

PHFI at the International Society of hypertension (ISH), Beijing, China

27th Scientific Meeting of International Society of Hypertension brought together elite speakers and distinguished representatives from the scientific, clinical, and business fronts to present leading research and cutting-edge technology in the field of hypertension-related issues. The three day conference witnessed various plenary lectures, expert sessions, workshops and industry symposia and over 2000 delegates attended the conference. The Public Health Foundation of India had an excellent representation during the conference, with two moderated posters, two oral presentations, an exhibition booth and a dedicated breakfast session on the Certificate Course in Management of Hypertension. The conference also acted as a platform to explore opportunities for expansion and collaboration with various international organizations.

Details of the activities and a few glimpses from the conference:

- Dr. Sandeep Bhalla had an oral presentation on the *'Collaborative Model for the Capacity Building of Healthcare Professionals of African Region'*
- Dr. Arun Jose had a moderated poster presentation on *'Collaborating with state governments for building capacity of medical officers in the management of hypertension and its complications'* which was selected in the ISH New Investigator poster presentation award category. He was also a moderator for the poster presentations in population sciences category on 22nd September 2018.



- Dr. Variyata Bagre had a moderated poster presentation on *'Nationally and internationally acclaimed model for improving competency of primary care physicians in management of hypertension'*



- Mr. Nikki Pandey had an oral presentation on 'May Measurement Month India-2017- a nationwide campaign for screening of raised blood pressure' which was selected for the ISH New Investigators oral presentation award category



- A dedicated breakfast session was held on 23rd September, 2018 on the ‘*Certificate Course in Management of Hypertension*’. The session acted as a platform to showcase the program model, its activities and various achievements of the course. Prof. Alta Schutte (President Elect, ISH) and Dr. Sandeep Bhalla (Director – Training, PHFI) were the chairpersons for the session. Prof. D. Prabhakaran (Vice President- Research and Policy, PHFI), Prof. Neil Poulter (President, ISH), Prof. Albertino Damasceno (PASCAR representative) and Dr. Arun Jose (Sr. Program Manager, CCMH) were the presenters at the session. The program model, various program activities & international collaboration for expansion of the program were presented during the session. PASCAR presented the model of expansion in the African region and informed that the course was set to be rolled out in Sudan, Kenya and Cameroon in the coming months. Prof Damasceno also informed that the Government of Sudan had provided funding to initiate the course in Sudan. The session witnessed participation from representatives of various hypertension societies from around the world.



- PHFI also had an exhibition booth which served as a platform for interaction with the national & international delegates and discuss various opportunities for future collaborations.

