thought provoking and innovating. A Total cash prize of worth 9 lakhs was awarded to the winners of all competitions. Mr. Aditya Srinivas, Secretary IPASF gave the plan of action for 2019 to 2020 and their vision, expansion of IPASF throughout India in the valedictory program. The congress would not have been a success without the selfless support, guidance and encouragement of IPA, IPA-Education Division, IPA Student's Forum, IPA AP State branch, IPA Rajahmundry Local Branch, team of Vikas institute of pharmaceutical sciences, and the LOC team. We also thank scientific partner-Omics International and academic institutional sponsors and all principals for supporting this event.