

REPORT ON CONDUCT OF

11th National Conference on Health Professions Education (NCHPE 2019)

Belagavi, 21st to 23rd November 2019

The Department of Medical Education (DOME), JN Medical College, and the University Department of Health Professions Education (UDEHP), KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research (KAHER), Belagavi in collaboration with the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education & Research (FAIMER), USA and the Association of Health Professions Educators (AHPE) India jointly conducted the 11th National Conference of Health Professions Education (NCHPE-2019) at KLE Centenary Convention Centre, Belagavi from 21st to 23rd November 2019. The theme of the conference was “Competency Based Medical Education – *Transformative Learning: from Theory to Practice*”.

The conference was inaugurated on 22nd November 2019 by Dr Prabhakar Kore, MP, Chancellor, KAHER & Chairman, KLE Society, Belagavi, Prof Dr S Sacchidanand, Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Karnataka, Bengaluru, Dr. Mark Tykocinski, Provost of Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA, Dr. William P Burdick, Vice-President, FAIMER Philadelphia, USA, Dr. Ara Tekian, Professor at University of Illinois, Chicago, USA. Prof (Dr) Vivek Saoji, Vice Chancellor, KAHER, Dr V A Kothiwale, Registrar, KAHER, Dr. Nirmala Rege, President - AHPE and Dr. Anshu, Secretary – AHPE were the Guests of Honour. Prof. (Dr.) V D Patil, Director-Hospital Development and Dr N.S Mahantshetti, Principal, J N Medical College were present. Dr Jyoti Nagmoti and Dr Roopa Bellad were the Organising Secretaries of the conference.

The newly established “Microbiology Skill Laboratory” sponsored by the Vision Group on Science & Technology, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of Karnataka (coordinated by Dr. Jyoti M Nagmoti, Professor of Microbiology) was inaugurated by Dr.S.Sachhidanand, Vice-Chancellor, RGUHS, Bengaluru on this occasion

Four hundred and fifty delegates representing various health science institutions from all over India and abroad attended the conference and more than 350 faculty members participated in the preconference workshops. A total of 16 pre-conference workshops (full day / half day) on various themes on health professions education were organised on 21st November 2019.

Dr. Mark Tykocinski, MD, EVP, Academic Affairs, Provost TJU, Dean Sidney Kimmel Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, USA, delivered the keynote address on the theme: “Implementation of successful curricular reforms: Experience from Thomas Jefferson University”. The conference included three plenary sessions on *Paradigm shift in Health Professions Education* by Dr. Avinash Supe, Former Director (ME and MH) and Dean, Emeritus Professor, Departments of GI Surgery and Medical Education, Seth GS Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai; *Leadership for Transformative change* by Dr William P. Burdick, Vice President for Education, FAIMER, Philadelphia, USA; and *Competency Based Movement – A Global Perspective* by Dr. Ara Tekian, University of Illinois, Chicago, USA. There was a highly engaging and useful large group interactive session on *Challenges in CBME implementation* facilitated by Dr. Anshu, Dr Henal Shah and Dr. Munira Hirkani.

Panel discussions were organized on Faculty Development & Role of Universities in Implementation of CBME (Moderator: Dr. VA Saoji), ‘*Technology in Education*’ (Students involved Panel; Moderator: Dr Suresh Chari) and the *Role of CBME in other Allied Health Science Professions* (Moderator: Dr Narasimhan). The conference encompassed few symposia as well.

A total of 145 scientific papers / posters were presented by delegates. The Karnataka Medical Council has allotted four credit hours for the conference delegates and two credit hours for the delegates of pre-conference workshops. There were more than 15 scientific stalls catering to the needs of implementation of CBME in the institutions. A gala cultural evening included a skit on the conference theme, which was appreciated by everyone. Overall, NCHPE-2019 provided delegates with an enriching academic and social experience.