

SoPI Supported National Pharmacovigilance Conferences – A Report

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Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPI) was established in 2000 with an objective to foster science and learning in the discipline of pharmacovigilance. The society fulfils this aim by providing opportunities for networking in a friendly environment, collegial and convivial support among fellow pharmacovigilance professionals and members, open and impartial forum for sharing experience and knowledge, platform for discussion and generation of new research and ideas, meetings, education and affordable training during annual meetings of SoPI. In addition, it also supports national conferences, seminars and symposiums held at different colleges and universities.

After successful annual meeting at DIPSAR in October 2018, the following two conferences were organized with special technical support of SoPI.

Two-Days National conference on Recent Advances in Pharmacovigilance Measures Affecting Drug Development and Industry Output (1-2 February 2019)

The National Conference on the above-mentioned theme was organized by Adarsh Vijendra Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Shobhit University Gangoh (SUG), Gangoh.

The conference was sponsored and technically supported by SERB-DST (Science and Engineering Research Board-Department of Science & Technology, GoI), IPC (Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission) and SoPI (Society of Pharmacovigilance, India). The conference received an overwhelming response wherein over 300 delegates from 70 plus institutions covering 12 states got registered. 109 posters and 10 oral presentations were made.

Inaugural Function: The conference began with the inaugural function on 1st February at 10.00 am. The function was graced by Kunwar Shekhar Vijendra, Hon'ble Chancellor, Shobhit University as presiding guest; Dr. G.N. Singh, Secretary-cum-Scientific Director, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission as Chief Guest; Prof S. Raisuddin, Advisor (Research), Director IQAC, Jamia Hamdard as special guest; Prof. Govind Mohan, former

President, SoPI as guest of honor; Prof. D. K. Kaushik, VC, SUG; Dr. Mahipal Singh, Registrar, SUG; Sufi Zaheer Akhtar, Care Taker, SUG and Prof. Ranjit Singh, the convener. The inaugural function was well attended by more than 300 delegates comprising of renowned academicians & scientists, invited guests, research scholars, media persons. Some of them included Prof. S N. Das, Senior Consultant, DBT, GoI; Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, J.N. Medical College, A M U, Aligarh; Dr. Parveen Bansal, Joint Director, UCER, BPU, Faridkot; Prof R K Goel, Dean, Punjabi University, Patiala; Dr. Kumud Upadhyay, Kumaun University, Bhimtal; Dr. Rupesh Gautam, M.M.U, Ambala, Dr. Pooja Arora, Ambala.



Dignitaries releasing conference souvenir

The function started with the arrival and welcome of all the guests. The guests occupied their seats on the dais and were formally welcomed by offering bouquets. Then the obeisance was paid to Goddess Sarswati by lighting the lamp and singing Sarswati Vandana and Kulgeet. The welcome address was delivered by the

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convener who also apprised the audience about the theme of the conference. Prof Govind Mohan (former SOPI president), the guest of honour explained the need of pharmacovigilance and highlighted the contributions being made by different stakeholders in the field. The Vice Chancellor Prof. D. K. Kaushik narrated the establishment, growth and vision of the University. Special guest Prof Raisuddin congratulated the organizers for choosing such a relevant theme and giving the participants a chance to interact on the issue of drug safety.



Prof. Raisuddin Addressing

A motivating, thought-provoking and enlightening speech was then delivered by the chief guest and president SoPI, Dr. G. N. Singh who very effectively apprised the audience regarding current status of the profession in general and pharmacovigilance in specific. He explained the scope of association and collaboration in generating useful data and benefitting the society by ensuring safe and effective drug delivery. He emphasized the importance and need of working together and sharing information in order to have utility based and output-oriented research. He reiterated that one can do wonders even with handful of facilities if determined. He mentioned that the success is ought to come if we start working together. He wholeheartedly praised the University administration for setting up such a big university in this remote rural area and paid tribute to the founder Babu Vijendra Kumar for his vision and farsightedness.



Dr. G. N. Singh Addressing

While presiding the inaugural function, Kunwar Shekhar Vijendra endorsed the thoughts of the chief guest especially the idea of working together and promised to extend full support of the

University to IPC in all possible manners. He enlightened the delegates and guests about the vision and mission of the university and how the university is empowering the nation through education. He motivated all the participants to work in harmony for the well-being of the society and nation.



Kunwar Shekhar Vijendra Addressing

Scientific Sessions: The scientific sessions resumed after inaugural function and tea break. The technical session-I in the form of a Panel Discussion was coordinated by Prof Govind Mohan and Dr. Parveen Bansal. The discussion was very fruitful, and the audience was profusely enriched by all the inputs. The delegates participated with interest and asked many questions from the experts.



Dr. Parveen Bansal and Prof. Govind Mohan Addressing



Dr. Suraj Gupta addressing

This session was followed by an invited talk on Environmental Pharmacovigilance by Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, General Secretary, SoPI. The talk was very informative and quite rich in contents. It was very well received by the audience. This lecture was chaired by Dr. Kumud Upadhyay from Kumaun University, Bhimtal.



Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman Addressing

Poster and oral presentations were conducted after the lunch. More than hundred posters were received and around nine oral presentations were made. The best three presentations were given away the prizes. The panel for poster evaluation included Dr. Pooja Arora, Dr. Rupesh Gautam, and Dr. Manoj Sagar.



Judges viewing posters

Next session was followed by an invited talk on Govt initiatives on Pharmacovigilance by Dr. Pooja, AMC Coordinator, AIMMS, New Delhi and on scope of Pharmacovigilance in industry by Mr. Manoj Sahu, Pharmacovigilance Head, Akums Pharmaceutical LTD, Delhi.

Second day of the conference started with a talk by Prof. S. N. Das, Senior Consultant, DBT. He spoke on the role of Pharmacovigilance in Biotechnology. The lecture was very interesting and was much appreciated by the audience. This lecture was chaired by Prof. A. P. Garg, renowned microbiologist and Vice Chancellor of Shobhit deemed University, Meerut.



Dr. S K Gupta and Dr. Arun Shrivastava Addressing

The next talk was delivered by Dr. V. Kalaiselven, Principal Scientific Officer, National Coordination Center, Pharmacovigilance Programme of India, (NCC-PvPI), Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), Ghaziabad. He spoke on the current status and challenges of Pharmacovigilance. The talk covered many interesting aspects of pharmacovigilance supported with real-time data. Dr. Kalaiselven apprised the delegates about the initiatives being taken by NCC. This lecture was chaired by Dr. Anju Dhiman from Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak.



Dr. V. Kalaiselven and Ms. Shavya Singh Addressing

The next lecture was delivered by Ms. Shavya Singh, Patient Safety Associate, NCC-PVPI, IPC on the topic, "methods for reporting adverse events". The talk successfully attracted the attention of the audience. This lecture was chaired by Prof D. K. Kaushik, Vice Chancellor, Shobhit University, Gangoh. This was followed by another talk on introduction to suspected ADR form, consumer reporting form, hands on training with case examples by Dr. Lokesh Reddy Vobbineni, Patient Safety Associate, NCC-PVPI, IPC. The talk covered interesting aspects of pharmacovigilance and was well taken by the audience. This lecture was chaired by Prof. Gajendra Singh, Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Pt. B D Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak.



Dignitaries Addressing

The Valedictory Function: The function was graced by Prof. S. N. Das, Senior Consultant, DBT, North Eastern Region-Biotechnology Program Management Cell (NER-BPMC) as chief guest and Prof. A. P. Garg, renowned microbiologist and Vice Chancellor of Shobhit deemed University as special guest and other dignitaries including Prof. D. K. Kaushik, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mahipal Singh, Registrar, Sufi Zaheer Akhtar, Care Taker, and the convener Prof Ranjit Singh, PVC & Director, AVIPS. The chief guest and the special guest shared their views on the occasion.

The winners of oral and poster presentations were awarded during the valedictory function. The first, second and third prizes for oral presentation were bagged by Dr. K. K. Sharma, NIPER, Hazipur, Bihar; Ms. Moni Kumari, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, Dr. Rajath, Shobhit, Deemed University, Meerut and for poster presentation by Divesh Ryagi, ISF College of Pharmacy, Moga (Punjab), Vikrant Giri of AVIPS, Gangoh and Nitin Bhatt, Dehradun, respectively. The vote of thanks was proposed by Niladry Sekhar Ghosh, Organizing Secretary, Associate Professor & Coordinator, AVIPS, Shobhit University, Gangoh.



Winners of Oral and Poster presentations

The conference was a great success where over three hundred delegates from the length and breadth of the country got registered and the participants got a chance to listen to eminent scientists and academicians both from the administration and academia. The discussions centered on the main theme and were quite participatory. The success of the conference is evinced by the fact that the delegates and resource persons from over seventy institutes and universities from across twelve states of the country participated in the event.

The major institutes included: Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, Punjab; Pt. B D Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak, Haryana; Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana; Punjabi University, Patiala, Panjab; Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ghaziabad UP; Department of Biotechnology, GoI, New Delhi; Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh UP; Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi; Kumaun University, Bhimtal, UK; Society of Pharmacovigilance India, Swami Ram Himalayan University, Jolly Grant UK; Motherhood University, Roorkee, UK; Career Point University, Hamirpur, HP; SGGR University, Dehradun, UK; IIMT University, Meerut, UP; J S University, Shikohabad, UP; IPS College of Pharmacy, Gwalior, MP; College of Ayurvedic Pharmaceutical Sciences, Jogindernagar, HP; HIPER, Naduan, HP; ISF College of Pharmacy, Moga, Punjab; NIPER, Hazipur, Bihar, Shobhit deemed University, Meerut; Krishana Pharmacy College, Bijnor, UP; DDR College of Pharmacy, Gurugram, Haryana; Lovely Professional University, Jaalandhar; M M University, Ambala; Vivek College of Pharmacy, Bijnor; Uttranchal University, Dehradun; Hi-Tech Medical College, Bhubneshwar, Odisha; Bhagwant University, Rajasthan; Devsthaliviyapith Institute of Pharmacy, Rudrapur, UK; Himalayan Institute of Pharmacy, Rangpo, Sikkim; Bhagirathi Institute of Pharmacy, Lohaghat, UK; GRDIMIT, Dehradun, UK;



Participants and Dignitaries

One-day National Conference on “Recent Advances in Pharmacovigilance for Drug Discovery & Development” (12th April 2019)

Department of Pharmaceutical Science & Technology Satna (M.P.) has organized One-Day National Conference on “Recent Advances in Pharmacovigilance in Drug Discovery & Development” and International Keynote Lecture Session on “Environmental Pharmacovigilance” in Association with Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC)-Ghaziabad, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi & Society of Pharmacovigilance-India (SoPI) on 12 April 2019. Around 525 participants comprising of research scholars, under graduate and post graduate students and faculty members from Pharmacy, Science, Nursing Colleges and Medical colleges participated in the academic program.



Guests lighting the lamp during Inauguration

Dignitaries on the dais during National Anthem

Inaugural Function:

The inaugural function started immediately after registration and breakfast. Presidential address was given by Shri. B.P. Soni, Hon’ble Chancellor, AKSU, Satna. Chief Guest of the Inaugural session, Dr. G.N. Singh, Secretary-cum-Scientific Director, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ghaziabad, spoke on the relevance of pharmacist education.



VC - AKSU welcoming chief guest of Inaugural Session



Pro-Chancellor & Chairman AKSU addressing

The special guests of the session were Mr. Shobhit, Deputy Drugs Controller Food and Drugs Administration, Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Kenneth White, Molecular Biosciences for the School of Human Sciences, London Metropolitan University, England, Dr. Jai Prakash, Senior Principal Scientific Officer, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ghaziabad, Dr. Balakrishnan S, Prof and Head Pharmacology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal, MP, Prof. P.K. Banik, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, AKSU, Dr. Harshwardhan, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Dev.). Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Secretary, International Association of Medical Colleges, USA & Secretary, Society of Pharmacovigilance, India & Prof. Arun Shrivastava, Medical Superintendent, Gandhi Medical College Hospital, Bhopal, and Professor & Head, Department of Pharmacology, GMC, Bhopal. Dr. G.P. Richariya, Dean, Life Sciences, AKS University & Dr. Surya Prakash Gupta, Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Science & Technology & Organizing Secretary including various guests off the stage such as Management Team of the University, Deans, Directors & Heads of

various Departments, Speakers, Guests, Delegates, were also present on the stage.

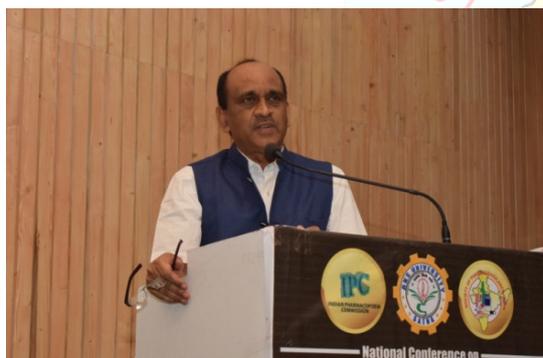


Dr. Jaiprakash Addressing

Dr. G. P. Richariya welcomed the guest & delegates. Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Secretary, SOPI, familiarized with the aim and objectives of the Pharmacovigilance Society of India. Organizing Secretary Dr. Surya Prakash Gupta briefed about the National Conference. In the end, vote of thanks was given by Prof. R.N. Tripathi, OSD, AKS University, Satna. Mementos were presented to all guests on behalf of the university.

Scientific Sessions:

Keynote Lectures: The inaugural keynote lecture-1 was delivered by Dr. G.N. Singh, Secretary-cum-Scientific Director, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ghaziabad. The Keynote lecture-II was delivered by Mr. Shobhit, Deputy Drugs Controller, Food and Drugs Administration, Madhya Pradesh.



Dr. G. N. Singh addressing



Mr. Shobhit addressing.

Technical Session 1: The technical session of the Conference was started with the invited talk of Dr. Balakrishnan S, Prof and Head Pharmacology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal, MP on “Introduction of Pharmacovigilance and Drug Development”, followed by the talk of Dr. Jai Prakash, Senior Principal Scientific Officer, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ghaziabad, on “Development of Pharmacovigilance in India”. The third lecture was delivered by Prof. Arun Shrivastava, Medical Superintendent, Majidia Hospital, Bhopal and Professor & Head, Department of

Pharmacology, GMC, Bhopal, on “Practical Challenges & Legal aspects of Pharmacovigilance”.



Prof. Arun Shrivastava delivering guest lecture

This session was chaired by Dr. Kenneth White, Molecular Biosciences for the School of Human Sciences, London Metropolitan University, England and co-chaired by Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Secretary, International Association of Medical Colleges, USA



Dr. Kenneth White addressing

International Keynote Lecture Session on Environmental Pharmacovigilance

Post lunch session started with International Keynote Lecture Session on Environmental Pharmacovigilance. The first talk was delivered by Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Secretary, International Association of Medical Colleges, USA, & Secretary, Society of Pharmacovigilance, India on “Environmental Risk Assessment in Clinical Trials and Pharmaco-environmentology” followed by the talk of Dr. Kenneth White, Reader, Molecular Biosciences for the School of Human Sciences, London Metropolitan University, England on Environmental Toxicology.

Prof. Rahman, discussed both FDA and EMEA guidelines for Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) criteria and to calculate the same while performing clinical trial of any drug. He elaborated that Environmental Pharmacovigilance is an extension of human and veterinary Pharmacovigilance done to monitor, detection, assessment, understanding and prevention of any obnoxious adverse reactions to drugs at therapeutic concentration on Environment.



Prof. Syed Ziaur Rahman delivering keynote lecture.

Poster Presentation

59 scientific posters by scientists, pharmacists, research scholars, UG and PG students were presented in the area of their research and review.



Participants of the conference



Dr. G. N. Singh giving remarks about the conference

Valedictory Ceremony & Certificate Distribution

In the valedictory function, Dr. P.K. Banik, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, AKS University, Satna, was the Chief Guest. The function was presided by Er. A. K. Soni, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor & Chairman, AKS University, Satna. Special guests of the session were Dr. Kenneth White, Molecular Biosciences for the School of Human Sciences, London Metropolitan University, England, Dr. Jai Prakash, Senior Principal Scientific Officer, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Ghaziabad, Dr. Syed Ziaur Rahman, Secretary, International Association of Medical Colleges, USA & Secretary, Society of Pharmacovigilance, India & Dr. Harshwardhan, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Development), AKS University. Dr. G. P. Richariya, Dean, Life Sciences, AKS University & Dr. Surya Prakash Gupta, Head, Department of Pharmaceutical Science & Technology & Organizing Secretary were also present on the stage.



Dignitaries standing in front of special selfie point



Speakers receiving token of love



Dr. Surya Prakash Gupta Addressing

The winners of Poster competition received award of certificates from the guests of the valedictory session. Delegates submitted their feedback and received certificates and dispersed after enjoying high tea.

The Conference was successfully coordinated by staff members namely Dr. (Mrs) Madhu Gupta, Mr. Ankur Agarwal, Mr. Pradeep Tripathi, Ms. Neha Goel, Mrs. Priyanka Namdeo, Mrs. Rashmi Bagri, Mr. Prabhakar Tiwari, Ms. Priya Dwivedi, Ms. Saby Saudagar, Ms. Kajal Dwivedi, Mr. Nawal Singh, Mr. Manoj Dwivedi, Mr. Pradeep Singh, Mr. Sumit Pandey.

Organizing Secretary, LOC summarized the events of National conference and thanked all LOC members for their enormous contribution. The delegates expressed their satisfaction over the quality data presented at the various scientific sessions. The conference ended with a vote of thanks from Organizing Secretary.