

**Minutes of the General Body Meeting of the Society for Polymer Science, India, held on January 9 at 18:45 hr during Macro 2017 @ Thiruvannathapuram, Kerala**

Office Bearers Present:

1. Prof. S. Ramakrishnan, President
2. Prof. Anil Kumar, Secretary
3. Dr. C.V. Avadhani, Treasurer
4. Dr. S. Sivaram, Past President
5. Dr. Benny K. George, Chairman, Macro2017
6. Dr. Roy Joseph, Treasurer, Macro2017
7. Dr. R. S. Rajeev, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram - Convener, Macro2017
8. Dr. E. Bhoje Gowd, CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram - Coconvener, Macro2017

Ramakrishnan, President SPS-India, chaired the meeting. He welcomed every one and congratulated the SPSI, Thiruvananthapuram Chapter for hosting the MACRO 2017 with excellent arrangements. The Society placed on record their deep appreciation of this outstanding effort. In his welcome remarks, he mentioned that society has been growing steadily; we should continue to enroll more members and also encourage student members. He stressed that we should have greater involvement of scientists working on all aspects of polymer science to make the society more vibrant and inclusive. He also stressed for greater participation from industries which is essential for fostering effective interactions and collaborations. He made a special mention of the Joint SPSI-ACS symposium that was being held during this conference and was pleased that this initiative would foster better interactions between the two Societies. He announced the establishment of two new Award Lectures; one, the Sivaram Endowment Lecture, established through the untiring efforts of his former students, associates and well wishers; and the other, S R Palit Memorial Lecture, which has been instituted from the generous donation provided by the Kolkata Chapter of SPSI. He deeply appreciated the excellent choice of speakers for these two Inaugural Award Lectures; Professor M Sawamoto (Sivaram Endowment Lecture) and Professor Sadan Jana (S R Palit Memorial Lecture).

Thereafter, the GB transacted the following business and took some key decisions:

1. Minutes of the previous GB Meeting held at the Raman Hall, Indian Association of Cultivation of Science (IACS), Kolkata, on January 23, 2015 (5 PM), were confirmed.
2. Secretary SPS India, Prof. Anil Kumar made brief comments on various activities of the Society and announced the formation of the new Mumbai Chapter of SPSI.
3. Treasurer, Dr. C.V. Avadhani presented a brief report on the financial matters. He emphasized the need for better coordination between SPSI, head quarters in Pune and the various Chapters on financial matters; specifically, **it was emphasized that the Annual Statement of Accounts of all the chapters must be sent to the HQ before March 31, each year.** This is essential in order to have the accounts audited and any tax liabilities reconciled.
4. It was decided that all the local chapters must transfer the lifetime membership fees to the HQ, if any are being held at the local chapter accounts.
5. To ensure more effective participation of all the chapters, it was decided that the local chapter Presidents should become *ex-officio* members of Executive Committee. This will make the dissemination of the information from Executive Committee to local chapters smooth; in addition, it will also ensure that when there is a change President at the local chapter level, the Executive Committee will automatically reflect this change. All local chapters must notify the HQ immediately upon change of local chapter President.
6. Dr. C P R Nair requested that a local Cochin Chapter should be opened. However, members felt that it is not necessary at this stage due to the fact that Kerala already has two chapters, one in Thiruvananthapuram and the other in Calicut.
7. Dr. C P R Nair also mentioned that the process for the selection of various SPS Awardees should be made more transparent. In this regard, the President SPSI clarified that the process involved a Committee of experts, who were given the task of assessing the nominations received and selecting the winner. This is the process that has been followed in the past and continues today.

8. Dr. Virendra Kumar Gupta from RIL informed the General Body that he has already initiated the process for the formation of SPS Mumbai Chapter and will soon call for a meeting of the Chapter.
9. The matter of seeking corporate membership was discussed and it was decided that earnest efforts will be made to have a few corporate members during this year; this will provide the much needed involvement from the industry, which is essential for the growth of the society. The Society will evolve a set of norms/guidelines for Corporate Membership and announce it on its website.
10. IIT Guwahati and Pune Chapters expressed their desire to host the next Macro Conference in 2018/19. It was noted that Guwahati currently does not have a SPSI local chapter and hence it was felt that Guwahati should initiate the process for opening of a North-East chapter of SPS India. Professors P Iyer and Vimal Katiyar (both from IIT Guwahati) assured the members that they will take the lead and initiate the process for opening of this local chapter immediately. Therefore, it was decided that the next MACRO meeting (2018-19) will be jointly organized by the Pune and Mumbai Chapters; the venue of the meeting will be IISER, Pune. It was also felt that the MACRO meeting in 2020-21 could be organized by the North-East Chapter after the creation of the local chapter.
11. It was also decided that, in future, **the organizers of all the biannual MACRO meetings must invite all the Local Chapter Presidents to the meeting**, either to deliver an invited talk or for chairing a session; this would ensure that there is greater involvement from all local chapters and also generate greater Nationwide participation and representation in the Biannual meetings. Further, it will also ensure that all the chapters are represented at the National the AGBM. It is important that a time slot be provided for the meeting of the Executive Council during all MACRO meetings.
12. Prof. Murugan from Chennai suggested that the donor of the various Awards could be informed about the awardees each year. In response, Dr. Sivaram mentioned that this was being done regularly, wherever the contact details are available. He also

requested the individuals/chapters that were responsible to initiating the SPSI Awards/Lectures to send the contact details of the donors to the HQ.

13. In connection with financial matters, it was decided, during a special Executive Committee meeting, that the following regulations would be followed; this would ensure that the Society would become fully tax compliant and would conform to all regulations that govern such societies:

- a. All the money collected on behalf of SPS India using the society's PAN card number must be deposited to the HQ account.
- b. The money will be transferred to the local chapter's bank account immediately thereafter for conducting the events.
- c. All local chapters (except TRVM) will be allowed to open bank accounts in their local branches using SPS India HQ details. At the end of each financial year, local chapters have to provide the statement of account (along with copy of the updated passbook indicating the transactions) to the HQ for final auditing.
- d. Since TRVM chapter already has a PAN card, bank account and have registered the local chapter with the registrar, it can continue to keep their financial details as it is being practiced now. However, they will have to transfer the lifetime membership fees to the HQ and also to submit, the annual financial details (audit statement) to HQ for consolidation.

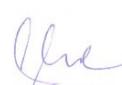
The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

The quorum was met by the gracious presence of the following Members present:

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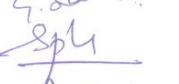
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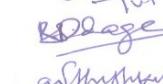
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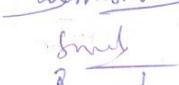
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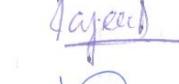
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5. Dr. G. Santosh, VSSC 

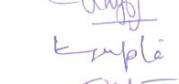
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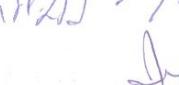
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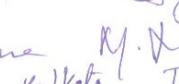
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10. Dr. Santhosh Kumar R.S. 

11. Dr. K. I. Swarsh 

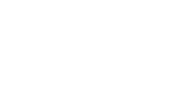
12. Dr. R. S. Rayee 

13. Dr. Vijayakumar C. Narr 

14. Roy Joseph, SCTIMST 

15. Prof. K. C. Gupta 

16. Shirish Thakre, Aditya Birla, Mumbai 

17. G. Sathyamurthy, Syngene International 

18. P. K. Iyer, IIT Guwahati 

19) M. Jayalakshmi IISAR-Pune 

20) Tarun K. Mandal JACS-Kolkata 

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22.	Satish Patil	IISc, Bangalore	<u>Patil</u>
23.	ANIL KUMAR	IIT Bombay	<u>ANIL</u>
24.	Vimal Katwala	IIT Guwahati	<u>Vimal Katwala</u>
25.	G. UNNACHIRANJAN	IIT Calicut	<u>Unnachirajan</u>
26.	Pralay Maiti	IIT (ISM) Dhanbad	<u>Maiti</u>
27.	Tushar Jana	Univ. of Hyderabad	<u>Tushar</u>
28.	Biplob Kr Kuita	Central University of Jharkhand	<u>Biplob</u>
29.	M. SAROJA DEVI	Anna University Chennai } M.S.D.	
30.	E. MURUGAN	University of Madras	<u>E. MURUGAN</u>
31.	Sabu Thomas	Mahatma Gandhi Univ Kottayam	<u>Sabu Thomas</u>
32.	E. K. S. Pillai	IIT	<u>E. K. S. Pillai</u>
33.	C. Praveen	CNSBT	<u>C. Praveen</u>
34.	C. Sharanya	SCTIMST	<u>C. Sharanya</u>
35.	K. N. Ninan	Ex: VSSC/IIST	<u>K. N. Ninan</u>
36.	Kuruvilla Joseph	IIST	<u>Kuruvilla Joseph</u>
37.	Susanta Banerjee	IIT Kharagpur	<u>Susanta Banerjee</u>
38.	Benny K. George	VSSC, Trivandrum	<u>Benny K. George</u>
39.	Arun K. Nandi	VIACS, Kolkata	<u>Arun K. Nandi</u>
40.	N. K. Singha	IIT-Kharagpur	<u>N. K. Singha</u>
41.	S. SIVARAM	IISER-Pune	<u>S. Sivaram</u>
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43.	ASIF A.	University College, TVM	<u>Asif A.</u>

47.	Dr. Vijayalakshmi K.P.	NSSC	<u>SPF</u>
48	K. V. Sandhya	IIST	<u>SOS</u>
49	Bhuvaneswari. S	VSSC	<u>SPL</u>
50	Rakesh Romjani	VSSC	<u>Romjani</u>
51	S. B. Idage	NCL	<u>Idage</u>
52	Smita Malle	NCC Pune	<u>Malle</u>
53	Raju Francis	M. H. U. I.	<u>Francis</u>
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55	vijaykumar P. Ubale	Dayanand college solapur pune-chapter	<u>Ubale</u>
56	Anil A. Ghanwat	solapur university pune-chapter	<u>Ghanwat</u>
57	Minalakshman	VSSC	<u>Minalakshman</u>
58	Dr. S. A. ILANGOVAN	VSSC	<u>ILANGOVAN</u>
59	Dr. Sudip Malih	PSU, IACS	<u>Malih</u>
60	Dibakar Dhara	Chemistr, IIT Khar	<u>Dhara</u>
61	SUHRIT GHOSH	IACS, Kolkata	<u>Suhrit</u>
62	Dr. M. Jayabalan	SCISTMS Tum	<u>Jayabalan</u>
63.	C.V. AVADHANI.	NCL, Poole	<u>Avadhani</u>