

About CRSI

There has often been a view expressed and shared among chemists, that the chemistry discipline has not been properly presented or its vitality and vigour not adequately been recognised in the country. It is well known that chemistry forms overlap regions extensively with biology, medicine, materials science, physics and other areas.

The first National Symposium in Chemistry held in January 1999 at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, heralded the formation of the **Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI)** to provide a forum for meeting of chemists to discuss and share their research contributions in different areas of chemistry with other colleagues and foster the growth of chemistry and education in and through chemistry at various levels. Presently we have 1500 members and many more are expected to join. The society apart from its annual meetings, is initiating many action plans such as creation of large number of local chapters nationwide, organize lectures in chemistry, newsletter and other educational activities. All this needs active participation of members and there is an urgent need to multiply the membership of the society – each member gets a member. The presence of a strong and vibrant Chemical Research Society of India in the country is important for the development of chemical industries, R&D institutions, and educational institutions and for the creation of national wealth.

The Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI) was established in the early part of 1999 as part of the 50th Anniversary of the Country's Independence

The Objectives of the Society are:

- (1) To recognise, promote and foster talent in Chemistry and Chemical Sciences.
- (2) To popularise Chemistry in general.
- (3) To improve the quality of Chemical Education at all levels.
- (4) To recognise and honour life-time achievement in chemical research through awards, grants, etc.
- (5) To organise conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia and similar other programmes to facilitate and promote research in all branches of Chemistry.
- (6) To interact and coordinate with industry to catalyse the growth of Chemical Industry.

- (7) To interact with other societies or associations, both in India and abroad, having similar objects for mutual benefit and to conduct joint programmes.
- (8) To publish newsletters, journals, books and other forms of communication to highlight the research activities of the Society as also the new developments taking place elsewhere in the field of Chemical Sciences.
- (9) To institute and award fellowships, scholarships, stipends, travel grants or otherwise support students and research scholars to encourage them to devote themselves to pursuits in Chemical Science.

To undertake or to do all such other things as are necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with or as are incidental to the furtherance of the objects of the Society.

A Governing Council shall administer the affairs, business, funds and property of the Society.

CRSI Council- About Council & Its Roles

GOVERNING COUNCIL

- 6.1 The Governing Council shall consist of a minimum of 40 and a maximum of 60 members. These numbers include the Office Bearers.
- 6.2 The members of the Governing Council shall be chosen by the Members through an election held biennially, the first such election being held in the year 2001; provided that (a) the Governing Council shall be free to coopt members, subject to the total number of members of that body not exceeding limit fixed and (b) any vacancy arising in the Council due to death or resignation of a member may be filled up by the President by nominating a member of the Society.
- 6.3 The modalities of election shall be as laid down in the Bye-laws.
- 6.4 After the results of the election are announced, the Governing Council so elected shall take office by the last week of December of the same year. The members of the Governing Council shall then elect the Office Bearers.
- 6.5 The coopted members shall continue in office until the Council is next reconstituted. The term of the members nominated by the President to fill up vacancies shall be coterminous with that of the Governing Council.
- 7. MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**
- 7.1 The Governing Council shall meet as often as may be necessary. However, it shall hold at least two meetings during a year.
- 7.2 The Chairman of the Council shall be bound to call a meeting of the Council if one-third of the members of the Council request for it in writing.
- 7.3 The meeting of the Governing Council may be held at such place as may be determined by its Chairman.
- 7.4 Notice of a meeting of the Governing Council shall be sent by the Secretary to the members of the Governing Council at least 7 days before the date of the meeting specifying the time and date, the venue and the agenda for the meeting.
- 7.5 The Chairman of the Council shall preside over the meetings of the Council. In his absence, the Vice-President nominated by the

President or the Council to deputise for the President under Rule 10.7 shall preside over the meeting. In case there is no deputy of the President nominated, the members present shall elect one of amongst themselves to preside over the meeting.

- 7.6 One-third of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the meeting of the Governing Council. If the quorum as above is not present at the time of commencing the meeting, then the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour. If the requisite quorum is not present even at this point of time, then the members present shall form a quorum and they may conduct the meeting; provided at least the Chairman and 6 other members are among those present.
- 7.7 As far as possible it shall be the endeavour of the Governing Council to decide all matters by a consensus. However, in case of any dispute or difference of opinion on any matter, the same shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present at a meeting of the Governing Council. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

8. POWERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council shall have all rights to exercise such powers and do such acts as the Society is authorised to do. The Governing Council may appoint the necessary staff to carry out the functions of the Society.

9. OFFICE BEARERS

- 9.1 The following shall be the Officer Bearers of the Society:

A President

Five Vice-Presidents

Two Secretaries

Three Joint Secretaries

A Treasurer

A Joint Treasurer

- 9.2 All the Office Bearers are elected by the Governing Council from amongst the members of the Council each time the Council is reconstituted.

10. PRESIDENT

- 10.1. The President shall be the Chairman of the Governing Council.
- 10.2. He shall also be the Chairman of General Meetings—both Annual and Extraordinary—of the Society.
- 10.3. The President shall be in overall charge of the administration of the Society, its properties and affairs subject to Rule 11.2.
- 10.4. The President once elected for a period and assumes office shall continue to hold office till the President elected for the succeeding period assumes charge of the office.
- 10.5. If in his opinion an emergency has arisen which requires immediate action to be taken in the interest of the Society, the President shall take such action as he deems necessary and shall report the same at the next meeting of the body, if any, which would in the ordinary course have dealt with the matter.
- 10.6. Any vacancy arising in the office of the President, for whatever reason, shall be filled up by the Governing Council within 3 months of such vacancy occurring and the tenure of the new President shall end on the date on which the original incumbent would have demitted his office.
- 10.7. In the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents nominated by him shall act as his deputy, who shall discharge his functions and may do all such acts which the President could do, had he been present. If the President has not so nominated his deputy, the Council shall do so and the Vice-President so nominated by the Council shall act as the deputy of the President and may do all such acts as the President himself could do.

11. VICE-PRESIDENTS

- 11.1. The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in the administration of the Society.
- 11.2. They shall exercise such powers and do such acts as may be delegated to them by the President/and or the Governing Council.
- 11.3. Any vacancy arising in the office of the Vice-President shall be filled by the President by nominating one of the members of the Governing

Council to that post and such person shall hold office till the date the original incumbent would have held the post.

12. SECRETARIES

- 12.1. The Secretaries shall be in charge of the Society's communications with outsiders and also its members.
- 12.2. The Secretaries shall be responsible for convening the meetings of the Governing Council and of the Society and for the preparation and circulation of the minutes of such meetings.
- 12.3. The Secretaries shall also be responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the Governing Council.
- 12.4. The specific areas of responsibility shall be distributed among the two Secretaries by the President.
- 12.5. Any vacancy arising in the office of the Secretary/Joint Secretary shall be filled by the President by nominating one of the members of the Council to that post and such person shall hold office till the date the original incumbent would have held the post.

13. TREASURER

- 13.1. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the management of the finances of the Society and shall receive all sums due to the Society and pay all sums payable by the Society.
- 13.2. He shall arrange for the maintenance of proper books of account of the Society.
- 13.3. He shall periodically prepare a list of members whose annual fee is in arrears and place the same before the Governing Council for appropriate directions.
- 13.4. Any vacancy arising in the office of the Treasurer/Joint Treasurer shall be filled by the President by nominating one of the members of the Governing Council to that post and such person shall hold office till the date the original incumbent would have held the post.

14. COMMITTEES

- 14.1. The Governing Council may constitute a Committee Committees to deal with any of its business or for tendering advice on any matter pertaining to the Society.

15. REGIONAL CENTRES

- 15.1. Regional Centres of the Society may be formed at such places as may be approved by the Governing Council.

16. BYE-LAWS

- 16.1. The Governing Council may make Bye-laws for the regulation of the affairs of the Society, provided that such Bye-laws are not contrary to anything contained in the Memorandum of Association and these Rules. Such Bye-laws may be made, amended or replaced at any meeting of the Council. In particular, the Bye-laws may provide for the modalities for election to the Governing Council, the operation of Bank account(s), rules for the conduct of business of committees, appointment of staff, institution of awards, and such other matters as the Council may decide to provide for.

17. PROCEEDINGS NOT INVALIDATED BY VACANCIES

- 17.1. No act or proceedings of any of the bodies of the Centre shall be invalid or questioned by reason only of the existence of any vacancy or vacancies among its members or of any defect in the constitution thereof.
- 17.2. The accidental omission to give notice to any member or non-receipt of notice by any member shall not by itself invalidate the proceedings at the meetings of any of the bodies of the Centre, including the General Body.

18. PROPERTY OF THE SOCIETY

- 18.1. The Governing Council is empowered to acquire by gift, purchase, exchange, lease, hire or otherwise howsoever any property, movable or immovable.
- 18.2. All property, whether movable or immovable, of the Society shall vest in the Governing Council and the Governing Council shall have the right to deal with the property or create a charge on the property to raise resources or dispose of the same for the furtherance of the objectives and aims of the Society.

19. FINANCIAL YEAR

- 19.1. The Financial Year of the Centre shall be from the 1st of April of a year to the 31st of March of the year following.

20. FUNDS

- 20.1. Apart from membership and life membership fees, the Society may raise funds by way of grants from the Government, Corporate entities, universities and other organisations.
- 20.2. The Society may also accept donations from the Government, industrial houses, corporate entities and other organisations and individuals.

21. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

- 21.1. The Governing Council shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept with respect to all sums of money received.
- 21.2. The Society may open an account in its name in a nationalised bank and this account may be operated in such manner as may be laid down by the Governing Council in its resolutions or in the Bye-laws.
- 21.3. Any surplus fund not needed for immediate requirements of the Centre shall be invested in the modes specified under the provisions of Section 13(1)(d) read with section 11(5) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 as amended from time to time.
- 21.4. The accounts of the Centre shall be audited annually by a Chartered Accountant as defined in the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 (XXVIII of 1949).

22. AMENDMENTS

- 22.1. Any amendment to the Memorandum of Association, the Rules and Regulations or change in the name of the Society or any proposal for amalgamation of the Society with any other Society or dissolution of the Society shall not be carried out unless the proposal is approved by the members of the Society in a General Meeting convened with at least 21 days notice in writing. Such notice shall contain the proposal which is required to be considered by the Members. The aforesaid approval shall be obtained by means of a resolution passed with three-fourths majority. The provisions of Sections 9, 10, 21, 22 and 23 of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960, shall be followed in respect of the aforesaid matters.
- 22.2. No amendments to the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations shall be made which may prove to be repugnant to the provisions of Sections 2(15), 11, 12, 13 and 80G of the Income Tax

Act, 1961 as amended from time to time. Further, no such amendment shall be carried out without the prior approval of the Commissioner of Income Tax/Director of Income Tax (I.T. Exemptions).

23. ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

- 23.1. In the event of dissolution or winding up of the Society, the assets remaining as on the date of dissolution shall under no circumstances be distributed among the members of the Governing Council, but the same shall be transferred to another Society whose objects are similar to those of this Society and which enjoys recognition under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended from time to time.

Meetings of the governing council is at least two meetings during a year.

A General Meeting of the Members of the Society, called the Annual General Meeting, is held every year during the Symposium and in the mid-year.

LOCAL/REGIONAL CHAPTERS OF CRSI

The Council of CRSI at the meeting in Chennai on 8th February 2003 during its 5th Annual CRSI meeting decided to have Local/Regional Chapters of CRSI. These Chapters normally have 20 or more members of CRSI and formally located at an Institution/University or College. The formation of chapters in the different regions of the country is to propagate the objectives of the CRSI and enhance i) visibility of chemical science research. ii) Emphasize the importance of chemistry as a science developed to societal well being. iii) Promote chemical education at all levels of learning and inculcate interest in student community. A list of a few activities that the local chapters can undertake is given as follows:

1. To organize regional meetings on selected topics so as to provide an opportunity to young researchers to congregate and share their excitements.
2. To organize lectures by eminent scientists.
3. To promote activities in chemical education at all levels involving teachers and students.
4. To organize any activity such as exhibition/contests to enhance the image of

chemistry and visibility of CRSI.

5. To promote academic research/ industry interactions at various levels.
6. To celebrate important milestones in chemical research and National Chemistry Day (to be identifies)

Each chapter would have a convenor / co-convenor to take care of the activities of the Chapter. The CRSI office at Bangalore may be kept informed of the planned activities. It may be possible to provide some financial assistance towards the organization of the meetings of the local/regional Chapters. It is desirable to have the meetings of local/regional chapters at least once in the mid year, some time in July/August of each year. The activities of the Local/Regional Chapter will be regularly highlighted in the CRSI Newsletter as well as in the General Body meeting of CRSI.