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New Office-Bearers of Controlled Release Society: Indian Chapter

Controlled release society (CRS), with over 4,000 members worldwide, is a global scientific society for the promotion and development of novel drug delivery systems. It is an international organization with Headquarters in Minneapolis, USA and liaison offices in Geneva; Switzerland; and Kawasaki, Japan. The Indian Chapter of CRS, which was established in 1994 with Headquarters at PERD Center, Ahmedabad; and Regional Office at Scitech Center, Jogeshwari, Mumbai, is a recognized center of activity amongst the 19 local chapters of CRS. The CRS - Indian Chapter (CRS-IC) works with an objective to promote education, research and business potential in the field of Controlled Release Drug Delivery Systems.

The new office-bearers of CRS - IC for the term 2006-2008 have been elected. The new team of office-bearers includes President - Mr. Ajit Singh, Chairman, ACG Worldwide; Vice President - Dr. Amarjit Singh, President, R&D, Panacea Biotech; Secretary - Dr. (Mrs.) K. K. Singh, Professor of Pharmaceutics, C. U. Shah College of Pharmacy, S. N. D. T. University; Treasurer - Dr. (Mrs.) Padma Devrajan, Professor of Pharmaceutics, U. I. C. T.; and President Emeritus - Prof. H. L. Bhalla, Advisor, Scitech Center.

Learnings from patient information leaflets

Delhi Pharmaceutical Trust had initiated and sponsored two projects to study the impact of using patient information leaflets and to study the benefits of such intervention by pharmacists. The findings and learnings from the two projects, done perhaps for the first time in India, were presented at a meeting of the Trust held in April 2006, attended by over 50 pharmacists.

The first project was Patient Education through use of PILs made in local language: A project in community pharmacy/retail pharmacy done by Ms. Manijiree Gherat of KMK College of Pharmacy. The project involved preparation of 5 PILs: On Hypertension (Atenolol), Diabetes (Glibenclamide), High cholesterol (Atrovastatin), Antibiotics (Cefadroxil) and Painkillers (Diclofenac Sodium). The PILs gave information on disease as well as one drug used for same, in both English and Marathi. They were distributed by 35 pharmacists of Mumbai, who also gave verbal counseling and collected feedback from the patients. The investigator collected feedback from the participating pharmacists. She gave a presentation on the findings.

The second project conducted by JSS College of Pharmacy was studies on influence of structured patient education on quality of life in asthma patients in a community pharmacy setup. Dr. Adepur Ramesh of JSS College gave a presentation on the project on management of asthma through the developed PIL and through intervention of pharmacist.

Interested organizations and pharmacists who wish to distribute such PILs or adopt PILs prepared by the Delhi Pharmaceutical Trust may contact Dr. Narayana, Managing Trustee. He may be reached at dptrust@gmail.com

Delhi Pharmaceutical Trust (DPT) along with IPA (Delhi Branch) has been doing a project on Short term, on site, real time stability study of selected drugs stored at chemist outlets in Delhi. The project involved storing samples of selected drug formulations at two zones within few retail chemists' outlets and analyzing them for their stability. Dr. P. Khullar, President of IPA, Delhi Branch, who is doing the studies, gave a presentation on the results of the 6 months' study so far done. He informed that IPA, Delhi Branch, has decided to continue the project for full 1 year as there are enough samples as and as the samples would be exposed to storage conditions during this year's summer period. The data regarding the temperatures of storage found in the study so far as recorded *vis-à-vis* the mean Kinetic Temperature showed interesting information. This data when compiled for full one year would be really interesting. DPT has been doing several studies on storage of drugs and has brought out a document 'Good Storage Practices of pharmaceuticals at retail outlets,' which has been received well.

'We are looking for sponsors from the industry so that such a study can be done on a large scale, covering a lot more spectrum of drugs,' said Dr. Narayana, Managing Trustee of DPT.

Delhi Pharmacy Council CME Program

The first workshop of continuing education program for the registered pharmacists of Delhi was conducted by the Delhi Pharmacy Council on 13th May 2006 at the St. Lawrence



Dr. B. D. Miglani Inaugurating the workshop Sh. Surender Mohan Sharma President on the left & Sh. S. L. Nasa Registrar on the right