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Dear Members,

I want to share with you, the new report of FIP on “**Pharmacists in the supply chain: The role of the medicines expert in ensuring quality and availability**”. The report gives a global overview of the role of pharmacists in different supply chains in low-, middle- and high-income countries, and describes the evolution of supply chains and challenges such as substandard and falsified medicines, shortage of human resources. IPA has to take initiation and address these challenges with an aim to provide a foundation from which improvement can develop and support the focus group of FIP.

The IPA and its Divisions announced their respective committees with proposed activities and budget. The committees were well balanced with blend of seniors and enthusiastic professionals representing all corners of India. The IPA building committee has made significant developments in the progress of IPA building. I thank Mr. Subodh Priolkar for accepting the request and taking the responsibility of Chairman, IPA Building committee and initiating the proposed IPA building project. I also extend my sense of gratitude to Dr. Rao Vadlamudi, Immediate Past President of IPA for accepting my request and taking the responsibilities of Budgeting and Finance, IPA publications, Advocacy Issues, Projects.

It is a welcome move by the Divisional heads of IPA to build the brand image of IPA through various projects and revenue generation modules and to extend financial support to IPA centre. A few of the approaches that are likely to be initiated by the focus group are development of industrial training with hands-on exposure by industry experts at Bangalore and Chennai in association with PTI and TNPWT and to train graduate and post graduate

students for meeting the needs of the industry and developing quality mind-set amongst the students. Such modules can be initiated and managed by various state branches of IPA to ensure that IPA plays a major role in creating a pool of quality conscious human resources for Industry, Hospital and Community Pharmacy. The IPA-HPD continued its projects by signing MOU with Mylan Pharmaceuticals and Glenmark, IPA-CPD project with GSK on AMR, IPA-ED project of TOT in science and practice modules, IPA-IPD industrial modules

The series of IPA activities in last two months at Indore, Narasaraopet, Warangal, Tirupathi, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Guntur made IPA more visible and vibrant with its outreach activities throughout India. It was a good platform for me where I could meet the leaders from industry, institutions of various states and promote the IPA building project.

I am happy to share that Public Health England has announced the shortlist for Antibiotic Awards 2018 and IPA is short-listed for the Antibiotic Guardian Awards of 2018. IPA has given representation to Ministry of H&FW, Government of India regarding implementation of Pharmacy Practice Regulations-2015 and has send request letter to all the state and local branches of IPA to represent concerned authorities of state government in this regard for the betterment of pharmacy profession in general and for community and hospital pharmacists in particular.

My congratulations to IPA AP State Branch, IPA Hanamkonda Local Branch, IPA MP State Branch, IPA Tamil Nadu State Branch and IPA Delhi State Branch for successfully conducting professional activities across the country.

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