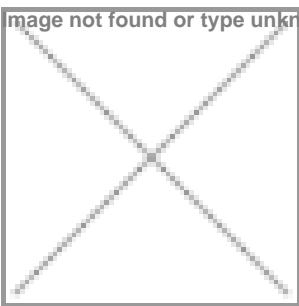


Dr Limaye becomes SCDM chair

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Dr Nimita Limaye, vice president & global head, SIRO Clinpharm, has been named chairperson of management (SCDM).

"I am deeply honored to have been considered for this position, and I hope that I will live up to the trust placed in me by SCDM, to drive its strategic priorities. I would like to thank all members on the board and all members of SCDM across the globe, for their support. I would never have been able to achieve this, without the steady support that I have received from my management at SIRO,"

"Considering SCDM's global membership profile, Nimita's achievement will definitely add a lot of value to SIRO ClinPharm, US," said Chetan Tamhankar, CEO, SIRO Clinpharm.

Sigma-aldrich CEO passes away, Rakesh Sachdev takes over

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Sigma-aldrich Corporation, a leading life sciences and high technology company, has announced the sudden death of Dr Jai P Nagarkatti, its chairman, president and CEO, who died unexpectedly, k.

Dr Nagarkatti spent his entire career with Sigma-aldrich — beginning in 1976 — with positions spanning R&D, manufacturing, operations, sales and marketing. His effectiveness and dedication were recognized in each function; and led to steady promotions and increasing responsibilities. He was elected president and chief operating officer in 2004; elected to the additional roles of CEO in 2006; and chairman of the board in 2009. He had been a member of the board of directors since

Under his leadership and guidance, the company continued its focus on service, quality, and innovation, to become a leading global life sciences and high-tech company. His vision drove the company's renewed focus on sustainability and corporate responsibility, touching countless persons in the company, and communities in which it operates.

Sigma-aldrich's board of directors, has had in place, a careful succession plan for key officers, including the CEO. The board has elected Rakesh Sachdev as president and CEO of the company. Earlier, Sachdev served as chief financial officer, chief administrative officer, and senior vice president of international business.

Dr AS Arvind joins Ecron Acunova

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DA Prasanna, chairman of Ecron Acunova (EA), an India and Europe-based clinical research organization (CRO), has announced the appointment of Dr AS Arvind as strategic advisor. He will guide the company on operational excellence and will mentor the team. From his immense experience, Arvind will support the clients medically, scientifically and strategically in their clinical

Prior to EA, Dr Arvind was chief operating officer of Clinigene, a subsidiary of Biocon. In 2000, he played an integral role in the development of Biocon's pipeline and contributed to its strategic alliances with global majors. Prior to Biocon, Dr Arvind was consultant physician at West Wales General Hospital, and has held prestigious positions at UK hospitals.