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Analytica Anacon India 2009

Prof. K. Kannan, Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University inaugurated Analytica Anacon India 2009 and paid rich tributes to the organizers for having brought in a number of global exhibitors and scientists. He was highly impressed with the sessions on the symposia and the unique poster sessions for instruments. He praised the veterans of the analytical instrument industry for enabling scientists across the whole country to have the best of the instruments always and for the support in their research activities. He suggested that the instrumentation scientists attached to national laboratories and CSIR institutions may also be recognized for their contributions to the growth of the industry.



Prof. K. Kannan recalled his long association with the industry and called upon the organizers of IAIA to pay attention to the North East for setting up their offices and service functions. He cited the increasing business opportunities available following the the major thrust by the Central government on education and industrial development in the region. He was full of praise for the students of North East who are dedicated, intelligent and hard working and was willing to assist in all ways for widening the scope of activities of the analytical instrument industry like staff recruitment, seminars, training centers etc.

Dr. G Ramakrishnan and Mr. Gautam Rajan welcomed the guests for Analytica Anacon India 2009 on behalf of IAIA and this was followed by a welcome message from Mr. Kurt Schraudy, Managing Director, IMAG, Germany. Mr. C Ravindranath proposed vote of thanks.



Souvenir on “Pharmaceutical & Life science research in India: Current challenges and Future perspective”



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5th International Trade Fair for Analysis, Biotechnology, Diagnostics and Laboratory Technology and Services



The 5th Analytica Anacon 2009 exhibition attracted a total of 148 exhibitors from India, China, the Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain, India, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland and the United States. As many as 2710 trade visitors demonstrated high interest in the latest measuring and analysis equipment as well as innovations in the biotechnology sector. The exclusive German Pavilion featured a total of 16 innovative companies from Germany in this year’s joint exhibit. With new products and solutions from the sectors for analysis and laboratory technology, chromatography and spectroscopy, participating companies such as KNF Neuberger, Netzsch Gerätebau, SERVA Electrophoresis and Witeg Labortechnik showcased their products and capabilities. “Indian visitors were convinced of the innovative strengths these companies had to offer,” summarised Kurt Schraudy, Managing Director of IMAG. As in the past, Indo German Chamber of Commerce brought out an exhibition catalogue this year.



Symposium on “Analytical Instrumentation : Technology to improve quality of life”



IAIA organized a symposium that ran concurrent with the exhibitions, on all the three days. The symposium had lectures from internationally renowned speakers on pharmaceutical, biotechnology, environmental, herbal & food analyses, lab compliance etc. The sessions were chaired by eminent scientists such as Dr. Prakash V. Diwan, Lalitha College of Pharmacy, Dr. K. Thangaraj, CCMB, Prof. P.Reddanna, University of Hyderabad, Dr. N.V. Rama Rao, Vimta Laboratories, Dr. V. Balaram, NGRI, Dr. Ahmed Kamal, IICT, Dr. A.T.Bapuji, Aurobindo Pharma, Dr. R. Srinivas, IICT,

Dr. M.V. Suryanarayana, Matrix Laboratories and co-chaired by representatives from various instrumentation companies. IAIA would like to thank the companies who supported the lectures by sponsoring their speakers and also the distinguished scientists who chaired the various sessions. The presentations were highly informative and participants had an opportunity to have extensive interactions with the speakers.



Life Time Achievement Award for Prof. Dr. Lalji Singh



IAIA is privileged to honour Prof. Dr.Lalji Singh , Former Director of CCMB with Life Time Achievement Award for his contributions to life science research in India. Dr. Lalji has done pioneering work on DNA fingerprinting through his development of Bkm-derived probe which won national recognition through use of the technique in many forensic investigations and also the CSIR Technology Award in the year 1992. Dr. Lalji has been a great scientist, teacher and researcher besides being an able administrator. He has won many prestigious awards some of which include VASVIK Research Award, Ranbaxy Research Award, Jadish Chandra Bose Award for research in life sciences , Indian Academy of neurology oration, Scroll of Honour-

Outstanding Forensic Expert award. Dr.Lalji was the Guest of Honour during the evening session on the 29th September 2009 and presented an impressive lecture to the audience on his experiences and association with analytical instrumentation industry. He pointed out that he was always in the forefront towards brining the latest technologies in life science research and shared the various milestones his team crossed while developing the universal probe for DNA fingerprinting and the genetic studies on origin of Andaman tribes and its importance to Indian Anthropology.

The Indian Analytical Industry Hall of fame 2009

In 2007, IAIA has introduced awards to recognize veterans in analytical instrumentation under three categories : (i) Pioneering local manufacturing segment of analytical instruments, (ii) Pioneering the distribution channel for overseas manufacturers , (iii) Pioneer in being an individual having contributed significantly in serving the analytical instrument industry



Continuing the trend, the executive committee this year has selected five veterans for their life time achievements. Dr. M.K. Shingari & Mr. Gyan Batra, in recognition of their designing and manufacturing gas chromatographs in the seventies. Mr. Subhash Bhagaria for establishing a countrywide distribution channel for various international companies. Dr. G. Ramakrishnan and Mr. T. Ravindar for development of markets for analytical and life science instrumentation and development of human talent for the industry. The awards were presented to the veterans by Prof. Dr. Lalji. The programme concluded with a cultural entertainment programme ‘Swaranjali’ by Bharata Natyalaya, Hyderabad.

Scientific poster session



In a first of its kind, Analytica Anacon India 2009 hosted a scientific poster session as part of a larger initiative towards shaping this event further. The response was encouraging with 12 posters from 4 different institutions. In addition there were a few posters on products displayed by companies. The panel of judges included Dr.B.Ramachandran and Ms.Veenaa Jayaraman as Dr.Ravi Sirdeshmukh and Dr.Natu could not attend. The award session was chaired by Dr. Ashis Ganguly and co-chaired by Mr.Gowtham Rajan.

Dr.Ravi Sirdeshmukh's group from CCMB, Hyderabad presented 3 posters on their pioneering work in proteomics of embryonic stem cells, plasma proteomics and peptidome analysis. As all the three posters were of very high quality the judges decided to award the 1st prize to the entire group of Dr. Sirdeshmukh. Dr.Girish Ratnaparkhi's group from IISER, Pune presented their work on targeted proteins, SUMOylation and Drosophila "SUMOimics". This poster received the 2nd prize. Two posters from SRM College of Pharmacy on improving the quality of HPLC analysis of samples from diabetes patients were awarded the 3rd prize. The largest number of posters were from Lalitha College of Pharmacy, Hyderabad and they were awarded a prize for their enthusiastic participation.



Career Development Forum for Analytical Instrumentation Industry



A unique feature of this year Analytica Anacon India 2009 was the career development program conducted by four veterans in the industry : Mr. T. Ravindar, till recently Managing Director, GE Healthcare, Mr. Ashok Malhotra, Managing Director, Mettler Toledo, Mr. Sudhir Kant, President, Millipore India and Dr. G. Ramakrishnan, Senior Director, Thermo Fisher Scientific. The speakers shared their experiences during the various phases of their career, the milestones they achieved and the circumstances under which they grew into top-

notch professionals. Almost all the speakers touched upon key attributes such as passion, hard work and continuous updation of knowledge and reskilling as key requirements for success. The interactions with the participants was extensive and a number of questions were clarified by them during the session. The younger generation learnt many useful tips from the speakers.



Meeting of office bearers of IAIA



The office bearers of IAIA met briefly on the side lines of Analytica Anacon India 2009 on Thursday October 1 to review the success of AAI 2009 and more importantly to have a loud thinking on AAI 2011. There were serious discussions on how to design the symposium to attract more customers and also to get other scientific associations to cosponsor our event. Many members preferred Mumbai for the show in 2011 so long the dates do not clash or come closer to CPhi or ChemTech or IPC shows which may also be organized in the same venue. **IAIA welcomes suggestions on this from all companies and this may be sent to iaia@rediffmail.com in the next two weeks** as a decision on this has to be taken soon to convey to IMAG. It was also decided to explore the possibility to have the next meeting during IPC 2009 at Ahmedabad.

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