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Editorial

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and wonderful year ahead!!!

This is very exciting for me to write editorial of the first issue of the 4th volume of this Newsletter and publishing in time. I would like to thank both the associate editors, the members of the editorial board, editorial assistants, local chapter leaders, the SFE members and contributors for their whole hearted support in publishing this Newsletter.

This issue will be available as hard copy besides its regular electronic version during the inaugural programme of the 4th International Congress of Society for Ethnopharmacology, India at Uka Tarsadia University, Bardoli, Surat, Gujarat on 23rd February 2017.

My sincere appeal to all of you to cooperate and contribute for regular publication and improvement of this Newsletter.

Wishing to meet you all at Bardoli, Gujarat!

.....**Dr. Subhash C. Mandal, Editor.**

Secretary's Desk

Dear Friends,

Welcome you all to the 4th International Congress of Society for Ethnopharmacology-India is being organized by Uka Tarsadia University, Bardoli, Surat, Gujarat during February 23-25, 2017.

Our very young society made in the year 2013, has witnessed three international congress and I am sure the fourth one will be much more attractive with all your presence with the theme "Healthcare in 21st century: Perspectives of Ethnopharmacology & Medicinal Plant Research."

Over 700 delegates from India and other countries of the world will be joining this event.

I would like request all of you to become a member of the society and explore all the opportunities.

Prof. Pulok K Mukherjee, Secretary.

4th International Congress of SFE-India (SFEC – 2017)

Join, enrich, share & enjoy.....

4th International Congress of the Society for Ethnopharmacology is scheduled to be held at UkaTarsadia University, Bardoli, Dist. Surat, Gujarat, India during February 23-25, 2017, under the joint auspices of UkaTarsadia University (UTU), Bardoli, Surat, Gujarat, India and the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India (SFE-India). The theme of the 4th International Congress of Society for Ethnopharmacology, India, is ***“Healthcare in 21st century: Perspectives of Ethnopharmacology & Medicinal Plant Research.”***

Theme of the Congress will focus on recent advances in Ethnopharmacology and related arena. The scientific services committee has chalked out a interesting and well though programme including keynote address, plenary lectures, oral and poster presentation in different areas like - Dissemination of knowledge on education and research for promotion of medicinal plants and Ethnopharmacology; Evidence based documentation and evaluation of safety, efficacy and quality of medicinal plant products in Indian systems of medicine; Globalization of traditional medicine; Scientific documentation and validation of traditional knowledge; Ethnopharmacology in drug discovery and development- global scenario; Quality control and standardization of herbal medicine; Phytochemical, pharmacological and microbiological screening of medicinal plants; Bioprospecting of natural products; Integrative approach in healthcare – Role of medicinal plants; Plant

breeding, Genetics, Biotechnology; Conservation & propagation of rare, endangered & threatened medicinal plants. Speakers were nicely blended with representation from different parts of the globe. There are speakers from developed countries like USA, UK, Germany, Australia etc., similarly speakers from underdeveloped & developing countries are there like-Nigeria, Malaysia, Mongolia, Bangladesh, Thailand etc. Summary of the programme:

Sl. No.	Session	Number	Resource person
1.	Keynote session	3	10
2.	Plenary session	10	48
3.	Panel Discussion	1	18
4.	Interactive session	1	10
5.	Oral Presentation	6	130
6.	Poster session	10	525

Activity report of Society for Ethnopharmacology during 2016

The Society for Ethnopharmacology (SFE) is a registered society under the West Bengal Society Registration Act and affiliated to the International Society for Ethnopharmacology (ISE), UK. The ISE is an international scientific organization of researchers dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of the pharmacological actions of plants, animals, insects and other organisms used in medicines of indigenous and modern, past and present, cultures. The society is also committed to the preservation and conservation of such practices for future generation.

The society organized several conferences, seminars, symposiums, workshops etc in different parts of India for discussion and sharing knowledge on different issues for cultivation, production, quality evaluation, safety, clinical studies, biological screening and several other issues of natural product research. The Society helped in forming bridge between the academia and industry for developing cost effective natural remedies (Table-I). At present the Society has several local Chapters with dynamic Coordinators for individual chapters and over 600 members across the country. To recognize the outstanding contribution in the area of medicinal plant research and Ethnopharmacology, the Society has instituted several awards which are conferred during the International congress of the society every year.

SFE has organized International Conclave on “Ethnopharmacology, Ethno-medicine and Traditional Health Practices: Learning from the Nature: Tradition to Innovation”, Venue: Science City, Kolkata along with 7th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo; 3rd International Congress of the Society for Ethnopharmacology (SFEC 2016), on “Ethnopharmacology & Evaluation of Medicinal Plants - Global Perspectives” at Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India; National Seminar on “Ethnopharmacology: Perspectives for Development of Ayurveda” Venue: National Research Institute of Ayurvedic Drug Development (NRIADD) Kolkata. SFE local chapters have also organized a number of Seminars, Symposia, workshops at several places round the country like-Assam, Chennai, Pune etc. Several invited lectures by distinguished speakers have been arranged by the society on emerging topics on Ethnopharmacology and promotion of medicinal plants by the Society office at Kolkata and also in collaboration with School of Natural Product Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

The society is publishing the Newsletter regularly in different aspects for development and promotion of medicinal plants and Ethnopharmacology. We are very excited by the keen interest of our members of SFE from a diverse number of institutes and industries throughout the country to share the knowledge in this regard.

Report on International Conclave on' Ethnopharmacology, Ethno-medicine and Traditional Health Practices", December 3 - 4, 2016, 7th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo

The International Conclave on "Ethnopharmacology, Ethno-medicine and Traditional Health Practices: Learning from the Nature: Tradition to Innovation" was organised by School of Natural Product Studies, Jadavpur University jointly with Society for Ethnopharmacology, Kolkata, India (SFE-India), Trans Disciplinary University, Bangalore and World Ayurveda Foundation, Bengaluru, Karnataka at Science City Auditorium, Kolkata as a part of 7th World Ayurveda Congress & AROGYA Expo (7th WAC), during December 3-4, 2016.

Program, participants and scientific interactions during the conference:

The convention was inaugurated by Padmashree Dr. C.P. Thakur, Former Union Health Minister, Govt. of India & Honorable Chairman, Balaji Utthan Sansthan, Patna jointly with Mrs. Shomita Biswas, CEO, National Medicinal Plant Board, Ministry of AYUSH, New Delhi and Prof. Vd. K.S. Dhiman, Director General, CCRAS, Ministry of AYUSH, New Delhi. Other respected dignitaries, attended in the program were Prof. A.S. Verma, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University, Sh. Sekhar Dutt, Former Secretary, Department of AYUSH & Ex-Governor, Chattisgarh, Dr. Jayram Hazra, Director, NRIADD, Kolkata & Chairman, LOC, WAC, Shri A. Jaykumar, Secretary General, Vijnana Bharati, Dr. Pratim Banerji, President, Society for Ethnopharmacology, India, Dr. Geetha Krishnan, Secretary General, World Ayurveda Congress, Dr. Michael Heinrich, Professor, UCL School of Pharmacy, University of London, UK and Prof. Darshan Shankar, Vice Chancellor, Trans Disciplinary University, Bangalore. The inauguration program was concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Indraneel Das, Vice-President, Society for Ethnopharmacology, India.

The major highlight of the event was to explore the importance of the ethno pharmacological aspects for the evidence based research on medicinal plants. Evidence based documentation on safety, efficacy and quality of medicinal plants from different traditional medicines for development of herbal products based on their Ethnopharmacological claims were highlighted from different stakeholders. The conclave was found very helpful for the promotion and development of Indian Systems of medicine at large. The major emphasis was given on ethno-medicine and traditional health practices particularly highlighting - the learning from our ancestors; learning from the nature: from tradition to evidence based medicine.

This conclave witnessed an overwhelming response of various academicians, students, teachers and researchers from different universities, R&D institutes and industries from different fields of natural product sciences, manufacturers of raw materials, phyto-medicines, pharmaceuticals and dietary and food supplements, representatives of conventional and traditional healthcare systems, regulatory authorities, cultivators of medicinal plants. There were over 30 scientific presentations by some eminent speakers from the field of natural product sciences. It was followed by poster presentations by the delegates. The program was accomplished with a great success with an overwhelming response of more than 300 participants from different states of the country.



Participants and dignitaries of EP Conclave



Traditional Healers



Traditional Healers

Outcome of the conference:

The conclave provided an ideal platform for interaction, debate and exchange of ideas amongst the distinguished professionals, eminent scientists and technologists and the traditional healers. This motivated the participants in a bigger way to carry out their research work along the novel paths shown by the eminent researchers present through their presentations and discussions.

Finally the attainment of the conclave may lie in a bigger perspective as the participants enriched themselves and were motivated to carry out their research work along the novel path shown by the eminent researchers present through their presentations and discussions. With their input on the conclave topic, the participants were able to take home an updated roadmap to develop future strategies on research work in the area of ethnomedicine and traditional medicine inspired drug discovery. Thus the International Conclave on was very successful in every aspect. Lastly a global platform was proposed to explore and disseminate the ethnopharmacological knowledge in the development of ethnic health care practices. A committee was formed in the valedictory session with some distinguished scientists in the field of natural product research.

List of Awardees - 2017



**"SFE-Outstanding International
Ethnopharmacologist Award"**
Pranab Banerji Memorial Award

Dr. Mark Blumenthal

Director,
American Botanical Council, Austin, USA



"SFE – Lifetime Achievement Award"
"Bisheswar Saha Memorial Award"

Prof. S.P. Thyagrajan

Dean (Research)
Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai



SFE – ZANDU Award - 2017
"Best Research on Plant Drugs"

Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma

Ex-Advisor Ayurveda
Dept. of AYUSH, New Delhi



**"SFE – Outstanding National
Ethnopharmacologist Award"**
"Harihar Mukherjee Memorial Award"

Prof. Vd. K S Dhiman

Director General, CCRAS, New Delhi



"SFE- Young Ethnopharmacologist Award"
"P K Debnath Memorial Award"

Dr. Sayeed Ahmad

Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi



"SFE-T. Sen Oration Award – 2017"
Dr. Motlalepula G Matsabisa

Director, IKS Lead Programme
University of Free State, South Africa



"SFE- Outstanding Service Award "
Dr. Ramar Krishnamurthy

Coordinator,
Surat Local Chapter, SFE-India



"SFE - Special Recognition Award "
Dr. Dinesh R Shah

Provost, UkaTarsadia University
Bardoli, Gujarat, India

"SFE-Outstanding Local Chapter Award"
Guwahati Local Chapter,

SFE-India

Coordinator: **Dr. Chandana C. Barua**

**"SFE - Herbal Industry Leader Award –
2017"**

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Society for Ethnopharmacology, India

would congratulate

Dr. Ramar Krishnamurthy

for organizing the

4th International Congress of SFE-India (SFEC-2017)

through the Surat Local Chapter.



Dr. Ramar Krishnamurthy

We would like to request you to join the

17th Congress for International Society for Ethnopharmacology -ISE

"Ethnopharmacology at the Crossroads of Cultures and Disciplines"

Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Kaslik, Lebanon ; April 24-28, 2017

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