

## Council Meeting of Federation of Asian Polymer Societies (FAPS) and 3rd FAPS Polymer Congress and MACRO 2013 (3FAPS-MACRO-2013)

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Venue: Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India

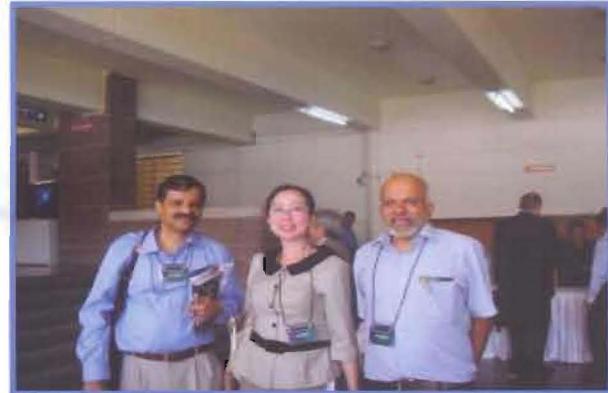
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### REPORT

The Federation of Asian Polymer Societies (FAPS) is a federation of polymer societies or chemical societies with a polymer section in Asia and it was established in 2007. It has 4 Founding Members from China, India, Japan and Korea. To date, FAPS has grown to include 19 members from all over Asia. The FAPS Polymer Congress (FAPS – PC) is a biennial scientific meeting of FAPS that attracts polymer scientists, academia and researchers from all over the world. The First FAPS – PC was held in Nagoya, Japan in 2009. This was followed by the second in Beijing, China in 2011 and the third was held in Bangalore, India from 15 – 18 May 2013. The 4th FAPS Polymer Congress (4FAPS – PC) 2015 will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Institut Kimia Malaysia (IKM) will host the 4FAPS – PC 2015 from 7 – 10 September 2015 under the auspices of FAPS. The theme of 4FAPS – PC 2015 is “Functional Polymers – Advanced Materials for the Future”.



**Figure 1** Photo captured outside of the congress hall before the council meeting. From left to right: Prof. Dr. Ashok Misra (President of Polymer Processing Academy, India), Dr. S. Sivaram (President, Society of Polymer Science, India), Prof. Dr. Rusli Daik (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia), Prof. Dr. Jun-Il Jin, Korea (former President of IUPAC), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chan Chin Han (Universiti Teknologi MARA, Malaysia) and Prof. Dr. Jungahn Kim (Korea)



**Figure 2** Prof. Dr. Sabu Thomas (Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, India), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chan Chin Han and Prof. Dr. S. Ramakrishnan (General Secretar of 3FAPS-MACRO-2013) at the registration counter of the congress



**Figure 3** Prof. Dr. Rusli Daik reported on the preparation and the progress of the 4FAPS-PC in Kuala Lumpur during the council meeting of FAPS

Prof. Dr. Gan Seng Neon from Universiti Malaysia, representing IKM, attended the council meeting FAPS Council Meeting in Changchun, China on 19 – 23 Aug 2012. Prof. Dr. Rusli Daik from Univeriti Kebangsaan Malaysia (as the council member of FAPS) and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chan Chin Han from Universiti Teknologi MARA attended council meeting of FAPS and the 3rd Polymer Congress of the Federation of Asian Polymer Societies (3FAPS) and MACRO-2013 (3FAPS-MACRO-2013), where MACRO-2013 is the biannual national meeting of the Society of Polymer Science, India (SPS-

I), in Bangalore, India from 15 – 18 May 2013. Both of them did present an oral presentation entitled "Radar Absorbing Nanostructured Electroactive Polymers" and "Thermal properties of poly(hydroxylalkanotes)s and stabilization of the morphologies of the reactive blends of poly(hydroxylalkanotes)s and epoxidized natural rubber", respectively.

3FAPS-MACRO-2013 was hosted by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) with Prof. S. Ramakrishnan as the General Secretary. This Congress was jointly hosted along with the 12th National Meeting of SPS-I, which is one of the Founder Members of the FAPS. SPS-I sponsored this Congress along with the Polymer Processing Academy. Altogether 8 plenary lectures and various keynotes and invited lectures under different scientific topics were presented. There were more than 500 oral and poster presenters from at least 10 different countries gathered at IISc for the 3 ½ day scientific program. Extended discussion during Q&A session between the speakers and the audiences were noted in most of the sessions. Poster session was another highlight of the congress where poster presenters had close interaction and active discussion with the visitors of the poster. The winners of the poster award were honored with a 5-min oral presentation session during the closing ceremony.



**Figure 4** All the council members of FAPS were served with delicious traditional Indian cuisine after the council meeting



**Figure 5** Prof. Dr. Rusli Daik was having an extended discussion on the preparation of 4FAPS-PC with Prof. Dr. Jun-Il Jin during the congress banquet

Prof. Dr. Rusli Daik and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chan Chin Han attended council meeting of FAPS on 15 May 2013. Report on the preparation and the progress of the 4FAPS-PC in Kuala Lumpur was successfully made by Prof. Dr. Rusli Daik. The council members from different countries were motivated to forward the publicity of 4FAPS-PC to respective contacts. Besides, Prof. Dr. Rusli Daik presented a 20-min publicity power point on 4FAPS-PC to all congress delegates during the closing ceremony on 18 May 2013. After which, a warm response from conference delegates was received. Many of them showed their interest by asking questions regarding with travelling to Kuala Lumpur as well as accommodation during the congress. Approximately 300 copies of 1st announcement of 4FAPS-PC were distributed during 3FAPS-MACRO-2013.

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