



MANIPAL PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE

August 28-30, 2025

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2025

Theme

Translating Innovation: Bridging Pharmaceutical Research
and Therapeutic Outcome

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 1: THURSDAY August 28, 2025 (Pre-conference Workshop)*

Venue: Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, MAHE, Manipal, India

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Inauguration	Chief Guest: Dr Anil K Bhat, Dean, KMC Manipal, MAHE, Manipal
Time	Preconference Workshop	Speakers
10:00 AM – 4:30 PM	1. AI in Drug Discovery and Development	Dr Vinod Devaraj , Senior Scientist II, Schrodinger, Bangalore Dr Dileep Kumar , Assistant Professor - Sr Scale, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, MCOPS, MAHE, Manipal
	2. Application of DoE in Pharmaceutical Development	Dr Usha Y Nayak , Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutics, MCOPS, MAHE, Manipal
	3. Analytical Applications in Drug Discovery and Drug Delivery	Dr Gurubasavaraj HM , Principal Technical Support Specialist, Southern Region, Waters India Ms Dilshad Pullancheri , Sales Development Specialist, Waters India
	4. Polymerase Chain Reaction and its Applications	Dr Jesil A Mathew , Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, MCOPS, MAHE, Manipal
	5. Scientific Manuscript Preparation and Journal Selection	Dr Yogendra Nayak , Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmacology, MCOPS, MAHE, Manipal

*Note: Only for Preconference Registered Delegates

Day 2: FRIDAY August 29, 2025

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Registration	Venue: Dr TMA Pai Hall, 2 nd Floor, KMC, MAHE, Manipal
Scientific Sessions		Venue: Dr TMA Pai Auditorium, 3 rd Floor, KMC, MAHE, Manipal
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Inauguration	Chief Guest: Dr H S Ballal, Pro Chancellor, MAHE Manipal
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Chairperson: Dr Manesh Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, Manipal - Government of Karnataka Biocubator, MAHE, Manipal	Speaker: Dr Sunil Kumar Panigrahi, Associate Vice President, Aurigene Pharmaceutical Services Limited, Bangalore Topic: From Lab to Clinic: Discovery of Potent and Selective PPAR δ Modulators
Tea Break		
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Chairperson: Dr Ramakrishna Shabaraya A, Principal, Srinivas College of Pharmacy, Mangalore	Speaker: Dr Kamal Dua, Associate Professor, University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, Australia Topic: Emerging Therapeutic Interventions in the Treatment of Lung Diseases: Discovery & Roadmap Through Interdisciplinary Research of Biological Advances to Advance Delivery Systems
11:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Chairperson: Dr Mohammed Gulzar Ahmed, Principal, Yenepoya Pharmacy College & Research Centre, Mangalore	Speaker: Dr Zohar Sihorwala, Senior Vice President & Head – Global Regulatory Affairs, Wockhardt Limited, Aurangabad Topic: The Role of Regulatory Affairs in Enabling Innovation and Access
Lunch Break		Venue: Dr TMA Pai Hall, 2 nd Floor, KMC, MAHE, Manipal
2:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Poster Presentations	Venue: Dr TMA Pai Hall, 1 st Floor, KMC, Manipal Session 1: 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM Session 2: 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Entertainment	Venue: Dr TMA Pai Auditorium, 3 rd Floor, KMC, MAHE, Manipal
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Gala Dinner	Venue: Dr TMA Pai Hall, 2 nd Floor, KMC, MAHE, Manipal

Day 3: SATURDAY August 30, 2025

Venue: Dr TMA Pai Auditorium, 3rd Floor, KMC, MAHE, Manipal

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Chairperson: Dr Satish Rao, Director, Manipal School of Life Sciences, MAHE, Manipal	Speaker: Dr Abhijeet Pandey, Manager, R&D Competitive Intelligence, Novartis Healthcare Topic: Targeting Oligonucleotide to the Brain: Technology Intelligence and Landscape Analysis
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	Chairperson: Dr Raviraja N S, Senior Director – Research, Directorate of Research, MAHE, Manipal	Speaker: Dr Praveen Kumar Shetty, Former Assistant Vice President-Clinical Development- Bioplus Life Sciences, Bangalore Topic: Endpoints in Clinical Trials for the Regulatory Approval of Oncology Molecules
Tea Break		
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Chairperson: Dr Marina Koland, Principal, NGSM Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mangalore	Speaker: Dr Mahadev Rao, Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, MAHE, Manipal Topic: The Significance of Translational Research in the Advancement of Precision Medicine in India
11:45 AM – 1:30 PM	PharmAZy Quiz Final Round Chairperson: Dr Paras Sharma, Associate Editor, Journal of Applied Pharmaceutical Science, New Delhi Quiz Master: Dr Jeyaprakash R S, Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, MCOPS, MAHE, Manipal	
Lunch Break		Venue: Dr TMA Pai Hall, 2 nd Floor, KMC, MAHE, Manipal
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Panel Discussion Chairpersons: Dr Saleemulla Khan, Principal, P A College of Pharmacy, Mangalore Dr Prakash Goudanavar, Principal and Dean, Sri Adichunchanagiri College of Pharmacy, B G Nagar, Karnataka	Topic: AI and ML in Drug Discovery and Development Moderator: Dr Bharath B R, Senior Research Officer, Jai Research Foundation, Vapi, Gujarat Panelists: Dr Jagdish K, Vice President, Global Head - Healthcare and Life Sciences, Zensar Technologies, Hyderabad Dr R Govindarajan, Chief Innovation Officer, Adret Retail Ltd (Kapiva), Bangalore Dr Abhijeet Pandey, Manager, R&D Competitive Intelligence, Novartis Healthcare
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Prize Distribution and Valedictory	Chief Guest: Dr Sharath K Rao, Pro Vice Chancellor (Health Sciences), MAHE, Manipal
4:30 PM	High Tea	