Sponsored National Seminar

Drug Discovery and Development: Traditional Medicine and Ethnopharmacology Perspectives

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Seminar Report

Venue: Smriti College of Pharmaceutical Education (SCOPE)
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Smriti College of Pharmaceutical Education had organized one day AICTE Sponsored National Seminar on Drug Discovery and Development: Traditional Medicine and Ethnopharmacology Perspectives on 19th October 2013.

The objective of the seminar was to provide novel inputs into the drug development process on Traditional medicine in search for economically valuable natural resources by pharmaceutical industries.

The seminar had been attended by 240 delegates and got benefited by getting the novel ideas shared by renowned academicians like Prof (Dr.). V. K. Dixit Former Dean of Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar, Prof (Dr.) Shailendra Saraf Professor, Institute of Pharmacy Pt. R.S. University Raipur, Prof (Dr.) Swarnlata Saraf Head, Institute of Pharmacy Pt. R.S. University Raipur, Dr. S. Nayak, principal, Bansal College of pharmacy, Bhopal and Mr. Shashi Alok, Assistant Professor, Institute of Pharmacy, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi had shared their research experience and thoughts on various aspects of current research in herbal drug discovery involving a multifaceted approach combining botanical, phytochemical, biological, and molecular techniques.

The seminar had inaugurated by the chief guest Dr. Rijwani Director, Promed Pvt. Ltd., Indore and the guest of honor Mr. Saket Sharma, HR Manager Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited Dewas, India. The seminar is also attended by various
people from industry like Mr. Himanshu Shah Director, Vishal Pharma, Indore.

Dr. Rijwani has shared that how his company is working on increasing the concentration of herbal volatile oils in various formulations.

The seminar was started by the enlightening words of the Director of Smriti college of Pharmaceutical Education and the chief coordinator Dr. Sanjay Jain about the importance of drug discovery and development on herbal traditional medicines.

The accepted abstract book had been released during the ceremony, which will be published in IJPSR.

Prof (Dr.). V. K. Dixit had shared his wide experience and knowledge in the field of new drug discovery of herbals in antifertility. He had shared the challenges we face during the process of new discovery.

Prof Shailendra Saraf had given more emphasis on various aspects of selecting appropriate high-throughput screening bioassays, and the scale-up of active compounds. Prof (Dr.) Swarnlata Saraf had discussed about the role of herbals new chemical entity development with relation to cosmetic products.

Mr. Shashi Alok had shared the market
trends of pharmaceutical industry in new drug discovery and generics. Dr. S. Nayak had put more insight on current requirements in drug development from herbal sources on the basis of ayurvedic aspects.

The poster session was followed by the seminar in which nearly 80 posters accepted by the scientific committee had been displayed. The abstracts for poster presentation had been called with relation to distinctive themes of Pharmaceutical Sciences: Pharmaceutical Technology, Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Analysis, Quality Assurance, Pharmacognosy, Phytochemistry, Pharmacology and Toxicology and Regulatory Affairs.

152 abstracts had been received by the scientific committee after the proper validation 90 abstracts had been approved for the poster presentation.

The posters had been evaluated by the judges, the delegates who achieved first and second position had honored with certificate and memento.

The conference was successfully concluded with high tea. The organizing committee had put all their efforts to make this even a successful one.