



Dear Members,

Pharmacy in India is facing many challenges. The advocacy group of IPA appeal to the concerned authorities and Ministry of Government of India to resolve the issue of proper pharmacy services and pay scales for Pharmacists in Central Government and Central Government Agencies Hospitals, Objection to the proposed amendment in Schedule K of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 and to put a stop to online Pharmacies. One of the priorities for IPA is to continue undertaking advocacy and engage with the health authorities and other stakeholders, to support and guide the medicines related needs of the people. These needs include equitable access to medicines which are of good quality, safe, efficacious and affordable; and access to and further advancement of the pharmaceutical services, whilst ensuring the presence of a pharmacist in a pharmacy at all times the pharmacy is open. Another priority is to sustain and further develop its initiative to support State and Local branches in the professional development of their members through the CPD programme. The CPD programme enables pharmacists to remain competent and to develop services to meet the specific needs of their patients and to enable pharmacists to tackle ethical issues they come across in their practice.

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I am happy to share with the members that IPA is collaborating in various activities with FIP. One such activity is Workforce Transformation Programme (WTP) and is designed to advance pharmaceutical workforces around the world. It offers a practical and flexible model to assist countries in assessing their individual pharmacy workforce needs and priorities; support them to develop needs-based national workforce strategies and infrastructure; and provide co-created solutions, tools, mechanisms and resources for implementation. "Collaboration with FIP through the WTP will really speed up the process of advancement of practice and within two years, we can develop an evidence-based tool to advance the workforce, and a sustainable system to implement the tool. IPA is excited to continue working with the FIP because the WTP is not only helping our nation in identifying strategies to adapt with our needs, but also to be recognised by our partners as a pioneer in transforming the pharmacy workforce in India.

The National Pharmacy Week celebrations 2019 have been successfully organized throughout India during 16th to 23rd November, 2019 with the theme of "Pharmacist Your Medication Counsellor". I congratulate all the stakeholders (Students, teachers, community Pharmacist and educators) involved for organizing the NPW activities and their by creating awareness amongst the public about Pharmacist role in making healthy India. My compliments to Mrs. Manjiri Gharat, Chairperson of Community Pharmacy Division and IPA Student's Forum for the NPW material, Leaflets and CARUM posters prepared. There was a good response to the NPW competitions throughout India towards; Leaflet making competition, Comic poster making competition, Patient counselling video making competition. The completion results were announced and displayed on IPA website and my congratulations to all the winners of the competitions.

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 and also contributing towards the dream project of IPA building. The IPA Education division is organising training modules in association with industry experts on QA, QC, Hands on experience, Instrumentation, Training of Trainers, Life Skills and Career Opportunities for Pharmacy Graduates. The CPD organised awareness programmes and HPD organised training programmes for Pharmacists across India. The IPA Regulatory division in association with Education Division has come out with some modules to train the students of Pharmacy on regulatory aspects at various places. I request the members to support the activities of IPA and its divisions and make IPA more visible in their respective state and local branches. The IPA Awards Committee announced the list of various awards instituted by IPA. These awards are going to be given during the 71st IPC and Fellowship function on 20-21, December 2019 at Chennai. This year IPA has instituted two Pharma Industry Excellence Awards to the most promising pharma industry and Fellowship to NRI, who made contribution to IPA and its activities and supporting the objectives of IPA. My sincere thanks to Sri. Dilip Surana, MD of Micro Labs Ltd., for sponsoring the Awards function. I congratulate all the awardees of 2019. In a major initiative, IPA has come out with proposal to amend the By-laws of IPA and I request all the members to support the changes during the AGM on 20th December 2019 at Chennai.

The construction of long awaited IPA building has been completed and plastering work is going on. If everything goes well, the inauguration of the IPA Building will be done in February 2020. I extend my deep sense of gratitude to Pharma institutions, Pharma industries for their voluntary contribution and sponsorship. My sincere appeal to all the IPA members, IPA state and local branches, donors to come forward and contribute towards the fixtures and furniture of the IPA office and building.

Winners do the best they can, with what they can, while they can, and success is inevitable.

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