

Biography

Shyam Prasad Lohani, MPharm, MAACT, PhD

Shyam P Lohani is a Pharmacist, Clinical Pharmacologist/Toxicologist, Suicidologist and a Professor at Nobel College and Hospital, Pokhara University since 2002. He is known as a pioneer in starting Nepal Poison Information Center in 1997 with the help of Central Ohio Poison Center, Columbus, Ohio. He was consulted for more than 150 thousand acute toxicity cases for toxicologic management mainly suicidal in nature from different hospitals throughout the country since 1997 till date.

He has started Suicide Prevention Training and Research Center in Nepal in 2008. He is actively involved in Health Systems Research focusing in Suicide, Clinical Pharmacology/Toxicology, HIV/AIDS, Pharmacoepidemiology, Pharmacoconomics, Pharmaceutical care, NCDs, and International Health. He is also writing opinion articles on the health issues to “The Rising Nepal (TRN, First National Daily English Vernacular Newspaper)” as a regular columnist since January 2019. Prof. Lohani is currently also serving as a Consultant, Nepal Health Research Council for “Assessment of Pesticide Residue Level from Consumers’ Kitchen and Its Health Impact” project.

Education and background

Lohani completed his schooling from his home town of Chandragadhi, Jhapa, Nepal. He later earned his Proficiency Certificate Level (PCL, Science) in Science from Amrit Science Campus, Kathmandu securing top position in national level among physical group. His interest in a career in Pharmacy took him to Dhaka, Bangladesh where he graduated from Dhaka University in 1991 with Nepal and Bangladesh government joint scholarship. He secured first class first position in Bachelor Degree.

He completed post graduate from Faculty of Pharmacy, Dhaka University in 1993 also with first class first position and later completed fellowship in Clinical Pharmacology/Toxicology from Central Ohio Poison Center, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio in 1997-99. He completed his PhD in Suicide Psychology from Tribhuvan University, Nepal in 2004.

Career and Achievements

He started his career as a Quality Assurance, Research and Development Pharmacist in Deurali Janta Pharmaceuticals (a premier pharmaceutical company in Nepal) in 1993 and soon he became Factory Controller and later joined as a lecturer of Pharmacy in Kathmandu University in 1995.

He provided pharmaceutical consultancy services to many pharmaceutical companies in Nepal from 1996-2000 before starting a Nepal Drug and Poison Information Center from 1st July 1997.

He is also a Clinical Director and Consultant Clinical Toxicologist of Nepal Drug and Poison Information Center (international site for medical toxicology training of MD Emergency Medicine fellows from US) which provides 24/7 Medicines and Toxicology management services to the health care professionals and the general public since its establishment.

Prof. Lohani served as a Director of Quality Assurance and Accreditation, University Grants Commission, Nepal (Secretary level of the Government of Nepal) and Member Secretary of Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council from 4th July 2015 to 3rd July 2018.

Dr. Lohani served as a hospital planning consultant for setting of Ashwin Medical College, now known as Medicity Hospital Pvt. Ltd. Kathmandu, Nepal in 2012-13.

He is a Founder, Academic Director and Professor of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Research at Nobel College, Pokhara University and headed Center for Health Research and International Relations of the same institution since 2002. He is also a Founder Director of Nobel Hospital (a 100 Bed Tertiary Care Center in Kathmandu, Nepal).

He is involved as a resource person for Nepal Health Research Council for providing training to health professionals on Advanced Research Methodology since 1997. He worked as a lead consultant in the development of curricula of Public Health, Nursing, Medical Microbiology and Medical Biochemistry for Pokhara University.

He had contributed for the development of Nepal's National Essential Drug Policy and National Antibiotics Guidelines. He has performed as a national consultant for a study on highly mobile sex workers for FHI- 360; study on tobacco economics for Nepal Health Research Council; ACMS on tuberculosis control program of BNMT's TB/HIV collaboration, evaluation of free drug scheme of Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) for Nepal Planning Commission and JICA; and prepared country background papers on HIV Surveillance on General Population, HIV Case Reporting and TB/HIV Co-infection for NCASC, MoHP.

He had delivered presentations on plenary session and also has chaired scientific sessions at many national and international conferences. He has been involved as a reviewer for ISPOR congresses, also represent as an editorial board member in many national and international peer reviewed indexed health journals. He has more than 150 original research papers, review papers and broadsheet health articles published in national and international journals, broadsheet papers and supervised dissertations of over hundred undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral students.

Membership

- International Society of Pharmaco-economics and Outcome Research
- International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology
- International Society of Infectious Diseases, WHO
- International AIDS Society
- Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology

- American Academy of Clinical Toxicology
- Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics- Nepal
- Nepal Pharmaceutical Association (NPA) and Publicity Secretary, NPA and Editor in Chief of Journal and Bulletin of NPA
- Graduate Pharmacists Association Nepal
- Association of Clinical and Hospital Pharmacists

Honor

- Recipient, 2014 International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology (ISPE) International Meeting Award to present research paper at 30th International Conference on Pharmacoepidemiology and Therapeutic Risk Management, Taipei, Taiwan from 24-27 October 2014.
- Recipient, 2014 International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) International Meeting Scholarship Award to present research paper at 19th International Annual International Meeting, Montreal, Canada from 31st May to 4th June 2014.
- Principal Investigator, Earthquake Preparedness of Hospitals in Kathmandu Valley funded by UCSF, Fresno, February to May, 2012.
- 2011 Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics (APUA) Chapter Leadership Award for effective multi-hospital coordination to increase practitioners awareness of Antibiotic Resistance and Trends by APUA International, Boston, MC.
- Short Term WHO Consultant to participate in the 8th Annual Conference of Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology, Beijing, China, 19-22 October 2009.
- Short Term WHO Consultant, 7th Annual Conference of Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology, Chandigarh, India, 11-14 December 2008.
- Short Term WHO Consultant, 6th Annual Conference of Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology, Bangkok, Thailand, 11-15 December 2007.
- National Consultant, An Evaluation Study on Health Tax and Consumption of Tobacco in Nepal from 1 March 2006 to 30 June 2006, funded by Nepal Health Research Council in cooperation with the Global Fund.
- Honored with “ King Mahendra Vidya Bhusan – KA” with certificate for PhD in Clinical Psychology by His Majesty the King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev at Royal Palace on 24 February, 2006.
- Doctoral Research Grant on Deliberate Self Poisoning by United Hands to Nepal (a non-Governmental International Organization - Columbus, Ohio, USA) and supported by Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio from March 2002 to March 2004.
- Training course on “INTOX System 4.0 Data Management System” at The twelfth meeting of the IPCS INTOX Working Group for Poisons Centers, at the University Hospital, Erfurt, Germany, organised by the Joint Poisons Information Center of the Federal States of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia with funding provided to the IPCS by the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety from 7-11, November 2000.
- Micromedex International Excellence Award on Clinical Toxicology for presenting research paper at North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology at Tucson, Arizona, USA on 15-18 September 2000.

- Honored with “ King Mahendra Vidya Bhusan – KHA” with certificate for obtaining First Class First position in Master of Pharmacy by His Majesty the King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev at Royal Palace on 24 February, 1998.
- Honored with “ King Mahendra Vidya Bhusan – GA” with certificate for obtaining First Class First position in Bachelor of Pharmacy by His Majesty the King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev at Royal Palace on 24 February, 1998.
- Dhaka University Merit award for First Class First position in Master of Pharmacy in August 1994.
- Honored with Medal by Leo Club of Dhaka Greater Metropolitan for highest achievement in B. Pharm. (Honors) in 1993.
- Dhaka University Honor for First Class First position in Bachelor of Pharmacy in Oct 1993.
- Dhaka University Merit Scholarship for Master of Pharmacy 1991-93.
- HMG of Nepal and Bangladesh Government Joint Scholarship for Bachelor of Pharmacy in University of Dhaka from 1987-1991.