Virtual 3rd IRNI Symposium 2022: Exploring Recent Advancements in Drug Discovery and Development

The Virtual 3rd IRNI Symposium 2022, a two-day international scientific event (23-24 November 2022) centred around the theme "Shaping the Future of Medicine: Recent Advancements in Drug Discovery and Development" was organised by the Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM, with the aim of sharing valuable knowledge and showcasing the latest inventions in drug discovery and development. This programme was conducted in collaboration with MoU partner universities, inviting plenary speakers from Queen's University Belfast (QUB), United Kingdom; Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM) University, India; Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia; Mahidol University, Thailand; Pharmaniaga Berhad, Malaysia's renowned pharmaceutical industry; and other prestigious universities such as University College London, United Kingdom and University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.





A total of eight plenary speakers and eighteen invited speakers from Faculty of Pharmacy, UiTM, National Institute of Health, Hospital Pulau Penang and Malaysian Palm Oil Board from Malaysia, Kyoto Pharmaceutical University Japan, QUB, University of Santo Tomas Philippines, Perintis University Indonesia, Walailak University Thailand and Virchow Biotech India shared their invaluable knowledge and ideas. The highlights focused on recent innovations in drug discovery and development for the tailored treatment of chronic diseases. Academicians, researchers, healthcare professionals, and post-graduate students from Malaysia, United Kingdom, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines were among the 84 registered attendees that attended the event.





This successful event ultimately created a dynamic platform to bring together scientists from a wide range of research fields, establish new research collaborations, and share common experiences and best practices in an international environment. The participants appreciated that the topics covered were relevant to the symposium's theme, as well as the committee members' hard work in virtually ensuring the smooth running of this excellent programme. They were also enriched with new knowledge and gained insight into the latest trends and developments in drug discovery and development.

In conjunction with Virtual 3rd IRNI Symposium 2022, a face-to-face pre-symposium workshop on "HPLC Technique and Applications" was organised by Analytical Unit, Faculty of Pharmacy UiTM from 16 to 17 November 2022, involving an expert from AuRIns, UiTM and an application and product specialist from CX1 Services Sdn Bhd, Malaysia. A total of 25 registered participants, including staff and post-graduate, joined this event, which aimed to enhance the knowledge on high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), particularly on qualitative and quantitative analysis approaches and HPLC method development, specifically for natural products in drug discovery. A hands-on session on HPLC analysis was an added essence of this workshop, serving as the highlight of this event. This event received positive feedback. with participants appreciating the speaker's expertise and topics that were covered.



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