

### **Institutional Distinctiveness**

#### **SIMSCON – for the students, by the students, of the students**

SMVMCH had envisaged the intense need for training related to Research, STS projects, skill workshops, ethics, attitude and communication skills for medical graduates and had formally initiated a unique endeavour called ‘SIMSCON’ abbreviation of ‘South Indian medical students conference’. With its roots being sprouted as early as 2009, even before the existence of students’ ventured conference for MBBS program in South India, SMVMCH had pioneered by introducing ‘SIMSCON’ which has evolved as an event successfully conducted every year since then.

In 2019, when MCI introduced CBME curriculum for Undergraduates, the challenging task for the teaching and the students’ community was the mandate to conduct programs similar to the SIMSCON. But it was a cake-walk for the faculty and the undergraduate students of SMVMCH to fulfil the demands of the new CBME curriculum efficiently and evolve as knowledgeable and skilled medical professionals.

SIMSCON is an annual academic event organized by the Students’ council of SMVMCH every September. Though the event’s name denotes South India, the event has progressed as a national level conference when students from six different states actively participated in the event. The event which was initiated as a faculty organised event was fervently embraced by the student council and unfolded as a vibrant ‘SIMSCON’ with a success story of large number of talented students emerging as event organisers.

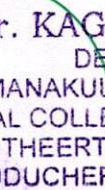
The student council has created few designed post for SIMSCON namely, Secretary for SIMSCON – Preconference workshop who heads and organises the workshop; Secretary for SIMSCON - Conference who heads and organises the conference events. The core committee was formed as the first endeavour which further led to the formation of other subcommittees which are responsible for the success of the events. The core committee is guided by staff co-coordinator and staff advisors who give their valuable inputs whenever and wherever necessary.

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No sponsors are sought for this event. This gives the students the opportunity to execute the event for only a minimal registration fee and organise with a nominal budget without compromising the quality of the event. This inculcates financial administration skills in the students. The conference event is planned immensely to showcase the research and presentation skills of medical students through Research paper presentation, case reports, Theme presentation and SIMS Quiz. The major highlight of the conference is the usage of QR codes which made the conference a technologically robust event. As each registrant who attends the SIMSCON gets a unique QR code, it will be used for attendance, issue of food and other purposes.

SIMSCON is as such a successful venture as it imparts team building, leadership, decision making, and problem solving and communication skills in the students. The SIMSCON conferences held till today has been a great success with a progressive increase in the enthusiastic delegate participation from all over South India. Also 'SIMSCON' had created a thoroughfare for the undergraduate students of SMVMVH to be at the leading-edge in developing as competent professionals.

  
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