



President Speak...



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Dear Members,

*Transforming outcomes:
How pharmacy can play its part*

Positive changes are happening in the pharmacy profession globally, but not at the rate that pharmacists want or that are needed to improve patient safety and optimise the outcomes of therapy. Dominique Jordan, President of FIP says that pharmacists' ability to influence policymakers and regulators is key to getting recognition within health systems, both for the value that pharmacists bring to patients and for new extended roles. Wherever you practise, patients' needs are changing. Advances in science and technology mean that individualised treatments can offer better outcomes than a "one-size-fits-all" approach. But there are challenges: new technologies often come with a hefty price tag, adding to the huge financial pressures already faced by health systems. Practitioners are increasingly expected to emerge from their professional silos to collaborate for the benefit of patients and the health workforce is not always a predictable resource. It is the responsibility of each of us to transform and advance

the profession to improve the health of our patients and nation. As part of this transformation, pharmacists in the community and hospital sectors are developing their clinical expertise and taking on new roles. Some are honing their pharmaco-economic skills to ensure that payers extract the most value from treatments and others are being trained as programmers, helping to make the most of the vast amounts of data captured by some health systems. New scientific developments and new models of pharmacy practice like breakthroughs in pharmaceutical nanotechnology for oral delivery of anticancer drugs expanding the role of pharmacists in primary healthcare through collaborative non-dispensing services. Pharmacists working in industry and academia continue to embrace new technologies and expand the use of IT assets.

Good news to Pharm.D graduates. In response to the recommendations of Pharmacy Council of India, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has issued official Gazette notification on 16th July, 2019 stating that "Person holding Pharm.D qualification shall automatically become eligible for appointment to various posts where a person holding Diploma in Pharmacy, Bachelor of Pharmacy or Master of Pharmacy qualification is eligible to be appointed. A major breakthrough initiative of "Moratorium on the opening of new pharmacy colleges for running Diploma as well as Degree course in Pharmacy for a period of five years beginning from the academic year 2020-21" by Pharmacy Council of India has been welcomed by all walks of Pharmacy Professionals. I on behalf of IPA and all the Pharmacy Professionals congratulate PCI President Dr. B. Suresh and his team for their continuous efforts to uplift the profession of pharmacy in India.

I am happy to share with our members that Korean Society of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology invited IPA to the Asian Association of Schools of Pharmacy (AASP) Conference during 3rd - 5th July, 2019 at Ajou University, Suwon, Republic of Korea. The theme of the conference is "Impact of Rapidly Changing Environment on Pharmacy Education, Practice, and Pharmaceutical

Sciences in Asia" and I was asked to be resource person in "Colloquium of Asian Pharmacy Education". Dr Rao Vadlamudi was the other speaker invited from India. The conference consisted of plenary lectures and symposia presented by invited speakers from academia and industry, as well as poster sessions for graduate students and covered diverse and cutting-edge topics from pharmacy education, practice, and pharmaceutical sciences. The organisers had given travel grant to nearly 50 students throughout Asia to encourage student's participation. I am happy to share that Pragna Ella, Chair person of IPA-SF got the travel grant and represented IPA Students Forum during the conference.

IPA being a member organization of FIP, is participating in a big way in the 79th FIP world congress to be held in Abu Dhabi, from 22nd - 26th September, 2019. The FIP World Congress will offer a collaboration platform for scientists, researchers, practitioners, educators and students of pharmacy. Plenary sessions, panel discussions, interactive workshops and networking will provide an up-to-date overview of new concepts and tools to advance the field of pharmacy during the FIP world congress.

IPA Delhi State Branch is organising IPA Convention on 11th -12th September, 2019 at Vignan Bhavan, New Delhi. I request all the state and local branches of IPA to promote the event by mobilising sponsorship and delegates and support IPA convention in big way. I am happy to share that all the divisions of IPA are contributing to maximum extent with various collaborative projects, fund raising activities throughout India and contributing immensely to build the brand image of IPA.

The second floor of the construction of IPA building is in the final stages and building work is going with great momentum. I extend my deep sense of gratitude to Pharma institutions, Pharma industries for their voluntary contribution and sponsorship. My earnest appeal to all the IPA members, state and local branches, donors to come forward and contribute towards the noble cause.

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