

## CORSYM'14

CORSYM'14 the International Corrosion Prevention Symposium for Research Scholars was held at Victor Menezes Convention Center, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay(IIT Bombay) on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2014. This event was organized and sponsored essentially by NACE India section, NACE EAP rim area and co-sponsored by DST, DRDO, CSIR, BRNS and Outokumpo. The symposium was well supported by Department of Metallurgical Engineering & Materials Science, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.

CORSYM'14 had 2 essential distinguishing features which make it even more special than CORSYM'13. The first one was that it included a 2 day workshop which provided the participants hands on experience in various electrochemical DC and AC techniques for Corrosion analysis. The second one was the participation of students all across Asia in the symposium and special lectures by experts from five different countries.

The response to the workshop was truly overwhelming. Out of only from prospective participants and due to logistics constraints it was only possible to have about 50 participants for the workshop. The Participants included undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as faculty from the universities and colleges all across India and they were 42 in number. These participants were exposed to DC polarization and AC impedance techniques through lectures by Prof V.S. Raja (IIT Bombay) and Prof. Nick Birbilis (Monash University, Australia) and later given hands-on training by a group of enthusiastic research-volunteers of Aqueous Corrosion Laboratory of IITB Bombay.

The symposium was also met with tremendous response from students in India and abroad. Over 100 abstracts for oral and poster presentations were received and presented. The symposium included 4 plenary and 4 keynote lectures on different aspects of corrosion by eminent experts of Corrosion Science from India and abroad. The plenary and keynote speakers included Prof. T. Shoji from Tohoku University, Japan, Prof Wan Ta Tsai and Prof Huang from Taiwan, Prof Nick Birbilis from Monash University, Australia, Prof. K A Natarajan from IISc Bangalore, Dr Vivekanand Kain from BARC, Dr. Daniel Blackwood from National University of Singapore and Dr Kamachi Mudali from IGCAR Kalpakkam,.

Prof. Subhasis Choudhary- Deputy Director, Academic & Infrastructural affairs IIT Bombay, was the chief guest to inaugurate the conference. Dr. Samir Degan- Director NACE EAP Rim area, Mr. Tushar Jhaveri- President NACE International Prof. Raja- Chair CORSYM'14 and Mr. Ajay Krishnan- Convener CORSYM'14 addressed the student delegates.

CORSYM 14 concluded with a one day Mumbai Darshan trip on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb for interested participants which was sponsored by CORSYM-2014.

