

## Editorial

Dear Readers,

*It gives me immense pleasure to be writing editorial on the special occasion of APTI convention when we successfully complete FOUR years of publication. Although we have a fairly good readership from the small group of people who are working and carrying out research in the field of Pharmacy Practice. The quantity and quality of our articles have also improved over the years.*

*As you all must be aware of by now, APTI– 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention is scheduled to be held in Manipal during October 12-14 with the theme “Road map for Strengthening Pharma Education in Changing Scenario”.*

*The present scenario with regard to pharmacy education in our country is that there are so many courses being offered in pharmacy, greater awareness amongst student community, higher expectations from students regarding their career and increased opportunities abroad for higher studies.*

*Indian pharmaceutical industry is now focusing on drug development, contract research and conduct of clinical trials.*

*The awareness in hospitals regarding the expanded role of a pharmacist as a member of health care team is presently better than ever before.*

*In the changing scenario as this, the universities and educational institutions should gear up to train the students as per the present needs of the pharma industry and health care set up. The road map or the ways of achieving this is expected to be discussed by eminent speakers in the convention.*

*As you all know, one of the most exciting part of the convention is the award ceremony! We have two groups of awardees, one from clinical pharmacy section and one from community pharmacy section who are going to receive the BEST research paper award for their research article published in ijopp during 2011-2012.*

*Our heartiest congratulations to Dr. Ramesh Adepu and Mr. Sandeep S Kashikar for bagging **Smt. Y.G. Yeole Memorial Award for the Best Paper in Pharmacy Practice (Community Pharmacy Section)** for the research paper entitled “Impact of Pharmaceutical Care Services on Medication Adherence Behaviour in Geriatric Patients of Old Age Home Settings” published in ijopp 4(3), Jul-Sep 2011 Pg. 35-40 and Mr. Dinesh K Upadhyay, Mr. MohamedIzham M.I, Mr. Alurkar V.M, Mr. Pranaya Mishra and Mr. Subish Palaian for having been selected for the **Late Shri. Ishwar N. Hukkeri Award for the Best Paper in Pharmacy Practice (Clinical Pharmacy Section)** for the research paper entitled “Evaluation of the Impact of a Pharmaceutical Care Program for Diabetes Patients in Nepal: A Preliminary Study” published in ijopp 4(4), Oct-Dec 2011. Pg. 49-61.*

*Keep up the good work and good writing!*

*Wishing all our readers a very Happy Dasara ..*

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