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Post-promo
The 8th National Congress of KNAPS was held on February 9th and 10th under the theme of "Medicinal Equality and Safety | A Pharmacist Who Realizes Humanism". About 150 pharmacy students all over the country gathered and created academic, cultural exchange through NC. Starting with the speech of Lee Yong-bok, chairman of the Korean Pharmaceutical Association, a total of five renowned speakers of the medical community talked about medical equality and safety that pharmacists and pharmacy students should consider of, with participants.

On the first day, there was a lecture by Secretary-General of Doctors without borders Korea branch, Thierry Coppens and Seoul National University. Department of Pharmacy, Prof., Jinho Jung. Also there were a Compounding Event(CE) and Patient Counseling Event(PCE). On the second day, Korea Institute of Drug Safety and Risk Management(KIDS), Director, Soonyoung Han, Association of Healthcare for Korean Unification, Pharmacist, Hyekyung Lee, President, Korean Red Cross, Kyungseo Park, were lecturers.

In addition, KNAPS held PD events(PCE, CE, CSE) to develop the pharmacy profession, and invited overseas pharmacy school students to participate in NC. Also, in the evening, KNAPS planned a homecoming day to talk with seniors. Through Social Night, not only domestic pharmacy school students but also students from IPSF APRO, most of all the participants had a close relationship together.
K-Pharm Leaders’ Camp (KPLC) is a leadership program that holds for lasts two days before National Congress (NC). A variety of lecturers gave lectures on leadership.

『Adapting to Change』-Prof. Jungsun Kim, 『My Strength and My Field』-Ms. Yoonsook Na, 『Public Speaking』-Ms. Waranyu Lengwiri-yakul (Kimmy). In addition to speaking, we’ve held a variety of workshops that include participatory games to foster leadership.

This year, 16 pharmacy school students from five countries (Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand) participated to hear lectures from pharmacists who are working hard as leaders in each field as well as Leadership Workshop.

Also, during the KPLC program, participants went to the Korean Association Against Drug Abuse (KAADA) to raise awareness of the drugs that are at issue in domestically and also internationally and had time to introduce Korea, including visiting Changgyeong Palace at night.
He gave us speech related to doctor’s roles in disputed territory such as Syria.
How to maintain equality in medical care, fairness, and independence.
He also spoke about difficulties such as deficiency of medical products that organizations are facing at the moment.
Medications: A double-edged sword. It brings huge benefits to human as well as side effects which we cannot disregard. He suggested people’s trusts towards medications and not pharmaceutical experts will be the solution.
‘Medication Safety Management Business, Key to Enhance the Nation’s Status’

She gave us a brief introduction to the KIDS and safety managing businesses. She also encouraged us to maintain safety as a pharmacist by having professional knowledge, responsibility, and mission.
Pharmacist, Hyekyung Lee
Association of Healthcare for Korean Unification

‘Check my value in relation to North Korea's medical support, persist investing in yourself’

To achieve equality in medical care for South and North Korea, we should change our prejudice that North Korean pharmaceutics are less professional. She also spoke about reality of North Korea medical system, her tough journey escaping from North Korea till made it to Seoul, and her life in pharmacy school. She encouraged us to set a goal and to stick to our beliefs.
President, Kyungseo Park
Korean Red Cross

‘Humanism, the Third Way’

He gave us speech about ‘Jean-Henri Dunant’, founder of Korean Red Cross and humanism. Humanism is a melting pot of human right, peace, volunteer, and sustainable development. He also encouraged us to surpass the limit of Korea with having a humanitarian perspective.
The Social Night event was organized to facilitate communication between KNAPS members after the end of the National Congress Day 1. In addition to KNAPS members, all of the foreign pharmacy students from Taiwan, Japan and the others, and senior pharmacists who have been active in various fields of society after graduation participated in this event.

We had a chance to share the talk with the members about the Congress and have an honest and truthful conversation with our senior pharmacists. We hope that these meaningful relationships created in the Social Night will be strengthened through other various KNAPS events in the future.
KNAPS hosted the Homecoming Day to celebrate our 12th anniversary. In order to show that we have grown to 1,500 members and how well we’ve been doing, we announced the recent activities and news of KNAPS, expressing our gratitude to our seniors. Also, we prepared the place to create a network of KNAPS through conversation between senior and junior members. On this homecoming day, about 20 seniors and around 50 KNAPS members participated to share the talk about our group as well as to strengthen friendship with each other.
As pharmacists’ skills are changing rapidly, aggressive medication counseling is rising as a function unique of pharmacists. We held the ‘Patient Counselling Event (PCE)’ to reconsider the importance of medication counseling ability and develop patient communication skills. The subjects were divided into three categories: respiratory, cardiovascular, and diabetes, each where medication adherence and therapeutic effect are closely related. The Event was divided into Beginner level and Advanced level.

Inhalers used to treat COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) are rather complex to apply. Thus, medication counseling plays a crucial role. As future pharmacists, we selected Ventolin Evohaler and Xoterna Breezhaler, two representative inhalers, to familiarize with the instructions and to suggest better medication counseling. Next, we selected Lantus inj. Solostar, prescribed to diabetic patients mainly for self-injection, to develop counseling skills for injectable preparations. Nitroglycerin, which is prescribed mainly for cardiovascular diseases, is sublingual table that requires guidance on administration.

We had the opportunity to experience patients’ difficulties first-hand and emphasize the importance of pharmacists by role playing patient–pharmacist. Through this conference, we went over various forms of medication including the sublingual formulation.

On the afternoon of February 9, 17 people participated in the medication counseling contest, and six evaluation committee members conducted the assessment of medication counseling practice and theoretical evaluation (SOAP note and theoretical question) of each topic.
Compounding Event
CE

Compounding drug is one of the key functions for pharmacist required by the era of Personal Medicine. Prior to this, a Compounding Event was held to provide an opportunity to acquire skills related to the importance of various pharmaceuticals.

The 8th National Congress (NC) selected Vanishing Cream and Cold Cream as the main theme of CE.

On February 9th afternoon, a total of 15 participants learned theory about basic cream formulation. Participants also learned through experiments that vanishing cream and cold cream are O/W type and W/O type respectively. Based on safety, the agenda of this NC, was to identify the lot number and expiration date of the sample during preparation. Highlight the pharmacist’s various functions, including safety aspects, through accurate capacity measurement and signature.
In the 8th NC, KNAPS held a Clinical Skills Event (CSE) for all students who participated in the NC, including general theories of pharmacy school subjects and issues of pharmacy society.

CSE was consisted of 30 questions on KNAPS-related information, along with a full range of pharmacy topics, including Pharmacognosy, Pharmacology, Biomedical Science, and Pharmacy related Issues.

KNAPS held a competition to develop 'specialty', which is the first virtue that pharmacists need. Online game-based platform, 'Kahoot', was useful to increase engagement and foster excitement of the participants.
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