

BRIEF PROCEEDINGS OF INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ORGANISED BY CRS INDIAN CHAPTER

Controlled release society - Indian Chapter (CRSIC) organized its 21st International symposium on 24th and 25th February 2023 at Mukesh Patel Auditorium, NMIMS, Mumbai. The theme of the symposium was “**Advances in Technology and Business Potential of New Drug Delivery Systems**” This was an in-person event organized after a period of 2 years. Totally, 350 delegates from across the country participated in the symposium of whom 80% were from academia including students and faculty and 20% were from the pharma and allied industry. We had highly interactive sessions and networking dinner.

143 posters were presented over the 2 days of the symposium. CRSIC continued with “Go Green Drive to Save Planet” initiative. As a part of this drive, each invited speaker at the symposium was presented with a “Go Green Certificate”. This year, a tree would be planted in honour of the speaker at Harisingh Gour University, Sagar. The trees would be the epitome of the ever-lasting bond between the speakers and the CRSIC.

There was an inaugural function with the lighting of the auspicious lamp by the dignitaries followed by the recital of invocation song. Post welcome address, Presidential address was given by the President of the local Chapter Dr. Parizad Elchidana. Dr. Viranchi Shah, President of Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association was the chief guest of the inaugural function, he was felicitated and invited to give the key note address. The newsletter and e-abstract book were released at the hands of the dignitaries. Dr. Vandana Patravale, Vice President CRSIC, informed the audience about the Lifetime Achievement Award instituted by CRSIC. Mr. Ajit Singh, Chairman, Associated Capsules Group was declared as the recipient of this award. He was presented with the citation and shawl at the hands of Dr. Viranchi Shah. Dr. Sanyog Jain, Professor, NIPER-Mohali was invited as a Guest of Honor. He gave an impactful key note address. The vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Madhur Kulkarni, Secretary, CRSIC

There were 12 invited speakers in the technical sessions. Mr. John Dibella, President, Lancaster division, Simulations Plus, USA, Dr. Kamal Dua lecturer at University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, Dr. Swati Biswas, Associate Professor, BITS-Pilani, Hyderabad and Dr. Mo. Maniruzzaman, Assistant Professor, College of Pharmacy, University of Texas at Austin, USA were invited speakers on day 1. We also had Tech Showcase presentations from ShinEtsu, BASF, and Ideal Cures Ltd. who were our sponsors. Day 1 program concluded with the networking dinner.

Day 2 of the symposium was coordinated by Dr. Sujata Sawarkar, Executive Committee member, CRSIC. The speakers for day 2 included Dr. Mahavir Chougule, Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy, Mercer University, Dr. Avi Schroeder Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering and Head of Targeted drug delivery, and personalized Medicine Group, Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, Israel. He is also serving as a President of the CRS Israel local

chapter and is current Secretary of CRS. Dr. Helder Santos, Professor in Biomedical Engineering, University of Groningen, Netherlands, Dr. Aliasgar Shahiwala, Professor, Dubai Pharmacy College, UAE, Mr. Samir Hiddouchi, Managing Director, SOTAX Pharma Services, France, Dr. Abhijit Date, Assistant Professor, R K Coit College of Pharmacy, University of Arizona, USA, and finally Dr. Prajakta Dandekar, BUGC Asst. Professor, Engineering Sciences, Institute of Chemical Technology, India.

During the Valedictory function Dr. Avi Schroeder was invited as the chief guest to present Prof. H. L. Bhalla Young Scientist Award, 3 prizes and consolation prize for the poster presenters.

During his address, Dr. Avi praised the Indian Chapter for organizing the outstanding symposium, the science being presented by Indian researchers as well as the Indian hospitality. The Symposium was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to all the sponsors, organizing committee members, event supporters and student volunteers.



Lighting of Ceremonial Lamp



Chief Guest Dr. Viranchi Shah being felicitated by Mr. Ajit Singh.



Release of CRSIC Newsletter



Mr. Ajit Singh being felicitated with Life time achievement award.