



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS

Dr. H.L. Roy Building, Jadavpur University Campus, Kolkata 700032

Special Meeting of the Council for 2022

16.04.2022	11:00 hrs	Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata
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0.0 Condolence

Members observed silence prayer for a minute to pay homage to Dr. K.J.R. Sarma (LF 0768).

1.0 Leave of Absence

Communication granted leave of absence to Prof. Anil K. Saroha, Prof. S. Basu, Mr. S. S. Pokale, Dr. S. K. Gupta, Prof. G. M. J Raju and Prof. B. P. Mandal intimating their inability to attend the meeting.

2.0 ACMS 2022 Conference Report

The detailed program schedule is given in *Annexure – 1*.

Council noted

3.0 CHEMCONS

3.1 CHEMCON 2021

Regarding RIL sponsorship of Rs. 24.5 Lakh, the Council in its 3rd meeting held on 06.06.2020 proposed that HQ will retain Rs.15.0 Lakh and Rs. 10.0 lakh will be transferred to the CHEMCON Organizers. Thereafter, the Council in its 2nd meeting held on 26.02.2022 ratified its earlier decision and decided that the sponsorship amount received from RIL will be distributed in 41:59 ratio between IChE-HQ and CHEMCON Organizers. Accordingly, after receiving Rs.24.5 Lakh from RIL, IChE-HQ has transferred Rs.14.5 Lakh on March 04, 2022 to CHEMCON 2021 Organizers with a request to transfer the honorarium (Rs.1.25 Lakh) of Dr. Shekhar C. Mande to CSIR-IMMT Bhubaneswar towards R&D activity at IMMT as per Guidelines of CHEMCON. Immediately, Mr. J. N. Mohanty, Chairman, BRC wrote an email to Honorary Secretary stating the justification of retaining 41% of RIL sponsorship by IChE-HQ. Although Honorary Secretary through email explained Mr. Mohanty, the reason of holding the part of RIL sponsorship in IChE-HQ as per decision of the Council, Mr. Mohanty through email dated April 04, 2022 sent his observation that the Council will be rational and will revise its decision of retaining part of RIL sponsorship.

Council discussed the matter and unanimously decided that president will write a letter to BRC stating that the council decision is final on the RIL sponsorship sharing.

CHEMCON 2022

3.2.1 Mr. B. Chattopadhyay Chairman, NOC through email dated April 01, 2022 sent the 2nd brochure of CHEMCON 2022 (given in *Annexure-2*) for the consideration of the Council.



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3.2.2 Memorial Lectures

Requests for inviting nomination of the speakers for the three Memorial Lectures were sent on February 02.02, 2022 to all the Regional Centres as well as to the Council Members. Nominations received will be placed in the meeting.

Nomination received from	Dr H L Roy Memorial Lecture sponsored by Jacobs	Aker Powergas's Prof N R Kamath and Mrs Ruzena Kamath Memorial Lecture	Inventaa C K Murthy Memorial Lecture
Mr. Biswanath Chattopadhyay	Dr. Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council of Prime Minister	-Prof K. Duttaroy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo, Norway - Chairman/Director, IOCL	- Prof K. Duttaroy, Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo, Norway - Chairman/Director, IOCL

Mr. Chattopadhyay, through email dated April 08, 2022, proposed few names for consideration of CDS lecture. These are:

- Prof. Nasib Qureshi, ARS, dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of USA
- Dr. Veera Boddu, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Govt. of USA)
- Prof. Thaddues Ezeji, Bio Engineering, Ohio State University, USA
- Prof. Jayant K. Singh, HOD, Dept of Chemical Engineering, IIT, Kanpur
- Suresh Padmanabhan, Global Technology Head, (PET), Indorama Ventures Ltd. Bangkok
- Ms. Prerna Chatterjee, Global Sustainability Sr. Manager, BASF, NJ, USA
- Pankaj Kumar, Managing Director, Scaleban

Prof. G. D. Yadav opined that the nomination should be taken from the reputed industry and academia for the betterment of the institute. As the adequate nomination did not receive till date, the date of the nomination will be extended till 30th May 2022. The final decision will be taken in the 3rd council meeting.

3.3 SCHEMCON 2021

Dr. S. Suresh, Organizing Secretary, SCHEMCON 2021 was requested through email dated March 21, 2022, to send the Bank Closure Certificate of SCHEMCON 2021 account and to transfer the surplus amount of the congress to HQ account as per the Guidelines of SCHEMCON.



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Report from the LOC is awaited. After receiving the report, it will be discussed in the next council meeting.

4.0 Administrative Matters

4.1 Recruitment of Jr. Assistants at HQ

As per decision taken in the 6th meeting of the Council for 2021, an advertisement was published in three Kolkata Newspapers as well as was uploaded on the IIChE website, for the recruitment of one Jr. Assistant (Accounts & Admin) and one Jr. Assistant (Admin). The last date of submission of the application was 04.02.2022. Thereafter, a Selection Committee was composed as per minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Council on 26.02.2022. The selection process of written test followed by personal interview was conducted on April 02, 2022. The report of the Selection Committee is given in *Annexure – 3*.

Based on the selection committee report, offer given to the candidates. Mr Sumon Das accepted the offer as the junior assistant (Admin & Account). However, Mrs. Sreyashi Sarka Jr. assistant admin has refused to join due to better opportunity.

Council authorized *Honorary Secretary and President to recruit one staff (Jr. Assistant Admin) on contract basis on urgent basis and salary will be around 20000/-*. Based on the performance the same post may be considered for the permanent position.

4.2 Election to the Council for 2022

The zone wise number of eligible voters as well as the number of vacancies in the Council for the year 2022 is given in *Annexure 4*.

Prof. Rajanandam, pointed out that many members data are not updated in the existing database. During the campaign in last year, Prof. Rajanandam have been received approx 180 out of 1200 letter undelivered by the Indian Postal Service. Members discussed the matter at length and unanimously decided the existing vacancy will continue for this time and the data updating procedure will be adopted by the HQ and RC. The next year onwards, pro-rata calculation will be considered.

4.3 The Council to appoint Returning Officer and Scrutinizing Committee for the election 2022.

Honorary Secretary appointed as the returning officer. Following members are nominated for the scrutiny

Prof. M. V Rao
Mr. Praven Saxena
Mr. S. K. Roy
Prof. B B Paira

4.4 Issue related to Mr. Sandip Ghosh, Assistant Secretary



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Honorary Secretary, President, and Mr. S. K. Roy informed the members that Mr. Sandip Ghosh is indifferent to his responsibility as office in-charge and not at all sincere on his duty. Also, he repeatedly fails to manage office administration as in-charge of the office.

Members present, discussed the matter with greatest importance and unanimously decided that special investigating committee recently formed by the council to serve a show cause notice to Mr. Sandip Ghosh immediately, citing cases of his misconducts, failures in handling the job responsibility assigned to him and his indifferent attitude towards work.

In consequent to his unsatisfactory reply, the special investigating committee should recommend appropriate action and council authorized Honorary Secretary to implement the recommendation of the committee with immediate effect and the same will be ratified in the next council meeting. If required Honorary Secretary and/or Committee may consult with advice of a legal solicitor. The council also unanimously felt that that the performance of Mr. Sandip Ghosh is not at all satisfactory for the institute.

4.5 Misappropriation of fund by Mr. Sukanta Roy

President formed a committee for the investigation (Annexure). Mr. S. K. Roy, convener of the Spl. Investigating committee explained the investigation report to the members. Members discussed the matter and unanimously decided to demote to the next lower grade with a strong warning letter.

5.0 Membership

5.1 Organizational Member

An application for Life Organizational Membership of the Institute was received from the Principal, Department of Chemical Engineering, Saveetha Engineering College, Saveethanagar, Chennai – 602 enclosing a cheque of RS 29,500/-.

Council approved.

5.2 An application for Life Organizational Membership of the Institute was received from Dr. Ashish Parmar, Asst. Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, Sarbajanik College of Engineering & Technology (SCET), Surat – 395001 with online payment of RS 29,500/-.

Council approved.

6.0 Regional Centre / Student Chapter Affairs

10.1 Dr. Archana, Chairperson, BRC, through an email dated March 2022, sent a request letter from Dr. Chandraprabha M N, Prof. & Head, Department of Biotechnology, M S R I T, Bangalore requesting to open Student Chapter in their department, enclosing a list of 15 students.

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11.0 Examination



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11.1 Council to note that March 2022 theory examination will be held through offline from May 04, 2022.

11.2 Mr. Vikas Kumar, Roll No. 03/S3/288 has made a request to suitably extend time period for completion of the AMIChE course. **He has not completed any theory paper till date.**

Council approved for one more year extension.

11.3 Mr. Inder Pal Singh, Roll No. 99/S3/697 has made a request to extend the time period suitably to complete the AMIChE course. He has **left four theory papers and the Home Paper.**

Council approved for one more year extension.

11.4 Council to note that as per decision of the 6th (Last) Meeting of the Council for 2013, the fees for tabulation of marks in the Mother Ledger for any semester of examination (Theory & Home Paper) has been enhanced from Rs 6000/- to Rs 9000/-. But at present the number of candidates are very low and hence Council may consider to revise the tabulation fees.

Refer to the finance committee

12.0 Committee

12.1 The Meeting of the Selection Committee was held on 02.02.2022 online. The minutes of the meeting is given in *Annexure-3*.

13.0 Other Items to be discussed with the permission of Chair

Mr. D. M. Butala, President through an email dated April 05, 2022 informed that he had made a write up (given in *Annexure - 5*) based on his long experience in Process Design, Operation & Maintenance, Process & Product Development, Process Safety Head and Accident Investigation as well as Process Safety Design expert for deliberation in the Council so that IChE can take initiative and send suggestion of NCSB formation to Labour Ministry.

Council noted and decided to take further course of action under the leadership of the President.

14.0 Date and Venue of the next meetings

Next meeting will be held at NIT Srinagar. The date will be finalized soon.

Honorary Secretary

President