



Dear Members,

Wish you all a very happy new year and wish you the very best in the new year! Just to recap, the 68th IPC was held successfully from December 16th -18th on the AU campus in Visakhapatnam. The Congress and the IPC expo 2016 were inaugurated by the honor minister for human resource development of the state of Andhra Pradesh, Sri Ganta Srinivasa Rao on December 2016 since the honorable Chief Minister could not make it on December 2016 due to a busy schedule. The Hon. Chief Minister Sri. Chandrababu Naidu addressed the congress delegates on the morning of December 2016 and following that he addressed a gathering of about 40 Pharma CEOs and provided them an update on what the new state of Andhra Pradesh intends to offer the Pharma Industry to invest in Andhra Pradesh. The congress, along with the oral and poster presentations, the scientific sessions, the entertainment programs, the award functions was organized fairly well, by and large, meeting expectations of the invited speakers, VIP guests and delegates. The 68th IPC received a record number

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of registrations to the tune of around 8000. Invitees, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, local organizing committee members and volunteers all added up to almost 10,000 attendees to the congress. This unprecedented turnout has created choke points on the first day at the registration counters and the food courts. The situation was further aggravated by a 60-min power failure on the first day just before the inauguration. Some delegates were unhappy due to the inconveniences faced on the first day and sent messages to the organizers as well as posted their unhappiness in the social media. I, on behalf of IPA and the local organizing committee of the 68th IPC, regret these incidences and apologize for all the hardships faced by the registered delegates and congress attendees. I would also like to acknowledge here that many international and national speakers have sent messages expressing their satisfaction over the arrangements and hospitality during the 3-day event.

I wish to express our deep sense of gratitude to the Hon. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Hon. Minister for HRD, Sri Ganta Srinivasa Rao, the Hon. VC of AU, the Registrar & AU authorities, the faculty and staff of AU College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the president of the 68th IPC, all federating associations of IPCA, IPCA past presidents, IPA present and past office bearers, IPA CEC members,

IPA state and local branches, IPA trusts, officers of the CDSCO and state drug control organizations, the PCI, Pharmexcil, invited speakers, chairpersons, evaluators & adjudicators, invited guests, all industrial & academic sponsors, advertisers in the souvenir, all supporting associations & partners (scientific, technology, Industry & media), exhibition partner & exhibitors, LOC members & volunteers, national elocution competition organizers, IPC quiz organizers, all registered delegates of the 68th IPC, press & electronic media, all vendors & service providers for their wholehearted support to make this event a huge success. I would also like to thank the Parenteral Drug Association (PDA) India Chapter for instituting prizes for the top 5 oral presenters among the 30 abstracts selected for oral presentations out of the 2500 scientific abstracts approved for poster presentations in the 68th IPC. PDA India Chapter's intention is to recognize and motivate young and upcoming talent in the area of pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences. The total value of the 5 cash awards is Rs. 1,00,000 and PDA India Chapter is committed to making this a regular feature at the IPC in future.

FIP recently sent a letter addressed to the Union Minister for Health and Family welfare, Government of India, Shri J. P. Nadda, strongly emphasizing that professional management of medical stores across the nation should be under the guidance of a fully qualified and registered pharmacist only and no short-term refresher course can provide the competence to the unqualified to perform the responsibilities of a pharmacist. This letter by the president of FIP, Ms. Carmen Pena, lends tremendous support to the professional endeavors of the PCI, the IPA and all other pharmacy professional associations, which are continuously working towards placing the pharmacists as very important healthcare providers in our country. IPA thanks FIP for this support.

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