This issue highlighted the activities of the Society in last few months of 2015, particularly the Mega events of 2015: the 2nd International Congress at Nagpur. Different aspects of the Congress have been highlighted. We are inviting all the Members to participate in the 2nd convention of the society in December 5-6, 2015 to be held at Kolkata and the 3rd International Congress of the Society, to be held in Raipur, Chhattisgarh from 19-21 February 2016. The Society for Ethnopharmacology (India) is working hard to disseminate information in the Scientific and Social arena so that we can contribute to the health care to-treat diseases using our century old wisdom.

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Friends
Thank you very much for your support for development of the society for Ethnopharmacology, India. I would like to request you to take the opportunities including networking for the development and promotion of medicinal plants & natural products amongst students, researchers, academician & industries. This society is working on dissemination of knowledge in the field of Ethnopharmacology through different local chapters in different parts of India. It was great to see that over 1000 delegates joined the 2nd congress at Nagpur. I personally thank all of you for joining the 2nd congress and making this society so vibrant in sharing of knowledge. We are very much thankful to all the members in general & specifically the members of the executive board, Editorial board of the news letter, Coordinators for the local chapters for their hard work for promotion of the society. We are very much thankful to the Nagpur local chapter specifically Dr. Prakash Itankar and team for organizing the mega event this year. Please renew your membership or join as new members. For renewal you may avail the 10 year benefit paying less with the consecutive effects as decided by the executive committee.
We would like to request you all to join the forum and explore the opportunities.

Upcoming Events of SFE-INDIA

2nd Convention 2015
Society for Ethnopharmacology, India
Kolkata, India; December 5-6, 2015
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“Herbs in health care - integrated approach for promotion and development”
Chhattisgarh is one of the most medicinal plant rich states in the Central part of India. It has been declared as the herbal state and is situated in the Deccan bio-geographical area. Raipur is the tribal heart of India-the Bastar, where the tribal culture, art and philosophy are still preserved in their pristine form.

Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University (PRSU) was established in 1964 and is one of the oldest and the largest Universities of Chhattisgarh. The PRSU has grown enormously over the last 51 years in terms of number of students (approx. 0.2 million) and disciplines in 27 Schools of Studies and about 250 affiliated colleges spread over the Chhattisgarh State. The university houses the National Center for Natural Resources (NCNR) on its campus. The Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi - funded NCNR started functioning with effect from August 2012.

The Society for Ethnopharmacology, India (SFE-INDIA) is affiliated to the International Society for Ethnopharmacology, UK (ISE, UK). The society was formed in 2013 and working for dissemination of knowledge on education and research for promotion of medicinal plant and ethnopharmacology with the major highlights on “Globalizing local knowledge and localizing global technologies.”

**Major scientific highlights:**

- Evidence based approaches for development of traditional medicine
- Ethnopharmacology in drug discovery and development- global scenario
- Bioprospecting of natural products – an approach towards drug discovery
- Integrative approach in healthcare - the future of medicine
- Scientific documentation and validation of traditional knowledge
- Evidence based documentation on safety, efficacy and quality of medicinal plant
- Development and evaluation of herbal formulation from medicinal plant through industry institute partnership
- To conserve and propagate Rare, Endangered & Threatened species of Indian medicinal plant
- IP rights, patents and regulatory affairs of medicinal and aromatic plants (MAP)

Speakers from different countries all over the world will highlight on recent development of ethnopharmacology and evaluation of medicinal plants.

**We would like to request you to join the event and explore the opportunity.**

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# Report on the 2nd International Congress of Society for Ethnopharmacology

The second International Congress (SFEC - 2015) of the Society for Ethnopharmacology, India (SFE-India) was organized by Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur, India during February 20-22, 2015 with the theme “Validation of Medicinal Plants and Traditional Medicine – Global Perspectives”. The congress has witnessed mammoth gathering of around 1000 delegates from 20 Countries. About 65 Lectures from eminent speakers throughout the globe and more than 500 scientific Oral and Poster presentations.

## Pre Conference workshops:
Before the inauguration, a series of Preconference Workshops on Natural Product Research were organized. The first section was carried out at Gurunanak College of Pharmacy, Nagpur on the theme “Scope for Research in Natural Products, Funding Opportunities and Publication”. Dr. M. Heinrich, Editor, Journal of Pharmacy & Pharmacology, Dr. A. Jager, Associate Editor, Journal of Ethnopharmacology, Denmark, Dr. T K. Mukherjee, Ex-Editor, Indian J Traditional Knowledge, CSIR-NISCAIR, India delivered their lectures on how to write good quality papers and made aware about the funding opportunities in Natural Product Research.

The 2nd section of the Workshop was organized at Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur on “Research Methodology, Modes of Herbal Drug Standardization and Role of Stereotaxic Neurosurgery in Ethnopharmacological Research”. Dr. Geoffrey Cordell, President, Natural Products Inc., Evanston, USA spoke on Methodologies involved in Plant Research. Mr. Akshay Charegaonkar, MD, Anchrom, Mumbai and Dr. Pravin Wakte, Dept. of Chemical Tech. BAMU, India discussed chromatographic evaluations of herbal drugs, Dr. T. Shrinivasu, Head, Molecular Biology and Genetic Eng, R.T.M. Nagpur University delivered talk on Recent Advancement in the Field of Plant Biotech; while Dr. R Ugale of the same University demonstrated Application of Stereotaxic Neurosurgery in Ethnopharmacology Research. The 3rd part of the Preconference Workshop included demonstration on “Panchakarma and Ksharsutra” conducted at Baidyanath Life Sciences, Nagpur by Dr. M. N. Suryawanshi, Assistant Director AYUSH Research Centre, Nagpur, Dr. Subhash Raut and Dr. G. Kodwani of the Government Ayurveda College, Nagpur.

## Inauguration:
The Congress was inaugurated by Shri Shekhar Dutt, Honorable Ex-Governor of Chhattisgarh, Dr. C. P. Thakur, Former Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Dr. V Deshpande, Vice Chancellor, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University at Vasantrao Deshpande Hall. Other respected dignitaries were Dr. V Mishra, Chancellor, Krishna Institute of Medical Science University, Karad, Prof. A Jager, President, ISE UK, Dr. M. Heinrich Prof, the School of Pharmacy, London, Dr. P Banerji, President SFE, India, Dr. P.K. Mukherjee, Secretary SFE, India, Mr. A.K. Nigam (IFS), MD, FDC Maharashtra, Nagpur, Dr. N Gaikwad, Chairman LOC, Dr. P G. Yeole, Convener and Dr. P. Itankar, Organizing Secretary, SFEC-2015.

In the Inaugural program Annual Awards were conferred to the eminent scientist and industries for outstanding contributions on Ethnopharmacology. Dr. C. K. Kokate received the prestigious SFE Lifetime Achievement Award i.e. “Bisheswar Saha Memorial Award”; Dr. Geoffrey Cordell received the SFE Outstanding International Ethnopharmacologist Award i.e. “Pranab Banerji Memorial Award”. The SFE Outstanding Indian Ethnopharmacologist Award, i.e., “Harihar Mukherjee Memorial Award” was conferred to Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan; while Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh Rawat received the SFE–ZANDU Award 2015 as “Best Researcher on Plant Drug”. Further, the SFE- Special
Recognition Award 2015 was awarded to Mr. Sibeswar Saha, Mrs. Sibylle U. Saha and Mr. Birendra Kumar Sarkar for their valuable contribution in Medicinal Plant research. The “SFE Outstanding Service Award 2015” was received by Dr. Prakash R. Itankar for his contribution in promotion and development of SFE; M/s. Shree Baidyanath Ayurved Bhawan Pvt. Ltd, Nagpur was honored with the “SFE - Herbal industry leader award 2015”.

Scientific Sessions:
Several Special Lectures and Plenary Lectures were delivered on critical issues for promotion and globalization of Traditional Medicine, Ethnopharmacology and Medicinal plant research by a galaxy of eminent scientists and researchers from all over the world. Among the eminent speakers, Dr. Geoffrey Cordell, USA, Prof. Anna Jäger, Denmark; Dr. Michael Heinrich, UK, Dr. Hiroyuki Fukui, Japan, Dr. Bernard Mouillac, France, Prof. Elin Yulinah Sukandar, Indonesia; Dr. Dilip Ghosh, Australia, Dr. Ganesh Thakur, USA, Dr. Yusuf OZTURK, Turkey, Dr. Colin Wright, UK, Dr. Mohammed Razdar Khan, Canada, Dr. Alvaro Viljoen, South Africa, Dr. Namrita Lall, South Africa, Dr. Marco Leonti, Italy, Dr. D. K. Mitra, India, Dr. Tuhinadri Sen, India, Mr. Jarnail Singh (IFS), India, Dr. Sitesh C Bachar, Bangladesh, Dr. Bhusan Patwardhan, India, Dr. Chandra Kant Katiyar, India, Dr. Debprasad Chattopadhyay, India, Dr. A.K.S. Rawat, India, India, Dr. Olatunde Peter Ajagbonna, Nigeria and many other representing 20 countries of the world delivered their valuable talks.

Business Conclave:
The Special Highlight of the Congress was the Business Conclave Meet of Industrialists dealing with Herbal medicines, organized in the gracious presence of Hon’ble Shri Nitin J Gadkari (Union Transport Minister, Govt. of India), where all the critical issues related with the bottlenecks in the Herbal Industry, promotion and marketing strategies to meet the demand of Herbal Medicines to common people were discussed. It was decided to prepare a Policy Guideline in the form a Memorandum to be submitted to The Central Govt., Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of AYUSH and the Maharashtra State Govt. after having a series of talks with various stakeholders. The conference ended with a Valedictory program with the Prize distribution of scientific oral and poster presentation.

Exhibition on Natural Products:
The congress also had a display of various exhibitions related to natural product research and dissemination of knowledge related to traditional medicine. The stall represented by the Forrest Development Corporation of Maharashtra was highly appreciated, where more than 25 Vaidyas (Traditional healers) represented different zones of India display the focal medicines of their respective zone. The exhibition also includes stalls from Nisha Herbals Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur, Shree Baidyanath Ayurved Bhawan Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur, Gondwana Herbs Pvt. Ltd., Dhule, Zim Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur and MGIRI Pvt. Ltd., Wardha. Alka Scientific Instruments Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur display various scientific instruments, chemicals and reagents, while Shri Shail Herbs Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur displayed about 60 medicinal plants with specifications.
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Obituary:
Dr. Pratip K. Debnath

Dr. Pratip K. Debnath (Born on 13.9.1946) excelled academically as Professor of Kayachikitsa; Head, Department of Panchakarma, and In-Charge of Clinical Research, J B Roy State Ayurvedic Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata, and as a Consultant, National Research Institute of Ayurveda Drug Development, Kolkata, Ministry of AYUSH. He has recently published his pioneering work on “Makaradhawaja nanoencapsulation” for drug delivery, a contemporary application to the traditional therapeutics. He is the founder Director of the ‘Gananath Sen Institute of Ayurveda and Research on Reverse Pharmacology’. He has inherited an outstanding family tradition of Ayurveda. His incredible work on Vision Banana Mission Serotonin formed the basis for “Serotonin Odyssey” research. He acquired Ph.D from the Dept of Pharmacology, IMS, BHU and was the Fellow of the ‘Indian Pharmacological Society, and the ‘National Academy of Ayurveda’. He has credited with more than 150 publications, 10 Ph.D and several Books and Book chapters. He has served several Govt. and academic organizations in different capacity including WHO as expert from AYUSH. He has been a founder of Core Committee, to establish Ethnopharmacology in India and Academic Committee of School of Natural Products Studies, Jadavpur University, and was the member of Scientific and Ethics Committee. He was also the President of ISC (Medical Section) and his remarkable research strides from fundamental philosophy of Ayurveda to Evidence based science will be remembered.

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To work for the promotion of Ethnopharmacology - medicinal plants and other natural products

- Networking amongst the researchers in medicinal plants and ethnopharmacology around the globe.
- Sharing of knowledge among researchers, healthcare-practitioners, and decision-makers interested in Ethnopharmacology.
- Dissemination of knowledge for promotion of TM and medicinal plants.
- Organizing conference, seminars, symposia, workshops etc in different parts of India.
- Information on activities in respect of Ethnopharmacology around the world.
- Travel grant for students and young scientists and reduced registration fees to attend the events organized by the Society for Ethnopharmacology.
- Access to a wide network of scholars interested in the traditional medicine and Ethnopharmacology.
- Validation and documentation of TM, medicinal plants and natural products.
- Encouraging the scientists through awards, honors, grants etc.
- Collaborative approaches for promotion & development of TM and medicinal plants.

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