

# GeNeEvent - Manipal Genetics Update V on Genomics of Neurodevelopmental Disorders

9 – 10 February, 2018



Manipal Genetics Update V on Genomics of Neurodevelopmental Disorders, organized by the Department of Medical Genetics, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, was held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 at Manipal, Karnataka. The event brought together international and national experts in the field of neurodevelopmental and neurogenetics research. The first day of the event commenced with inauguration and the John M Opitz Award Presentation to Dr Gandham SriLakshmi Bhavani by Dr John Carey, Editor-in-Chief Emeritus, American Journal of Medical Genetics. The researchers deliberated in detail about the current standards for best practices in diagnosis, treatment, support services and prevention of neurodevelopmental disorders. The conference served as a platform for the delegates to become acquainted with the research findings in the field and exchange ideas and perspectives on current challenges in the diagnosis and management of these disorders. The event also provided an excellent opportunity to establish strong collaborations for research on neurogenetics.

## GeNeEvent - PediGen 2018

23 - 25 February, 2018



PediGen2018, the third of the three-yearly national Pediatric Genetics conferences was organized jointly by Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital & Research Center, Pune and the Pune chapter of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics between February 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2018, in Pune. Pediatric growth disorders and Genodermatoses were the main themes along with a half-day session on the basic principles of Medical Genetics for pediatricians followed by case discussions with enthusiastic audience participation. The growth disorders session included various aspects of normal and abnormal growth and addressed the genetic etiology underlying low birth weight. Genodermatoses covered common clinical disorders and the session was also attended by eminent dermatologists from Pune. Prof Karen Temple, Professor of Genetics at Southampton University requires a special mention for her talk on "Imprinting" which was very well appreciated. A special program to commemorate the Rare Disease Day celebration was held on February 24<sup>th</sup> in which families with lysosomal storage disorders came to share their experiences and hear about new developments in the field. PediGen2018 delegates were encouraged to complete a Genetics crossword, present an e-poster as well as participate in a PG Quiz. Dr Pallavi Vats from MAMC, New Delhi was the winner of both the quiz and poster competitions. SIAMG president Prof. Madhulika Kabra kindly presented the compilation of reviews from Genetic Clinics (*'Genetics Update for the Next Generation Clinician'*) to PediGen2018 delegates which was highly appreciated by the attending pediatricians.