

15th ISCB INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (1SCBC-2011)

Hotel Grand Bhagwati, Rajkot India, 4th-7th February, 2011

Bridging Gaps in Discovery and Development: Chemical and Biological Sciences for Affordable Health, Wellness and Sustainability

To Commemorate 2011 as the International Year of Chemistry, Indian Society of Chemists and Biologists, India has organized its 15th International Conference on “Bridging Gaps in Discovery and Development: Chemical and Biological Sciences for Affordable Health, Wellness and Sustainability” at Hotel Grand Bhagwati, with association of Saurashtra University, Rajkot India , 4th-7th February, 2011. Prof. Nicole Moreau, President, International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry and Secretary General of the Comite National de la Chimie ,CNRS, France was chief guest of the function. The four days scientific programs includes 52 plenary lectures, 24 invited lectures by the eminent scientists and 12 oral presentations were scheduled. 317 posters were presented by young scientists and Ph. D. students in three different poster sessions. Several Scientists have presented their work on Drug Research, Chemical Sciences, Bionanotechnology, material science, Chemical Biology, Glycobiology, Biochemistry.

Valedictory Function

Chief Guest of valedictory function was the her Excellency Dr .Shrimati Kamla, the Governor of Gujarat. During her Excellency address, she highlighted that 20th century remained the century of exploitation, where mankind and nature became victims of exploitation, it led to global imbalance creating a gulf between the affluent and poor classes, and it also increased the gap between the developed and developing countries. She said in this century, we must endeavor to bridge the gap, also striking an ideal balance. India is set to increase its eminence in global arena. She highlighted that India have excellent youth-power, excellent knowledge pool, excellent democracy and excellent system of justice are the four pillars for India. We have the highest young population in the world, of which 72% of the total population is below 40 years of age. But majority of the population in the world be it India, South East Asia and many other parts of the world are facing the acute health and malnutrition problems. She said various diseases like Malaria, Leishmaniasis, Tuberculosis ,swine flu, Chikungunya, dengue fever are posing a big challenge for the common man to survive which also affects the productivity of any nation and resulting into the direct impact on economy of a nation. We must focus our research as per the Gandhian philosophy that when we plan anything for the development the focus should be the common man so that he can avail the fruits of such development. She appeal all the delegates of this international conference to follow the same principle of Gandhian philosophy that when you develop new drugs, new vaccines, or new cure for the diseases always think of the poorest of the poor be benefitted by the outcome of your research.