

Asia is the Earth's largest and most populous continent, which has exhibited dynamism in the spheres of economic, social, and scientific activities. It is important to all Asian countries to contribute to the progress of science and technology, standing shoulder to shoulder with the west. In 2009, "Asian Communications of Glycobiology and Glycotechnology" (ACGG) was started, and got renamed as "Asian Community of Glycobiology and Glycotechnology" in 2013 at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual conference held in Khon Khaen, Thailand. Glycoscience is a new scientific area with huge potential, and ACGG serves as a platform for the collaboration of researchers in Asian countries through sharing the technologies, resources, and information in the field.

6<sup>th</sup> ACGG conference was held in the 'City of Pearls' - Hyderabad, India from 9<sup>th</sup> December to 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 in the University of Hyderabad. The University of Hyderabad (UoH), one of the major institutions of higher education founded in 1974 has emerged as a leading center of higher education and research in India.

This meeting was hosted by the first International Research Training Group in Molecular and Cellular Glyco-Science which was formed between the University of Hyderabad, India and University of Muenster, Germany to understand the structure-function relationships of carbohydrates and carbohydrate-related proteins. DST and UPE extended their financial support to this successful event.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December all participants arrived. On 10<sup>th</sup> December- 6<sup>th</sup> ACGG meeting was inaugurated by lighting the lamp with a motto "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that" as quoted by Martin Luther King. Vice-Chancellor: Prof. Ramakrishna Ramaswamy presided over the inaugural function. The Dean School of Life Sciences talked about the School. Prof. M.J.Swamy welcomed all the participants from India as well as from other nations. Prof. N. Siva Kumar, Chairman of 6<sup>th</sup> ACGG spoke about the aims and importance of the conference. Prof. P.Appa Rao gave the vote of thanks.

Scientific program of this conference consisting of long and short talks starting from the well-known Scientist Prof. Hisashi Narimatsu; went on for two and a half days and ended with Prof. Kazuyuki Sugahara followed by a concluding session. 25 speakers presented their work and success story of glycobiology narrating the study of various carbohydrate containing biomolecules such as oligo- and polysaccharides, glycoproteins and glycolipids which are increasingly recognized as information bearing molecules with highly important signaling and regulatory functions within the cells and organisms. 24 Research Scholars presented their posters. This was witnessed by the Scientists and Research Scholars of India, China, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

6<sup>th</sup> ACGG also showcased the cultural heritage of India by giving a platform to Kuchipudi style of dance on 11<sup>th</sup> December evening. The multi cuisine food served with all hyderabadi style of dishes decorated with all Indian spices attracted everyone.

Thus 6<sup>th</sup> ACGG conference turned out as a good platform to share the scientific knowledge among all Asian countries to achieve the best in the field of Glycobiology and Glycotechnology and allowed direct interaction among scientists from different nations and explored the possible collaborations in future. The steering committee also met and discussed the possible host country for the 7<sup>th</sup> ACGG conference.

