

## **Ramaiah Muthyala**

Ramaiah Muthyala, Ph.D. is the founder of Indian Organization for Rare Diseases (IORD) (2003). It is an umbrella organization representing all rare diseases and patients in India. Its mission is to raise the awareness of rare diseases, advocate public policy and promote orphan drug development.

Due to IORD efforts, the phrase - rare diseases is no longer foreign in India. IORD brought pharma industry, patients, health, science & technology, chemicals ministries of India, to have a dialog to raise the awareness, and to have road map for Indian orphan drug act through several workshops and conferences. Due to IORD efforts, leading policy makers such as former president of India has become spokespersons for rare diseases cause in India. IORD is member of EURORDIS, APARDO, CORD, NORD, NZORD, ICORD, Rare Voices Au and a full member of RDI.

Ramaiah is an executive board member of APARDO, a member of RDI pre-formation group and also is director of RDI council. Made presentations to have ICORD 2018 in India and is favorably considered to hold ICORD annual meeting in India.

Ramaiah serves as co-chair of Working Group on Chemically-Derived Products including Repurposing, Therapies Scientific Committee of IRDiRC. Also, Ramaiah was founding member of "In need of Diagnosis" whose mission is to assist patients who need a diagnosis of rare diseases; and has 25+ years of experience in orphan drug discovery and development in pharma as well as academic institutions.

