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**Singapore:** ASEAN Pharma Packaging Conference, APPCON 2017, was concluded in Singapore on 16th and 17th March 2017, with a focus on highlighting different avenues and challenges of packaging industry of pharmaceutical industry.

Dr Xu LI from Institute of Materials Research and Engineering (IMRE), A\*STAR, Singapore presented on Advanced Polymer Composites Packaging. He mentioned that advanced polymer composites packaging keep the pharmaceutical products free from contamination, humidity, UV. The solution hinders microbial growth and ensure product safety through the intended shelf life.

"Right packaging is very important and it reduces energy consumption for storage and hence reduced carbon emission," Dr. Xu LI said.

Other speakers who shared their views on packaging in pharma industry include Laxman Murugappan, Co-Founder & Lead Consultant Academy Of Customer Experience, Ong Lye Huat, Head Of Environment, Health, Safety & Security And Chairman, Abbott Manufacturing Singapore, Singapore Packaging Agreement, Yiannis Korkovelos, Policy & Corporate Affairs Manager, European Chamber Of Commerce (Singapore), Ahmad Zuhairi, Brand & Packaging Design Nutrition & Digestive Health, GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare, Subramaniam Swaminathan, Associate Director - Supply Chain & Packaging - Consumer Healthcare (APAC, MEA & LATAM), Mundipharma, among others.

Some of the companies present in the event include:

• KÃ¶ckner Pentaplast Group providing packaging, printing, and specialty solutions serving the pharmaceutical, medical device, food, beverage, and card markets among others.

• UPM Raflatac, a supplier of pressure sensitive labeling solutions used for product and information labeling across a wide range of end-uses, from pharmaceuticals and security to food and beverage applications.

• Uhlmann Pac-Systeme is a supplier for the packaging of pharmaceutical products in blisters and bottles  
• Esko, a global supplier of integrated solutions for the packaging and labels, sign and display, commercial printing and publishing industries.