

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Greetings on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of APTI!

During this Golden Jubilee Convention, APTI has aptly chosen the theme “**Road map for Quality Education and Research**” as this is high time we inculcated Quality into our education system, research and practice.

The FIVE pillars of Quality are standing on the three foundations namely Science, Practice and Ethics.

Practice refers to the procedures or processes used in a particular field or profession and Pharmacy Practice is an integral part of the profession of Pharmacy.

FIP in its document on “Quality Assurance of Pharmacy Education: the FIP Global Framework 2nd Edition, 2014 states that “Recognising the many benefits that society can get through the optimal use of pharmacists in health care delivery, many countries are undergoing major transformation of pharmacy education.

In most cases, one country’s model of education cannot be adopted by another country without appropriate adaptation to suit local needs and circumstances. Among other things, educational outcomes, competencies to be achieved, curricular content and structure will need to be modified.

It should consider the national needs and priorities, and should take into account all required resources and the implications of the proposed changes.

A clear, appropriate, realistic and achievable national vision for pharmacy education and practice should be developed through a collaborative effort. This vision and process should be integral to the development of a National Drug Policy”.

As always, even this year, we have selected TWO best papers one in the area of Community Pharmacy and one in the area of Clinical Pharmacy for the annual wards that were given away in the APTICON 2016.

Article which won Late Smt. V.G. Yeole Memorial Award under Community Pharmacy Section:

Availability and Stock Outs of Paediatric Essential Medicines across Different Levels of Care in One District

Mir Javid Iqbal, Mohammad Ishaq Geer*, Parvez Abamd Dar. *ijopp* Oct-Dec 2015;8(4):171-76

Article which was awarded the Shri Ishwar N. Hukkeri Memorial Award under Clinical Pharmacy Section:

Clinical Outcome and In-vitro Microbiological Response of Bacterial Isolates to Commonly Prescribed Antibiotics among Hospitalized Patients with Community Acquired Pneumonia in Jimma University Specialized Hospital, Ethiopia

Getu Bayisa*, Sultan Suleman, Ketema Abdisa, Sintayehu Fekadu. *Oct-Dec 2015;8(4):183-190.*

The Editorial Tem of IJOPP congratulates the awardees.

Keep up the good work and keep sending quality articles for publication to IJOPP.

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