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INTRODUCTION

Society of Pharmacovigilance, India (SoPI) while commemorating the XIX Annual Meeting 'SoPICON 2022' organised the International Conference on Safety of Medicines coinciding with the declaration of “National Pharmacovigilance Awareness Week” by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, Govt. of India, during 17 - 23 September 2022 in an online and hybrid mode.

The program was initiated with a series of guest lectures on 17th August followed by the Inaugural Program. During the inaugural program, the opening remarks were given by the **Chief Guest, Dr. Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi**, Secretary-cum-Scientific Director of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. He threw light on the contribution of IPC at national and international level in the area of Pharmacovigilance. He appreciated the role of SoPI in propagating the message of Pharmacovigilance in a larger perspective by organising annual events. The program was later on addressed by the **Guest of Honour, Prof. K. C. Singhal**, Founder President, Society of Pharmacovigilance, India, Dr. Sandeep Agarwal, President, Society of Pharmacovigilance, India, Prof. S. Ziaur Rahman, Secretary, Society of Pharmacovigilance, India, Dr. Parul Agarwal, Treasurer, Society of Pharmacovigilance, India, Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya, Chief Editor, Journal of

Pharmacovigilance and Drug Safety and Prof. S. P. Gupta, Organising Secretary, AKS University, Satna (MP).

The first keynote lecture was delivered by Dr. Balakrishna S, Professor and Head, Dept. of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Bhopal, on a topic “How important is the discipline of Pharmacovigilance”, which was chaired by Dr. S. K. Tripathi, Professor and Former Head, Dept. of Pharmacology, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata and Dr. Samina Farhat, Professor and Head, Dept. of Pharmacology, Govt. Medical College, Srinagar.

The second speaker, Dr. Subodh Bhardwaj, Senior Consultant Clinical Research and Regulatory, Inventprise Inc., New York, US, covered the topic Vaccine Vigilance, which was chaired by Dr. Barna Ganguly, Professor & Former HoD, Dept. of Pharmacology, Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad and Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Professor & HoD, Dept. of Pharmacology, Govt. Medical College, Chandigarh.

The third speaker, Dr. Sunita Singh, Professor and HOD, Dept. of Pharmacology, NDMC Medical College and Hindu Rao Hospital, New Delhi, spoke on Pharmacovigilance of Biosimilars, and chaired by Dr. Farhan A. Khan, Professor Dept. of Pharmacology Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh and Dr. Kirti Vishwakarma, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology, ASMC, Firozabad.

The next speaker, Dr. Kamal Dua, Associate Professor, Dept.

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of Pharmaceutics, University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Sydney, Australia, spoke on Drug Delivery in Lung Diseases with Some Interface on Safety and chaired by Dr. M. Atif Beg, Professor and Head, Dept. of Pharmacology, SGRRIM & HS, Dehradun. Dr. Puneet Dhamija, Additional Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Rishikesh, covered the topic, Materiovigilance – A special area of Pharmacovigilance, which was chaired by Dr. Harihar Dixit, Professor and Head, Dept. of Pharmacology, IGIMS, Patna and Dr. Nirmala Rege, Professor Emeritus, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Seth GS Medical college & KEM Hospital, Mumbai.

Dr. Misbahuddin, Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, King Abdul Aziz University, Saudi Arabia, spoke on Pharmacovigilance and Undergraduate Medical Education, which was chaired by Dr. Abdul Latif, Former Professor and HOD, Ilmul Advia, AK Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh and Dr. Mohammed Imran, Associate Professor, Medical Pharmacology, College of Medicine and Health Sciences, National University of Science and Technology, Sohar, Oman.

After 6 lectures in continuity, **John Autian Oration was delivered by Prof Slobodan Jankovic, Department of Clinical Pharmacology, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Kragujevac, Republic of Serbia.** He talked on “Safe Use of Drugs in Patients with Liver Cirrhosis”. This oration was chaired by Dr. K. C. Singhal, Former Professor and HOD, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh; Vice Chancellor, NIMS University, Jaipur and Honorary WHO Consultant, UMC, Sweden and Dr. Sandeep Agarwal, President, SoPI and Onco-Consultant, PS Cancer Care & Research, Agra.

Two parallel sessions were arranged for free oral and poster presentations by young scientists, which were presided by Dr. Shazia Hasan, Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Rishikesh; Dr. Naveen Kumar, Associate Professor, SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nuh and Dr. Sumbul Rehman, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Ilmul Advia, AK Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh. This session was the most exciting as expected awards for both poster and oral presentations were given. Following speakers participated in the parallel session: Dr. Seema Rani, Dept. of Pharmacology, BPS GMC for Women, Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat; Dr. Kanika Khajuria, Department of Pharmacology, GMC, Jammu; Dr. Abhimanyu Vohra, Department of Pharmacology, SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nuh; Dr. Suraj Kumar, Department of Pharmacology SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nuh; Dr. Anil Kumar Chaudhary/Dr. Bhavini Naithani, Dept. of Pharmacology, BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur; Dr. Anuj Yadav, Dept. of Pharmacology, HIMSR, New Delhi; Dr. Rahul Gahlot, Dept. of Pharmacology, NDMC, New Delhi; Dr. Garima Bhutani, Department of Pharmacology, BPS GMC for Women, Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat; Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Department of Orthopedics, BPS GMC for Women,

Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat; Dr. Amit Arya, Dept. of Pharmacology, NDMC, New Delhi; Dr. Anugya, Dept. of Pharmacology, SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nuh; Dr. Anushree Vipat, Dept. of Pharmacology, SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nuh; Dr. Hitesh Kangra, Dept. of Pharmacology, SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nuh; Dr. Anam, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh; Dr. Ahmar Hasan, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh; Dr. Meher Kounen Fatima, Department of Pharmacology, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad; Dr. Deepak Kumar Patel, Department of Pharmacology, GMC, Bhopal; Dr. Sreemedha Chaudhary, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh; Dr. Shemeer PS, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh; Dr. Vibhu Pandey, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh; Dr. Mahendra Rathore, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh; Dr. Shweta Dwivedi, Department of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh; Dr. Suja Xaviar, Department of Pharmacology, JIPMER, Puducherry; Dr. Shaik Nagma Shaheen, Department of Pharmacology, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad; Dr. S. Shravanthi, Department of Pharmacology, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad and Dr. Hiramani Rabha, MD Scholar, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh.

On the second day i.e., on 18th September 2022. The first talk was delivered by Dr. Ratinder Jhaj, Additional Professor and Coordinator, AMC, Dept. of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Bhopal, on a topic, “Pharmacovigilance of Biologicals”, which was chaired by Dr. Vandana Roy, Director Professor and Head, Dept. of Pharmacology, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi and Dr. Sunil Mathur, Professor and Head Department of Pharmacology, JLNMC, Ajmer.

The second speaker joined from Australia, Dr. Noel E Cranswick, Director, Clinical Pharmacology Unit, Department of Medicine, Royal Children's Hospital; Director, APPRU, Murdoch Children's Research Institute & the Royal Children's Hospital; Associate Director, Melbourne Children's Trials Centre, Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Associate Professor, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia. He spoke on the topic, “Cannabis Products Use in Children and its Safety for a wide range of disorders”. This lecture was chaired by Dr. Farhan Jalees Ahmad, Dean, School of Interdisciplinary Sciences & Technology, Professor, Pharmaceutics, School of Pharmaceutical Education & Research, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi and Dr. Bikash Medhi, Professor and Coordinator PGIMER Pharmacovigilance and Materiovigilance Centre, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh.

The third invited speaker was Dr. Sulthan Al Rasheed, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, Bhaarat Medical College, Chennai, who spoke on the topic, “Current Trends in Pharmacovigilance”. This lecture was chaired by Dr. Abdur Rauf, Associate Professor and Chairman, Dept. of

Ilmul Advia, AK Tibbiya College, AMU, Aligarh, and Dr. Syed Sibte Akbar Abidi, Consultant Metabologist, Aligarh.

Subsequently four speakers were invited from Pharma Industries. In this series, the first speaker was Dr. Wasif M. Khan, Head, Global Pharmacovigilance & Global QPPV, Evolet Healthcare Pvt Ltd., Gurgaon. He spoke on the topic, "Pharmacovigilance System set-up: Industry & Institution perspective", which was chaired by Dr. Jamal Baig, Multi County Safety Head, South Asia & Indo-China, Sanofi India, New Delhi and Dr. Ahmad Najmi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Bhopal. The second speaker in the series was Dr. Yogesh Khunte, Safety Strategy Lead, Global Patient Safety, Merck Healthcare, Bangalore, on a topic, "Managing Safety Signals" and chaired by Dr. Chetan Acharya, Professor and HoD, Govt. Medical College, Surat and Dr. Jameel Ahmad, Senior Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh. The third speaker was Dr. Manoj, Senior Drug Safety Physician, Pharmalex Pvt. Ltd., Noida, who spoke on the topic, "Literature review from the pharmacovigilance aspect" and chaired by Prof. Shrikalp Deshpande, Principal, K. B. Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Gandhinagar and Dr. Sarvesh Singh, Professor Dept. of Pharmacology, King George Medical College, Lucknow. The fourth speaker was Dr. Mohammad Iftakhar, Associated Director, Medical Safety, IQVIA, Thane, who covered the topic, "Significance of aggregate report in Pharmacovigilance" and chaired by Dr. Arunabha Ray, Professor and Head, Dept. of Pharmacology, HIMSR, New Delhi and Dr. M. Tariq Salman, Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, Hind Medical College, Sultanpur.

After the hectic session from pharma industries, another important event of the SoPI was held. The second oration, **KC Singal Oration was delivered by Dr. Jean-Christophe Delumeau, Board of Director, Institute of Pharmacovigilance, Prague, Czech Republic.** He spoke on the topic, "Monitoring the impact of regulatory strengthening on country PV regulations" and chaired by Dr. M. Ishaq Geer, Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Science, University of Kashmir, Srinagar and Dr. Sumit Singhal, Orthopaedic Consultant, Dr. KC Singhal Hospital, Aligarh & EMB, Journal of Pharmacovigilance and Drug Safety, SoPI.

Like the first day, two more parallel sessions were arranged on the second day for free oral and poster presentations. The first session was having the speakers who mainly presented their works on safety of traditional medicine and presided over by Dr. Galib, Associate Professor, Dept. of Rasashastra and BK, All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, and Dr. Misbahuddin Azhar, Research Officer Scientist-III, Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine, Aligarh, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India. Following speakers participated in the parallel session: Dr. Pravin Madhukar Jawanjal, Department of Rasashastra and Bhaishjyakalpana, Bhargava Ayurveda College, Dahemi, Anand; Dr. Afeefa Kazmi, Dept.

of Moalejat, Govt. Tibbi College and Hospital, Patna; Dr. Hina Kausar, Department of Pharmacognosy & Phytochemistry, SPER, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi; Dr. Fazlurrehman, Dept. of Ilmul Advia, AKTC, AMU, Aligarh; Dr. Domin GS, Government Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari; Dr. Amreen Naz, MD Scholar, Department of Ilmul Advia, AKTC, AMU, Aligarh; Dr. Shagufta Parveen, Department of Ilmul Advia, AKTC, AMU, Aligarh; Ms. Subuk Khanam, Dept. of Pharmaceutics, Deccan School of Pharmacy, Hyderabad; Dr. Uzma Siddiqui, Dept. of Ilmul Advia, AKTC, A.M.U, Aligarh; Dr. Sania Khan, Dept. of Ilmul Advia, AKTC, A.M.U, Aligarh; Dr. Rubeena Malik, Dept. of Ilmul Advia, AKTC, A.M.U, Aligarh; Dr. Nikhat Fatima, Dept. of Ilmul Advia, AKTC, A.M.U, Aligarh and Dr. Indusekhar Dhara, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh.

The second parallel session was presided by Dr. Abul Kalam Najmi, Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, SPER, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi, and Dr. Imran Zaheer, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, College of Medicine, Dawadmi, Saudi Arabia. In this session, Dr. Nazish Siddiqui, Associate Professor, Department of Ilmul Advia, AKTC, AMU, Aligarh; Dr. Yangshen Lhamo, Dept. of Pharmacology, AIIMS Bilaspur; Dr. Ahmad Najmi, Dept. of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Bhopal; Dr. Shujauddin, Department of Pharmacology, GMC, Haldwani; Dr. Kalpana Purohit, Pharmacovigilance Associate, NDMC, New Delhi; Dr. Rahul Saini, Dept of Pharmacology, BPS GMC for Women, Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat; Dr. Mani Bharti, Dept. of Pharmacology, NDMC, New Delhi; Dr. Farheen Sultana, Department of Pharmacology, Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad, Dr. I. C. Vignesh Raja, Dept. of Pharmacology, Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Medical College and Hospital, Perambalur, and Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Srivastav, Dept. of Pharmacology, Narayan Medical College and Hospital, Gopal Narayan Singh University, Jamuhar, Sasaram.

In addition to the various above scientific sessions and literary programs, **Dr. Jai Prakash, Senior Principal Scientific Officer and In-charge, PvPI, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, inaugurated the special exhibition of publications on Pharmacovigilance** extant at the office of the SoPI. The Exhibition continued till 23 September 2022. e-Quiz between the team of Aligarh Muslim University (Aligarh) and Teerthanker Mahaveer University (Moradabad) was held on 20th September 2022. It was coordinated by Dr. Prithpal Singh Matreja, Professor and Head, Dept. of Pharmacology, Teerthanker Mahaveer University, Moradabad. On the last day, an essay writing competition for school children on drug safety was arranged on 23.9.2022.

During the valedictory function, various results such as Uppsala Prize for best poster presentation, best oral presentation and e-quiz winners were announced. The

function was witnessed by the chief guest, Dr. Misbahuddin Azhar, Research Officer Scientist-III, Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine, Aligarh, Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India; guests of honour, Dr. Adnan Hafiz, Associate Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Zakir Husain College of Engineering, AMU and Member of the Society of Biomedical Engineering; Dr. Shujauddin Sultan, Govt. Medical College, Haldwani, Uttarakhand and Dr. Gopalam Kasthuri, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh.

The Uppsala Prize for Poster Presentation was jointly shared by Dr. Anam, Dept. of Pharmacology, JNMC, AMU, Aligarh and Dr. Ahmad Najmi, Dept. of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Bhopal. The Best Prize for Oral Paper Presentation was awarded to Dr. Suraj Kumar, Department of Pharmacology SHKM Govt. Medical College, Nuh. In the quiz competition, the team of Teerthanker Mahaveer University (Moradabad) was declared the winner. This team consisted of participants Dr. Gauri Dhyana (MBBS Batch 2021), Dr. Mahak Varshney (MBBS Batch 2021), Dr. Palak Singh (MBBS Batch 2021) and Dr. Vageesh Mishra (MBBS Batch 2021). The team of Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, AMU, Aligarh, was adjudged as the runner up. In this team, the participants were Dr. Syed Hilal Husain (MBBS Batch 2020), Dr. Nosheen Neyazi (MBBS Batch 2020), Dr. Vishesh Singhal (MBBS Batch 2020) and Dr. Bhavya Garg (MBBS Batch 2020).

