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The 4th International Congress of the Society of Ethnopharmacology on ‘**Healthcare in 21st Century: Perspectives of Ethnopharmacology and Medicinal Plant Research**’ was jointly organized by Uka Tarsadia University, Gujarat and the Society for Ethnopharmacology (SFE), Kolkata (H.O) on February 23rd–25th 2017. It was first of its kind that was organised in the Western India and especially in the tribal belt of South Gujarat. More than 1200 delegates from all over India including 25 foreign delegates from various parts of the globe attended this international conference. Researchers of national and international repute presented their research in 15 concurrent sessions followed by more than 120 oral and 375 poster presentations. The conference (SFEC 2017) was organized under the dynamic Chairmanship of Prof. R. Krishnamurthy, Director, CGBIBT, Uka Tarsadia University.

The conference was inaugurated by Chief Patron Shri. B.U. Patel, Dr. Dinesh R. Shah, Provost and Shri Kirithbai Patel, Vice-President, Uka Tarsadia University, Gujarat. Dr. Shailesh Shah, SFEC – 2017, Patron, Prof. Rudolf Bauer, President, ISE, UK, Prof. A.G. Ambali, Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Nigeria, Prof. M. Heinrich, UCL School of London, UK; Shri. Shekhar Dutt, Ex-Governor, Chhattisgarh, India, Prof. Vd. K S Dhiman, Director General, CCRAS, New Delhi, Dr. Pratim Banerji, President, SFE-India, Prof. Pulok Mukherji, Secretary, SFE-India, Mr. Indraneel Das, Vice President, SFE-India also shared the dais. The inaugural ceremony was followed by SFE-annual award ceremony, where in eminent personalities who have contributed to the field of ethnopharmacology and medicinal plants were conferred awards.

Sessions on broader aspects of Ethnopharmacology and medicinal plants were conducted. One of the major highlights of the conference was a Healers Session wherein the traditional wisdom of collection, preservation and cultivation of medicinal plants have been shared with the academia and industry. An Interactive Healers Session with renowned scientists, industrialists, NGOs and farmers on how to promote ethnopharmacology and traditional health practices at the global level were conducted. These discussions not only revealed various problems the traditional healers are facing and even the general public in accepting the traditional medicine, but also the various ways by which we can educate the general public and help government in developing policies to promote ethnopharmacology and medicinal plants research. Researchers across the globe presented their research and competed for the best prize in oral and poster presentations. Interestingly, SFEC -2017 witnessed 67% of female participants.

This conference was partly supported by government agencies like Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) New Delhi, Department of Science and Technology (DST-SERB), Indian National Science Academy and also by well-wishers from various industries. The dignitaries admired Uka Tarsadia University for organizing successfully such a mega – event.

This conference has opened the door for researchers and scientists of Gujarat State to collaborate with foreign scientists working in respective field. UTU has successfully disseminated our culture also through evening schedule of cultural programme. The congress was a great success.

Prof. R. Krishnamurthy

Organizing Chairman, SFEC 2017