

## **BRIEF PROCEEDINGS OF 22<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ORGANISED BY CRS INDIAN CHAPTER**

Controlled Release Society - Indian Chapter (CRSIC) organized its flagship event 22nd International Symposium on February 29 and March 1, 2024, at Hotel SaharaStar, Mumbai. The theme of the symposium was “Advances in Technology and Business Potential of New Drug Delivery Systems”. In total, 344 delegates from across the country participated in the symposium of whom 80% were from academia including students and faculty and 20% were from the pharma and allied industry. We had highly interactive sessions from local as well as foreign speakers. A networking dinner was also arranged on February 29, 2024.

The symposium was inaugurated with the lighting of the auspicious lamp by the dignitaries followed by the recital of the invocation song. Prof. Vandana Patravale, President, CRS Indian chapter, delivered the presidential address. Dr. Twan Lammers, President, CRS Inc., was the honoured guest at the inaugural event and Dr. Christine Allen, Immediate Past President, CRS Inc. was also invited as a Guest of Honour. The newsletter and e-abstract book were released by the dignitaries. Prof. Vandana Patravale, President, CRSIC, informed the audience about the Lifetime Achievement Award established by CRSIC. Prof. N. Udupa was declared the laureate of this award. Dr. Twan Lammers presented him with the citation and shawl. Dr. Twan Lammers, President, CRS Inc., delivered a powerful keynote speech, giving vital scientific insights on the translational aspects of cancer therapy. The inauguration was concluded by Dr. Sujata Sawarkar, Secretary, CRSIC, with a vote of thanks.

Total thirteen scientific sessions and eight technical presentations were presented in the span of two days of the international symposium. The symposium also included table exhibits for two days from four companies.

A total of 194 posters were shown throughout the two-day conference. CRSIC proceeded with the "Go Green Drive to Save Planet" campaign. As part of this initiative, every guest speaker at the symposium received a "Go Green Certificate". A tree will be planted this year at Tatyasaheb Kore College of Pharmacy, Warananagar to commemorate the speaker. The trees would be the epitome of the ever-lasting bond between the speakers and the CRSIC.

At the Valedictory celebration, Mr Ravleen Singh Khurana, the CEO and Managing Director of Nitika Pharmaceuticals, delivered his speech. Dr. Twan Lammers and Dr. Maria J. Vincent were invited to present the Prof. H. L. Bhalla Young Scientist Award, 3 prizes, and a consolation prize for the poster presenters.

Dr. Lammers commended the Indian Chapter for their exceptional organisation of the symposium, the scientific contributions made by Indian experts, and the kind hospitality shown by the Indian hosts.

The Symposium concluded with an expression of gratitude to the sponsors, members of the organising committee, event supporters, and student volunteers.



Lighting of Ceremonial Lamp



Release of CRSIC Newsletter





Prof. Twan Lammers delivering keynote address



Prof. N. Udupa felicitated with Life Time Achievement Award



Prof. Christine Allen delivering key note address