

IDMA 52nd Annual Day Celebrations 2014 – A Report

The IDMA 52nd Annual Day Celebrations 2014 was held at The Lalit, Mumbai on **Saturday, 4th January 2014**. Before that, at 4.30 pm onwards 52nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association was held at the same venue wherein more than 60 members of IDMA from different parts of the country attended.

The Annual Day Celebrations commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the holy lamp by the Chief Guest Ms Aradhana Johri, IAS, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals and joined by Keynote Speaker Mr Glenn Saldanha, Chairman and Managing Director, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd., IDMA President Mr Manish U Doshi, Incoming President Mr S V Veerramani, Incoming General Secretary Mr. Mahesh Doshi, and the Secretary General Mr Daara B Patel. More than 200 members, delegates, special invitees and Award winners participated in the Annual Day.

The President Mr Doshi welcomed all the participants to the IDMA 52nd Annual Celebrations and addressed the gathering at the venue and said that the Drugs Prices Control Order 2013 marked the “beginning of a new era of Market Based Pricing with control only on Formulations. This also signified the beginning of the end of the contentious & tedious cost based pricing regime.” He further said that the “Pharma industry has been facing challenges on all fronts - be it the contentious Fixed Dose Combinations (FDCs), the formation of Central Drug Authority (CDA), the banning of PET bottles and the retrospective price implementation issues; however IDMA has been making all efforts and discussing with Government to resolve them”. **President’s welcome address is reproduced in the following pages:**

The 52nd IDMA Annual Publication 2014 was released by the Chief Guest Ms Aradhana Johri. Addressing the large gathering, she said that “It is a pleasure to note that IDMA has been working for more than 50 glorious years and contributing to providing safe, efficacious and affordable quality medicines, not only to the people of India, but also across the world. It is clear that IDMA has been in the fore-front in leading the Indian Pharmaceuticals industry to great heights.” She said that the Government was always doing a balancing act, balancing various

competing priorities and interests. On the one hand, providing our population, especially those with low incomes, access to affordable medicines, and on the other hand, providing a healthy supportive environment to the industry. I know the Pharma industry in India is the best in the world comprising of ingenuity, talent, skills and a spirit of great enterprise.”. **Excerpts** from the Chief Guest’s speech are reproduced in the following pages:

The keynote speaker Mr. Glenn Saldanha, Chairman and Managing Director Ltd., made a very interesting, informative and wonderful presentation. While delivering the keynote address he said that “other than India, even developed countries like Germany and Japan have implemented some level of price control. In such a scenario, the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) can evolve much faster by developing complex generics through partnering with leading players. India has a huge potential to be the leading player in Contract Research and Manufacturing Services (CRAMS) in the global market. The API market opportunity will also remain large as more Indian companies file generic applications in the US and European Union (EU).” He also highlighted other trends being followed globally and emphasised that regulatory compliances need to be constantly upgraded to match the requirements of the developed markets.

The Incoming President, Mr S V Veerramani addressed the audience and presenting his plans and vision said that we would like to change the public perception of Pharmaceutical Industry as profiteering. The Indian Pharmaceutical Industry has come a long way since 1947 and now supplies affordable, quality medicines, consistently, to India and more than 200 countries of the world. We will request the public and the consumer understand that we have a part in protecting public health. We are also planning to enter into Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. Our theme for the year 2014 is **“INDIAN PHARMACEUTICALS FOR GLOBAL HEALTH”**.

Mr Mahesh Doshi, Incoming Hon General Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

Various awards were presented during the Annual Day Celebrations as listed in the following pages:

IDMA AWARDS:

IDMA Margi Memorial Best Patent Awards:

Every year, IDMA recognises and appreciates the Best Patents granted to our Members and the Awards are given away at the Annual Day Celebrations. From this year, these Awards will be known as '**IDMA Margi Memorial Best Patent Awards**' in honour of the **late Mrs Margi Choksi nee Patel**, as a tribute to her immense contribution to the field of IPR, especially IPR education & training, and her work in helping IDMA project our views on the Indian Patent Law and its amendments.

The panel of experts for the assessment of the Awards was pleased to recommend the following Patents for the various categories as below:

Best Biotech New Molecular Entity Patent Award 2012-13 to M/s Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd for United States Patent [US 8236315 dated August 7, 2012] for 'Humanized Antibodies Specific for Von Willebrand Factor'.

Best New Chemical Entity Patent Award 2012-13 to M/s Hetero Drugs Ltd for United States Patent [US 8227431 dated July 24, 2012] for Novel 'Nucleoside Derivatives' .

Best New Chemical Entity Patent Award 2012-13 to M/s FDC Ltd for United States Patent [Us 8324227 Dated December 4, 2012] for 'Thieno[2,3-D] Pyrimidin-4(3h)-One Compounds with Antifungal Properties and Process Thereof'.

Patent Appreciation Award 2012-13 in the Category of API Awarded to M/s Ind-Swift Laboratories Ltd for One US Patent and One Russian Patent.

Patent Appreciation Award 2012-13 in the Category of API Awarded to M/s IPCA Laboratories Ltd. for Three Indian Patents.

Patent Appreciation Award 2012-13 in the Category of API Awarded to M/s Indoco Remedies Ltd for Two Indian Patents.

IDMA QUALITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS – 2013:

Annual IDMA Quality Excellence Awards were instituted in 1984, to assist, encourage, recognize, appreciate and nurture the quality excellence achievement among IDMA members.

This Award is not a competition between units. This Award endeavours to identify firms with best

facilities and not the best companies among the participants. Awards are not limited.

The modality of the assessment for the awards was determined originally in consultation with renowned personalities including late Shri S K Borker, late Shri R S Iyer, late Shri V C Sane, Shri M R Shastri, Dr. S S Gothoskar, and Dr S N Iyer and subsequently modified from time to time.

A new updated Check List was sent to the units in advance this year. During the visit each observation was discussed with the operators and those in-charge, in order to improve mutual understanding and learning.

This year Platinum, Gold and Silver Awards were organized. The units were categorized as Formulations and Bulk Drugs as mentioned below:-

- (1) Companies with Total Annual Turnover upto ₹25 Crores
- (2) Companies with Total Annual Turnover between ₹ 25 Crores to ₹100 Crores
- (3) Companies with Total Annual Turnover above ₹100 crores

Turnover was taken also as the entire turnover of the company and not only of the unit visited.

Visits to factories were organized by IDMA Secretariat. The panel of experts was Mr. Gidy Asrani, Mr. Kapil Bhargava, Mr. R Raghunandan, Dr. V. Chandrasekharan, Mr. J. L. Sipahimalani, Dr. Shailesh Nagarsenkar and Mr. Sridharan.

During the visits, apart from the assessment for the Awards, the benefit of the joint expertise of the panel members was made available to the participating units during the discussions. This appeared to be well appreciated. Almost all the units were considered to be very good. The excellence assessed for Platinum Award was in the region of 90%, for Gold 80% and for Silver 70%.

The assessment for the Awards was made with consensus among the visiting experts, using the scale for 0 to 10, score being assigned for each of 70 points concerning product development, GMP, GLP, personnel, environment, stores, manufacture, quality assurance etc.

The panel of experts for the assessment of the participating units was pleased to recommend the following

units as the recipients of the 'Gold Award' and 'Silver Award' in the said category, for the year 2013.

IDMA QUALITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2013:

The panel of experts for the assessment of the participating units is pleased to recommend the following awards for the year 2013:

(I) Gold Award – 1 no.

(1) Fourrts (India) Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Unit 2, Chennai *Category : Formulations Units - Companies with Total Annual turnover above ₹100 crores*

(II) Silver Award – 1 no.

(1) Micro Labs Ltd., Bangalore (API Unit) *Category : Bulk Drug Units - Companies with Total Annual turnover above ₹00 crores*

IDMA RESEARCH PAPER AWARDS - 2013:

In order to encourage R & D in the country, IDMA has instituted "Research Awards for the Best Original Research Articles" published in the "Indian Drugs" every year, from the year 1981-82, in the following disciplines:

1. Pharmaceutical Chemistry
2. Natural Products
3. Pharmaceutics
4. Pharmaceutical Analysis
5. Pharmacology

The award is in the form of a citation and a cash award of ₹2500/- in each discipline

Awards are presented to the recipients at the time of the Annual Celebrations of IDMA every year.

An Award for the **Best Review Article** was instituted in 2001. A citation and special cash Award of ₹5000/- is presented to the recipient at the time of the Annual Celebrations.

REVIEW ARTICLE:

No award this year.

PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTRY:

No award this year.

NATURAL PRODUCTS:

Paper : **Isolation, Identification and Characterization of Rotenoids from *Cajanus cajan* (L.) Millsp. (Leguminosae)**

Authors : **Chaturvedi P., Khanna P. and Chowdhary A.**

Institute : Haffkine Institute for Training, Testing and Research, Parel, Mumbai 400012, Maharashtra, India.

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PHARMACEUTICS:

Paper : **Design, Development and Evaluation of Cationic Guar and Hydroxypropyl guar based *In situ* Gels for Ophthalmic Drugs Delivery.**

Authors : **Dasankoppa F.S. and Swamy N.G.N.**

Institute : Department of Pharmaceutics, Government College of Pharmacy, P. Kalinga Rao Road, Subbaiah Circle, Bangalore-560027, India

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PHARMACEUTICAL ANALYSIS:

Paper : **Forced Degradation Study of Eletriptan by Using Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography (UHPLC)**

Authors : **Sahu S., Singh R.M., Mathur S.C., Sharma D. K. Saini P.K., Duggal D., Tyagi V. and Singh G. N.**

Institute : Analytical Research & Development Division, Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Sec – 23, Rajnagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh - 201 002, India.

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PHARMACOLOGY:

Paper : **Evaluation of Anti-diarrhoeal Activity of *Punica granatum* Stem Bark**

Authors : **Khan N., Hugar S., Patil V., Nanjappaiah H.M., Gaviraj E.N., and Kalyane N.V.**

Institute : Dept. of Pharmacology, B.L.D.E.A's College of Pharmacy, B.L.D.E. University Campus, Bijapur-586103, Karnataka. India

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IDMA J B MODY BEST STUDENT AWARDS 2012:

Since the inception of IDMA in 1961, we have been striving to promote the best pharmaceutical practices in India, which will provide the necessary quality and skill to develop and advance the growth of the National Sector of the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry. For such a noble cause, it is always best to 'catch them young' and recognize their excellence at a young age. Our aim has been to reach out to every University in India to popularize this prestigious Award and also to acknowledge and reward the deserving First Ranking B. Pharm Students.

IDMA instituted the IDMA G.P. NAIR Awards in 1970, in honour of the first President and Founder Member of IDMA, Shri G P Nair, and were being given away for the past 40 years. Deserving winners of these Awards are spread all over the world in enviable positions as leaders of the Industry, Research and Pharmaceutical Education. From the year 2001, the award is known as the IDMA J B Mody Best Student Awards, in honour of Past President Shri J B Mody and will continue to encourage and recognize excellence among the B Pharm students and will be very proudly remembered by them and their families.

This Award of encouragement, appreciation and motivation to the Pharmacy graduates from Indian Universities, has resulted in spreading the Indian Pharma diaspora into the arena of global research, industry, academia and government organizations and have also helped to strengthen Indian Pharma industry, to a large extent.

This year 10 candidates from 8 Universities are receiving the Awards for having stood first in their respective Universities in the final B. Pharm Examinations held in 2012. We wish them a bright career in the service of the Industry and the Nation. Following 10 students are the said Award Winners:

1. **Shefali V. Pajwani**, B Pharm, Gujarat Technological University, Gujarat
2. **P. Kavya**, B Pharm, Bojjam Narasimhulu Pharmacy College (Jawaharlal Nehru Tech University) Hyderabad
3. **Sukhada Satish Shevade**, B Pharm, Bombay College of Pharmacy, Mumbai
4. **Disha Dhawal Shah**, B. Pharm, Kundanani College, University of Mumbai.
5. **Barkat Yusra Shabbir Ahmad Anisfatimah**, B Pharm, C. U. Shah College of Pharmacy of S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai
6. **Arsiwala Ammar Mazhar**, B. Tech, Institute of Chemical Technology (University under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956), Formerly UDCT/UICT, Mumbai
7. **Hussain Suleman Salim**, B. Pharm, Institute of Chemical Technology, (University under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956), Formerly UDCT/UICT, Mumbai
8. **Jenisha Karmacharya**, B Pharm, JSS University, Mysore
9. **Dhanashree A. Mundhey**, B Pharm, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj, Nagpur University, Nagpur
10. **Amiya Kanta Sharma**, B. Pharm, Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Orissa



IDMA 52nd Annual Day Celebrations inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamp at Hotel-The Lalit, Mumbai on 4th January 2014 by Incoming President, Mr S V Veerramani. Also seen in the image are Mr Daara B Patel, Secretary General, IDMA, Ms Aradhana Johri, IAS, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals and Mr Manish U Doshi, President, IDMA



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