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### **ICTCR convocation ceremony**



The International Center For Training In Clinical Research (ICTCR), headed by Dr Mary Francis, Dean and Executive Director, celebrated their convocation ceremony of the second batch of Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Research on 15th June 2008 at Khalsa College, Matunga, Mumbai.

The occasion was graced by Dr Antal Hajos, Managing Director, Nycomed Pharma, who was the chief guest, and Dr Carey Bowker, the guest of honour. The awards were given along with Francis and Paul Chalissery, Director Marketing, ICTCR. The function started with a quote defining the ideology of ICTCR, as said by Williams B Yeats 'Education is not filling a bucket but lighting a fire'.

Hajos spoke on opportunities, trends and growth in the industry of clinical research. He stressed on medical writing as a very demanding career in this Industry. At the end of the presentation, Hajos highlighted the fact that India is the most upcoming country in the field of clinical research with a bright future for all hardworking aspirants. Bowker, the guest of honour, spoke on clinical research as a career option and his experiences in this career. He emphasised that there are various opportunities in India itself for growth in the clinical research industry.

The trophies, awards and certificates were distributed to the students by the Francis, Bowker, the faculty members Dr V V Joshi, Medical Director, USV and Dr Sagar Pawar, Head of Quality Assurance, Macleods Pharmaceuticals.

Francis, enlightened students by saying "Education is an ongoing process with age as no barrier, one must never stop educating oneself at any stage of life." She advised students to be patient and sincere and to devote at least four or five years in one Clinical Research Organisation (CRO). The convocation ceremony came to an end with vote of thanks from Chalissery.