

INSTITUTE ORGANIZES “TRANSPLANTATION UPDATE 2015”

“Transplantation Update 2015” was successfully organized in our premises from 9th to 11th January, 2015. The major themes of this conference were transplantation tolerance, cell therapy, demonstration of generation of adipose tissue derived mesenchymal stem cells and regulatory cells, antibody mediated injury, liver and pancreatic transplantation, how to increase the donor pool, pediatric transplantation, experience of transplant programs from developing world, long term follow up of kidney donors and robotic and laparoscopic kidney transplantation. The following awards were given on the occasion.

Awards

- **Maharshi Sushruta Gnyaanpeeth Sanmaan** for research related to transplantation immunobiology was given to Prof. Shimon Sakaguchi from Kyoto University, Japan for his work on T-regulatory cells and their role in transplantation tolerance. This award consisted of a citation, cash prize of Rs. 300,000/- (3 lakhs only) and shawl).
- **Dr. H. L. Trivedi Award for Development of Transplantation Program in a Developing Country** was given to Dr. Ezzedine Abderrahim from **Tunisia** for their development of cadaver organ transplantation program. The prize included a certificate, shawl and cash prize of Rs. 100,000/.

To encourage young aspirants in the field of basic, applied and clinical sciences, two categories of awards were given. The jury for these awards included Prof. John T. Crosson from University of Minneapolis, US, Prof. V. Sivakumar from SVIMS, Tirupati, Prof. N.K. Hase from KEM hospital, Mumbai, Prof. Pankaj Shah from IKDRC-ITS, Ahmedabad and Prof. H.L. Trivedi, Chairman of the conference.

- **Young Investigators’ Awards:** Mr. Kunal Gupte, Dr. Umang Thakkar, Dr. Lovelesh Nigam, Dr. Vinay KS, Dr. Kamlesh Suthar, Dr. Keyur Patel from IKDRC-ITS, Ahmedabad and Dr. Manish Rathi from PGIMER, Chandigarh. The winners were given prize of Rs. 10,000/- each and free registration.
- **Papers of Distinction:** Dr. Narayan Prasad, Dr. Ram Naval Rao and Brijesh Yadav from SGPGI, Lucknow, Dr. Ramya Barani from Sri Ramchandra Medical University, Chennai and Ms. Shruti Dave, Dr. Vipul Patel, Mr. Chetan Patel, from IKDRC-ITS, Ahmedabad. The winners were given prize of Rs. 5,000/- each and free registration.

Fifty kidney allograft recipients on no conventional/ minimum immunosuppression had also come on invitation of the organizers; and delegates met them and were convinced of transplantation tolerance. Totally 270 transplanters and students in the field participated actively and all were very happy with the exchange of ideas and one and all felt that this institute had many advances in all fields related to transplantation, to offer to the world. Overseas delegates from Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cameroun, Croatia, Japan, Thailand, Mauritius, Nepal, Nigeria, Singapore, Tunisia and USA had also joined us in the event. Faculty included 27 members. Award session of the conference was held at 7 p.m. on Saturday the 10th January, 2015. Prof. Hari Gautam, Former Chairman, UGC and Current

Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology, Jaipur, presided over this function. Padmashri Prof. Saroj Chooramani Gopal, Former V.C., Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi and Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj Medical University, Lucknow was the guest of honor for the ceremony.



Prof. Sakaguchi receiving Maharshi Sushruta Gnyaanpeeth Sanmaanand citation from Prof. Hari Gautam and Prof. Trivedi.



Prof. Ezzedine receiving a certificate and cash prize from Prof. Hari Gautam and Prof. Trivedi.



Dancers of “Nritya Bhaاراتi School of Performing Arts” performing on the occasion of the conference.