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Report on RAPID-21

Event: National Conference on "Recent Advances in Pharmaceutical Innovations and Developments" (RAPID-21)

Date: Friday, November 26, 2021

Venue: NNR School of Pharmacy, [Location to be specified if known]

Executive Summary

The one-day national conference, RAPID-21, served as a vital platform for academics, researchers, and students to engage with the latest trends and advancements in the pharmaceutical sector. Hosted by the NNR School of Pharmacy, the conference featured a distinguished keynote address, multiple academic sessions, and a robust forum for oral and poster presentations. The event successfully fostered a collaborative environment, promoting knowledge exchange and professional networking among delegates.

Conference Highlights

1. Inaugural and Plenary Sessions (9:30 AM - 11:30 AM)

The conference began promptly at 9:30 AM with the registration of delegates, followed by a formal Inaugural Ceremony. This opening session set the tone for the day's proceedings.

The highlight of the morning was the Plenary Session, delivered by the esteemed keynote speaker, Prof. M.L. Saikumar (RETD), former Dean of the Academic Institute for Enterprises, Hyderabad. With a career spanning over three and a half decades, Prof. Saikumar is a recognized authority in IT and management. His extensive background, including his role as a Professor of Computer Science, and his experience training corporate executives and civil servants, provided a unique, interdisciplinary perspective on innovation.

In his address, Prof. Saikumar discussed how advancements in information technology and data science are revolutionizing pharmaceutical research and development. He underscored the importance of embracing new technologies for improved efficiency in drug discovery, clinical trials, and supply chain management. His talk inspired attendees to think beyond traditional pharmaceutical boundaries and consider the convergence of different fields to drive future



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2. Academic Sessions and Presentations (11:30 AM - 4:00 PM)

Following the plenary session, the day was structured to facilitate deep academic engagement.

- Session-2 (11:30 AM 1:00 PM): This session delved into more specific topics within pharmaceutical science, offering a closer look at specialized areas of research. While the exact topics are not listed, this session provided a valuable forum for experts to present their work.
- Lunch (1:00 PM 2:00 PM): A one-hour lunch break provided a crucial opportunity for informal networking, allowing delegates to discuss ideas presented in the morning sessions and connect with peers from different institutions.
- Oral and Poster Presentations (2:00 PM 4:00 PM): The afternoon was dedicated to the core academic exchange of the conference. Participants showcased their research through



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both oral and poster presentations. This segment of the conference highlighted the original research being conducted by students and young faculty, covering a wide array of topics from new drug delivery systems to the synthesis of novel compounds. The interactive format of the poster session, in particular, encouraged direct dialogue between presenters and attendees, fostering a dynamic learning environment.

3. Valedictory Session (4:00 PM - 4:30 PM)

The conference concluded with a valedictory session, where a summary of the day's key takeaways was presented, and certificates were distributed to presenters. This ceremony formally brought the event to a close, with organizers and participants expressing appreciation for the opportunity to learn and network.

Conclusion

The National Conference RAPID-21 was a resounding success, fulfilling its objective of promoting a deeper understanding of recent pharmaceutical innovations. The insights shared by Prof. M.L. Saikumar, coupled with the quality of the research presented, made the event a significant milestone for the NNR School of Pharmacy and all participants. It served as an effective platform for inspiring the next generation of pharmaceutical scientists and fostering a culture of innovation and collaboration.

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