

Lipids : A Smart Strategy for Sustained Release

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The Indian Pharmaceutical Association, in collaboration with Gattefosse India Pvt. Ltd., organized a day-long seminar on “Lipids : A Smart Strategy for Sustained Release”, 25th February, 2011 at Westin, Mumbai. The seminar was designed with the intention of highlighting the increasing role that lipidic excipients are poised to play, in formulating sustained & controlled release dosage forms.

The proceedings of the conference began with the inaugural function. Dr. C . Gopalakrishna Murty, President of IPA & Mr. Sunil Bambarkar, Managing Director, Gattefosse India Pvt. Ltd. welcomed the delegates & gave them an overview of the activities of IPA & Gattefosse respectively. The key note speaker of the program, Dr. Ramesh Panchagnula, Director & Head, Pharmaceutical R & D – Pfizer India Ltd., made an interesting presentation on the industry’s perspective on designing sustained release formulations. Dr. Chhanda Kapadia, Technical Manager, Gattefosse India Pvt. Ltd., gave an overview of the lipid- based excipients in the product portfolio of Gattefosse. Her talk was followed by a detailed discussion on use of Compritol[®] 888ATO as an effective sustained release agent, by Dr. Vincent Jannin, R & D Project Director, Gattefosse S.A.S. France. Dr. Mangal Nagarsenker, Professor, Pharmaceutics, Bombay College of Pharmacy, continued, with a case – study of metoprolol sustained release tablets with Compritol[®] 888ATO matrix. Ms. Delphine Marchaud, Pharma Technical Manager, Gattefosse S.A.S. France held a detailed discussion on the key factors & variables affecting the formulation & performance of Compritol[®] 888ATO matrices. Dr. Nabil Farah, Global Technical Director, Gattefosse S.A.S. France, wound up the presentations with a lively discourse on the advantages of shifting to lipid- based matrices in formulating sustained released dosage forms.

The program concluded with a marathon, interactive panel discussion, moderated by Mr. Sunil Bambarkar. The program was conducted by Dr. Alka Mukne, Editor, Pharma Times, & witnessed a good turn-out from the industry & academia.