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**Dr. K.P. Kushwaha**  
**Member Ethics committee,**  
**Medical Council of India**

**Subject:** Request to take necessary action against the medical professionals for participating as resource persons/attending as delegates in a symposium being organized by Nestle

Dear Dr. Kushwaha,

As you are aware, the IMS Act clearly prohibits direct or indirect sponsorship of health workers or their associations or health systems by the manufacturers of the products under the scope of the law. Recently we have come across that baby food manufacturer Nestle is organizing a symposium titled "emerging trends in infant nutrition: expert input meet for sharing best practices at institutional level" on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Pune for medical and health professionals. A copy of programme agenda for the symposium and a photocopy of the visiting card of Mr. Anvay Pathak, Nutrition Officer of Nestle India, who is distributing invitation letters for the programme, are attached for your perusal. This is a violation of section 9 of the IMS Act.

The programme agenda clearly shows that many doctors from different faculties are participating as resource persons in this symposium. Since the programme is intended for doctors, many of them may attend it.

We request you to kindly enquire into the matter and take appropriate action.

With Warm Regards,

Yours sincerely

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